

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – August 10, 2009

Present: Richard Bielefield, John J. Strasser, Margo Connors
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Nick DeMayo

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Select board met with the Franconia and Easton Selectmen in Franconia to discuss the Tri Town Transfer Station. A representative from the Bethlehem BOS was available and Mr. Wells the manager of the transfer station made his concerns known in regard to the capacity of the station being currently met with three towns using it. After discussion it was agreed that the Tri Town Transfer Station would not be taking recyclables from Bethlehem.

The Selectmen will not be meeting on August 24 and September 7, 2009.

The Sugar Hill Improvement Association will be meeting on August 25, 2009 at 7:00PM at the Carolina Crapo Building.

The Selectmen opened the floor for public input:

NICK DE MAYO noted that the Town of Haverhill was calling a special meeting to consider reductions of specific appropriations made at the annual meeting to offset state revenue reductions and wondered if the Selectmen were considering doing this as well. Mr. Bielefield stated that the board was not considering this at this time. (Reference Section 4 of Chapter 229, Laws of 2009)

The Administrative Assistant discussed filing the MS-1 extension and she will speak with the assessor to try and get a realistic time frame prior to filing for the extension. The Selectmen will review revenues to date and file the MS-4.

The Administrative Assistant notified the board that the Coffin-Vickery Road Escrow Account was in place for the road being constructed in their subdivision. It was noted that there was not a final plat filed by Horizon Engineering after the State DOT & Wetlands Permits were received. A call will be made to Horizon Engineering to have the plats brought in so that the Planning Board Chairman and Secretary may sign and register in Grafton.

The Selectmen were notified by the Board of Tax & Land Appeals that the Henderson Hearing will be on March 9, 2010.

MR. STRASSER hopes to have a cover letter for the Junkyard Ordinance ready for next weeks meeting.

The Selectmen discussed the recent practice of allowing developers to use escrow accounts and lines of credit for roads being built. After discussion it was agreed that these methods were not working and that the previous method of using bonds did work and protect the Town. MR. STRASSER made a motion that beginning September 1, 2009 all road construction costs must be covered by bonds, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. Motion passed unanimously.

The Selectmen opened the floor for public input:

NICK DE MAYO questioned how to enforce just residents using the Tri Town Transfer Station. Mr. DeMayo noted that he had read of another town where residents looking for abatements were put to work for the municipality. He wondered if the Town could have residents that were looking for tax abatements work for the abatement by checking stickers at the transfer station. The Selectmen will bring the question of stickers up at the annual tri town meeting in December when the transfer station budget is discussed. Mr. DeMayo asked for and received a clarification from the non-public meeting minutes of July 27th.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of August 3, 2009, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. STRASSER made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS. CONNORS the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, August 17, 2009 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 PM with appointments scheduled at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
Administrative Assistant