

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – October 18, 2010

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

Guests: Chief David Wentworth, Nick DeMayo, Chief Allan Clark, Gail Clark, Ned & Theresa Wilson, Brinson Ireland, Gordie Johnk, James Snyder, Luther Kinney, Jody Hodgdon, Barry Bernstein, Peter Szawlowski, Andrew Howe

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Administrative Assistant notified the board that the utility figures from the DRA are finally in and the MS-1 was completed. 2009 Net Valuation was 146,714,876 and 2010 Net Valuation is 147,999,378.

The Selectmen signed an Intent to Cut Wood and Timber for Robert Smith for lots located off Birches Road. Map 219, Lots 11 & 12.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a hearing on November 9, 2010 at 5:30 for an appeal from an administrative decision requested by Alex Aaron, Moose Realty.

The Assessor John Trumbull will meet with Chairman Bielefield on Thursday at 1:00 PM to discuss Henderson Holdings abatement application.

The Selectmen reviewed a septic plan for Susan K. Meader Trust Map 226, Lot 1 for a failed septic. The Selectmen will include a letter to DES.

The Selectmen will meet with representatives from PSNH for the Northern Pass Project on Monday November 8th at 5:30PM.

Public Comment: MR. DE MAYO wanted Flu Shot information listed in the minutes:
Walgreens – Littleton – every day 444-4193
Walmart – Littleton – every day 444-6400
Weeks Medical – Physicians Building – Mon – Fri 8-12
Littleton VA – on demand
Littleton Hospital – Emergency Dept Family Room – Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM. Cost is \$20.00 per person and must be 18 years & older.

MR. DE MAYO noted that the Jackson building inspector receives \$60.00 per hour on an as needed basis. Mr. DeMayo requested that his name be corrected in the September 20, 2010 minutes.

CHIEF ALLAN CLARK met with the board to discuss allegations that had been made at a previous meeting in regard to his inspections duties as the Fire Chief. Chief Clark was concerned at how the complaint was handled by the board and that it must be in writing, investigated, and followed by public & private hearings. Chief Clark noted that the board has acknowledged it was not handled properly and have taken corrective steps. Chief

Clark has been working with Jennifer to come up with a new building permit that would reflect State, Federal and local rules and regulations. This new process would allow for multiple inspections of the property. Chief Clark noted his numerous qualifications for inspecting properties and also his positive personal and business history. All residents are treated equally during the inspection process and there is no preferential treatment for fire service contractors. Clarification in regard to conflict of interest was also made that Chief Clark is responsible for the town inspections of Fire Code related work and he is not the Town building inspector. The Chief noted that he is available to the community 51 weeks a year and his hours as Chief and his salary of \$3,000 is approximately \$2.00 per hour. The board does not question Chief Clark's qualifications and has the highest regard for the job he does as Sugar Hill Fire Chief. Chief Clark noted that his department is one of the best volunteer departments in the state. Mr. DeMayo and Chief Clark had a brief discussion in regard to the inspection of Mr. DeMayo's property on Easton road. GORDIE JOHNSON noted that the elementary school has developed a bullying prevention policy that encourages working together in a cordial collaborative nature and hoped that Town residents could use or adopt a similar approach to dealing with conflict resolution. BARRY BERNSTEIN added that all the code books are open to interpretation and that is why good professionals ask for a second opinion. Codes are upgraded and improved and grow and change with the times.

CHIEF CLARK briefly discussed the building permit process with the board and the requirements for a permit when complete renovations are done to a property within the footprint.

MR. STRASSER reported that the Sugar Hill Planning Board would be holding two meetings in December so that they can review the driveway permit process.

MS. CONNORS noted that the windmill proposal in Easton is still being discussed.

The Selectmen reviewed the bridge inspection from DOT. Will ask Road Agent Glover to send a letter to the State.

The Administrative Assistant will set up meetings to complete the job description process, building permit update and also highway department personnel questions.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to accept the minutes of October 4, 2010, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM seconded by MS. CONNORS. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday, October 25, 2010 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette

Administrative Assistant