

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – August 12, 2019

Present: Margaret Connors, Richard Bielefield
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Road Agent Doug Glover, Dolly McPhaul, Claire Von Karls, Dan Hinds, Lyn Warren,
Betsy Fraser, Carlene Quinn, Lisa & Tim Brown, David Presby

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER met with the board to update them on highway department business. Grandview Road is 100% complete and boards members thought it looked great. Lafayette Road they have removed trees and installed three large culverts with Ward & Son assisting the department. The board discussed with Doug the upgrade to Lafayette and noted that it was a scenic road. Widening would take easements and more permitting. Doug can hire Central paving to reestablish the surface and then dress the side slopes. Approximate cost would be \$90,000. All work for the FEMA funds must be completed by November. FEMA funds will come in when funds paid to date are submitted. Doug wanted to make sure if he takes money from his operating account that the FEMA funds will be coming back to offset.

The board received a thank you from Tri County Cap for the town's assistance.

The board received a noise assessment from RSG in regard to truck traffic.

The board approved the use of the Meetinghouse on August 13 for a memorial service from 6:30 – 8:30pm.

The board received legal clarification on the Campground definition in the zoning ordinance from municipal legal. Jennifer will share with the Sat Nam Foundation.

MS. CONNORS has filed a report in regard to the complaint on Map 223, Lot 12 on Pearl Lake Road in regard to trash being dumped on the property. A copy of the report was sent to the abutter Sandy Schuelle.

Residents discussed the noise assessment with the board. Thirteen incidents were catalogued and all below 70 decibels. Questions were asked about the procedure and use of back up alarms. It was mentioned that there was a rumor that the MBI trucks are going to another location but will still come to Sugar Hill for maintenance. The group felt doing repairs is against the zoning ordinance.

DAVID PRESBY joined the meeting and stated that no one has ever talked to him about the problems on his property. He noted that he met with Barry Taylor and Dan Hinds who wanted MBI gone. He noted that the biggest complaint of the noises at 3 and 4 in the morning are gone because the trucks moving in and out are no longer here. They are now in Whitefield at an additional cost to him. The trucks will continue to be maintained at the Sugar Hill location during the day. There is a possibility on occasion of a full truck being at the site if it can't make

it to the landfill. He said that they are not washing trucks and there are no tankers dropping water. The truck washing stopped two years ago. He felt that people should have talked to him as the owner of the property. He understands the complaints about 3:00 and but can't do anything about during the day. BETSY FRASER felt that working in her garden during the day was like being in an industrial zone, worse than when she lived in NJ. There was a question about trees that had been cut down between the properties and Ms. Fraser stated they had blown down in a storm. Mr. Presby stated that he had let the trees on the property grow up so that it was a buffer. Ms. Fraser stated that the beeping noises in her rural yard are awful. It was noted that this past week it was much quieter. Mr. Presby stated that he has been doing business on the property for 32 years. It was noted that Mr. Presby did meet with the Select Board to address some concerns in 2015 and had changed how the trucks enter the property and the hook up of same. Mr. Presby did not appreciate getting a nasty gram from the Select Board's attorney and the he is going to send his legal bill to the town to pay or he will have the trucks come back. Mr. Presby stated that the trucks coming now will be those that need work and that with live bottom trucks they need maintenance. DOLLY MCPHAUL questioned the repair of vehicles and violation of the ordinance. Mr. Presby stated that maintenance of equipment has always been done on the property. There was a question on the definition of light commercial and that it should have been a change of use and DAN HINDS stated that light commercial does not mean 18 wheelers. Mr. Presby explained that the 1987 special exception for light commercial allowed the business to move from the corner of South Road and Route 117 to the present location. He said he is trying the best he can and making the best of what he can. Ms. Fraser noted that she has not had her property reassessed but her neighbor had due to the noise. Mr. Presby said that he has tried to solve the problems and would like to retire in peace. He said the noise has always been there and was there prior to Ms. Fraser buying her home. He said that he previously hauled product to Canada every night from that location and returned in the middle of the night. Ms. Fraser thanked Mr. Presby from hearing her and that she wants to enjoy her gardens with out back up alarms beeping. Ms. Connors thanked Mr. Presby for coming in. Mr. Presby stated that he would like to do things and is doing what he can to make it better. Barry Taylor and Bruce Perlo visited the site and Mr. Presby explained that the trucks weren't noisy with new smog controls and no Jake brakes being used. Mr. Presby offered his cell phone number to those attending and Ms. Fraser asked for an open dialogue. Mr. Presby stated that he had been a Selectman for 9 years and knows that the board is limited in what they can do. Ms. Connors felt the meeting was a good step.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of August 5, 2019, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday August 19, 2019, at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant

