

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – August 30, 2010

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

Guests: Nick DeMayo, Nelson & Lee Progin, Paul Hatch, Richard Verville

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Selectmen will not meet on Monday September 6 Labor Day.

The Office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector will be closed on Monday September 6, 2010.

The Selectmen reviewed a septic plan for Joseph and Marilyn Pfeffer. Map 204, Lot 5.1

NELSON & LEE PROGIN met with the board to ask for an occupancy extension on their property located on Map 205, Lot 9. The board had previously granted permission until September 15th, 2010 and the Progin's are requesting an extension to October 31, 2010. The Selectmen asked for their request in writing with the guarantee that there will not be anyone occupying the property after October 31, 2010.

The Selectmen would like to thank the Road Agent Mr. Glover and his department for all their work preparing for the installation of the new bridge on Streeter Pond Road and for bringing the project to completion with as little disruption as possible. The bridge re-opened on August 27th.

The Town will file a request for a MS-1 Extension as the DRA does not have the utility figures that are needed to complete the MS-1.

The Selectmen received a letter from Fire Chief Allan Clark in regard to the Gale River Co-op Preschool. The variance that the school received required moving the existing driveway for safety purposes. The school has since put up fencing and the Fire Chief feels the fencing is a better solution than moving the driveway. The Selectmen as Zoning Officers agree and the variance requirements are complete.

The Fire Chief and Road Agent have discussed a request for specifications for hammerheads on roads being built to Town Specifications. The specifications have been sent to Planning Board Chair Chris Thayer to resolve any questions.

Chief Clark submitted a draft of Driveway Regulations for the Selectmen to review and submit to the Planning Board for approval. The board will review and have for the October Planning Board meeting. The Selectmen would like the Road Agent to review the regulations and give feedback.

Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness representatives from the Department of Safety, Paul Hatch and Richard Verville met with the Selectmen. The board had previously signed the Hazardous Mitigation Plan Grant but the State made some changes and a new grant was signed. The new grant will be monitored by North Country Council and there will be a change in the billing procedures. MR. STRASSER made a motion to accept \$5,000 to update the Town of Sugar Hill Hazardous Mitigation Plan, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. Motion passed.

The Selectmen reviewed a building permit submitted by Timothy Egan, 220 Jesseman Road (Map 210, Lot 3.25) for a storage shed and new driveway entrance. The Road Agent is clarifying the driveway entrance with the contractor. The Selectmen approved the building permit pending the driveway application approval from the Road Agent.

MR. DE MAYO asked the Selectmen what the additional cost of the bridge project was as Mr. Glover had mentioned an additional cost last week. The additional gravel for the crane placement was done by the highway department. The additional cost for the footings to be deeper than the original specifications is not known at this time. Mr. DeMayo asked the Selectmen about the new building permit that is being drafted. It is hoped that a draft will be available at the September 13th meeting but Mr. Strasser noted that it may be the end of the year before a final permit is approved by the board. Mr. DeMayo questioned who would do the additional inspections and how are the fees set. The fees are going to be reviewed and nothing has been decided at this point. It was questioned if the extra fees would be to pay for a certified building inspector. The Selectmen stated that none of those decisions have been made at this time and are all for review. Mr. DeMayo did not feel that the Fire Chief should be making the building inspections for the bank as well as the town inspections and that the Town should get a certified building inspector. Mr. DeMayo noted that the Town of Jackson pays their building inspector \$60.00 per hour. Mr. DeMayo felt it was important for townspeople to know what is on the new permit and felt that the permit inspections needed to be done ethically. Mr. Bielefield noted that he felt previous inspections had been done properly.

The Health Officer Ms. Connors noted that the owners of the property discussed last week are resolving the septic problem and she is awaiting plumber certification.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to accept the minutes of August 23rd, 2010, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to move to non-public session at 6:45 PM to review legal correspondence from the Town Attorney, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session and return to public session at 7:00PM, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday, September 13th, 2010 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
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