

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – January 24, 2011

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

Guests: Nick DeMayo, Road Agent Douglas Glover, Weston Griffith, Sr.

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

2011 Budget Hearing will be held on February 7, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Crapo Building.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to move to non-public session at 5:30 PM to discuss personnel, seconded by MS. CONNORS. Motion Passed.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session and return to public session at 5:45PM, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. Motion Passed.

The Selectmen briefly discussed highway business with Road Agent Glover. James & Patricia Brown have requested information on bonding the road for their subdivision on Route 117. They must provide a set of road plans for the Road Agent and Town Engineer to review so that the bond amount can be approved. They will then need to escrow the money or provide a letter of credit from their bank for the amount. The Selectmen have requested Road Agent Glover to estimate a cost for removing the sidewalk and pave the walking lane on Sunset Hill Road.

NICK DE MAYO asked the board if there was a policy in place for employees taking vehicles home. A town vehicle was noted at the Franconia Post Office. The Selectmen noted that the employees currently do not have a policy in place but that they are frequently in Franconia to make purchases at the hardware etc. Mr. DeMayo also inquired about the standard work day and what breaks are allowed. He was advised that employees are allowed two 15 minute breaks and also a half hour lunch break. It was also noted that some employees are on salary and as such their times are variable.

The Selectmen received a letter from Alex Aaron in regard to her building permit originally issued 9/29/09. New building permits must be exercised or initiated within a year or they are void. The property owner has two years to complete the building. The permit issued on 9/29/09 is currently not valid as the shoreland setback is in violation. As previously stated in a letter on December 16, 2010, Ms. Aaron must 1.) apply for a demolition permit for the portion of the foundation that is currently in violation; 2.) apply for a new (amended) building permit as the location of the house will have changed and, 3.) most likely amend the septic plan.

The Selectmen received an e-mail from Nancy Henderson in regard to the opening on the SH Conservation Commission. The opening was still listed on the website and has now been removed by the Administrative Assistant. The opening has been filled according to Ms. Connors.

MS. CONNORS discussed whether the board would like to include money in the budget for an energy audit for the Crapo Building this year. The Board discussed the plus and minus of doing a report. The cost would be approximately 600.00. The board will look at other alternatives and discuss next week. Ms. Connors also discussed the board including a Warrant Article that would object to the currently proposed Northern Pass project. The board discussed adding a dollar amount to the article but did not feel it was necessary. Ms. Connors will write up the article for the board to review next week. The board is also going to send letters to Representatives Sorg

and Gionet, Senator Gallus, Executive Councilor Burton and Governor Lynch in regard to the Northern Pass project and the impact on the area.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of January 3 2011, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to accept the minutes of January 10, 2011, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion was approved unanimously.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15PM, seconded by MS. CONNORS. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday, January 31, 2011 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
Administrative Assistant