

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – May 9, 2011

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

Guests: Grafton County Commissioner Ray Burton, Gene Chandler, Road Agent
Douglas Glover, Nick DeMayo

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

Grafton County Commissioner RAY BURTON met with the Board to give his annual update on Grafton County. Commissioner Burton was accompanied by GENE CHANDLER the Community Outreach Liaison for Congressman Bass. Commissioner Burton gave updates on the factions of County Government. The new jail is proceeding as planned and the Commission expects a savings of 5 million and a completion in approximately one year. The plans for the existing jail are not known at this time and the commissioners welcome ideas. The commissioners will make their budget presentation on May 18th. The board thanked Commissioner Burton for his opposition to Northern Pass.

MR. CHANDLER noted that he is the liaison for Congressman Bass and is available should the board have any questions or concerns.

No Public Comment.

ROAD AGENT GLOVER met with the Selectmen to update the board on highway department business. The town engineer is trying to get the state to agree to one permit for all the culvert work. This would save the town money as the fees for each permit are very expensive. Mr. Glover and Town Engineer McCarthy agree that it does not make sense with the cost of asphalt to pave roads before they are repaired properly. Mr. Glover will get bids for the digging to replace two pipes that are too large for the department to do. The department will be making mix for shoulder repair. Mr. Strasser hopes to have the road report in a couple of weeks. The department is currently sweeping roads. Mr. Glover noted that PSNH is willing to move the poles on Sunset Hill Road but still need to speak with Fairpoint in regard to telephone boxes. Mr. Glover will get the widths of Sunset and the board will schedule a walking tour when he has his information in place. Mr. Glover explained to the board the cost of uniforms. Included in the uniform line are the mats at the shops, rags, seven sets of shirts and pants for each worker and once a year steel toed boots as required. Mr. Glover inquired as to what funds are available for the dump body for the building and grounds truck. Mr. Bielefield will check with the budget and let Mr. Glover know.

The board received a thank you from North Country Home Health & Hospice for using the Meetinghouse for their volunteer appreciation dinner.

The board discussed a request from the Lafayette Recreation board in regard to events held by the board and the money disbursed from the events. The board will discuss with Kim Cowles next Monday night.

The Selectmen approved a building permit submitted by Red House Realty Trust for a new home on Dyke Road, Map 230, Lot 21.3

MR. STRASSER noted that the Planning Board had met with Fire Chief Clark and Road Agent Doug Glover at their monthly meeting and discussed the driveway ordinance. They recommend the driveway ordinance become part of the building permit and that both the owner and contractor receive copies of the permit when issued.

MS. CONNORS asked about the possibility of having water sources and springs in Sugar Hill mapped.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to accept the minutes of May 2, 2011 seconded by MR. STRASSER the motion was approved unanimously.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to move to non-public session to discuss legal correspondence from Attorney Waugh, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was passed unanimous.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session, return to public session and adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM, seconded by MR. STRASSER. Motion passed. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday, May 16, 2011 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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