

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – August 17, 2009

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

Guests: Nick DeMayo, Robert Hayward, Jr.

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

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.

Regan Pride, Town Administrator for Lisbon spoke with the Administrative Assistant in regard to perambulation. He wanted to know if the Selectmen would be interested in budgeting for this to be done in 2010. Jennifer will let Mr. Pride know that the Selectmen would be interested in the cost involved with this project.

Paul Fowler contacted the Selectmen's Office to see if he could provide any information that would move his building permit along. He was advised that once the road issue was resolved a permit would be issued.

The third of four highway block installments was received.

The Selectmen received a check in the amount of \$472.31 for the Cable Franchise Fee from Time Warner Cable.

The Selectmen received a letter from the Courier requesting ideas for stories that they are running in regard to employees and volunteers that go above and beyond in their duties.

The Selectmen received a copy of the letter sent to Alex Aaron Albanese (Map 202, Lot 12) in regard to her Shore land Permit application. Ms. Albanese has 60 days to provide the additional information to DES or the permit will be denied.

The Selectmen received a letter from Henderson Holdings in regard to settling their abatement request. The Selectmen will wait to discuss the letter with Attorney Fulton upon her return to the office.

The Selectmen were advised by the administrative assistant that the MS-1 submission could be as late as October 31, 2009. Gary Fournier does not believe that he will have the final numbers prior to that date. This will cause a real delay in getting the tax rate and also in getting the second issue bills out. The merge from Vision to BMSI for the tax program was also discussed. It does not appear that Purvis & Associates has any additional assessors that could come in to assist Mr. Fournier.

MR. BIELEFIELD and Ms. Gaudette will look into attending the Local Government Center Budget Workshop on September 24, 2009.

(Amended 8/31/09)

MS. CONNORS will be attending the “Everything you always wanted to know about energy “ workshop sponsored by the Municipal Energy Commission on August 20, 2009.

The Selectmen received from Franconia the adjusted transfer station bill showing the warrant article separately as they had requested.

The Selectmen reviewed the amended septic plan for Nelson and Lee Progin on Map 205, Lot 9.

ROBERT S. HAYWARD, JR. met with the Selectmen in his position as Chairman of the Planning Board. He discussed the Selectmen’s decision to bond all roads to be built in Sugar Hill. The feeling is that the cost is prohibitive for the small developer and that the escrow system has worked in the past. The board would like an opinion from Attorney Waugh and a form that would be used for all developers to escrow monies. MR. STRASSER made a motion to rescind his motion of August 10th requiring bonds for road construction, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously and last weeks vote was rescinded. The board will wait for an opinion from the Town Attorney before setting new road funding requirements.

The Selectmen received road inspection reports for the Serafini/Hayward Road and also the Vickery Road off Route 117. The second inspection of the Serafini/Hayward Road noted that the headwalls for the culverts are in and that the roadbed is complete. Mr. Hayward informed the board that the remaining topsoil would be delivered on Tuesday. The engineer would like an asphalt apron added and Mr. Hayward felt that with the sale of an additional lot this could be managed in the spring. Mr. Hayward asked that the board sign the building permit for the Fowler property as the road was substantially complete at this time. Mr. Hayward also noted that Ms. Serafini would be willing to do easements if requested although he noted that the Town Engineer felt they were not necessary. The building permit for Paul Fowler (Map 219, Lot 571.) was signed. On another note Mr. Hayward stated that Ms. Serafini would like the name of the road to be Training Field Road and not Tefft Lane as voted by the board last week. MR. STRASSER made a motion to rescind the vote naming Tefft Lane and change to Training Field Road, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectmen opened the meeting to public comment:

NICK DE MAYO asked if the Selectmen were setting a precedent with the building permit issued prior to a 100% completion of the road. They board felt they were not. Mr. DeMayo questioned the votes taken by the Selectmen and that no voice vote is used. The Selectmen noted that if there was a dissenting vote they would let it be known otherwise it is assumed all in favor.

The letter from North Country Council in regard to the 15 Mile Falls Hydroelectric Project was given to MS. CONNORS to share with the Conservation Commission.

The Selectmen received a letter from the NH DOT in regard to a Transportation Enhancement grant proposal seeking a letter of support from the town for this grant. The Selectmen will send a letter by September 1 in support.

The Selectmen reviewed a draft of the letter to be sent out to property owners in regard to the Junkyard Ordinance and Licensing process. MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the draft, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously. The Selectmen would like the letter to go out next week if possible with the recipients having 30 days to respond. There was discussion in regard to farms and contractors having equipment and should there be a different classification for these properties. Mr. Strasser noted that this question did come up at the workshop he attended and there was not clarification. The board felt that at this time all properties would be treated the same.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of August 17, 2009, seconded by MS. CONNOR. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. STRASSER the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, August 31, 2009 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 PM with appointments scheduled at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
Administrative Assistant