

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – April 6, 2020

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

Guests: Road Agent Douglas Glover and Town Engineer Red McCarthy

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Select Board will continue to hold public meetings on Monday nights at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Should you need an appointment to join the meeting please call 823-8468.

The Planning Board will not be holding meetings until further notice. If you need to schedule business with the board, please leave a message on the Select Board answering machine 823-8468 and someone will get back to you. Thank you.

The Crapo Building is closed to the public until further notice. The Town Clerk and Tax Collectors Office has a lock box at the front door you may leave renewals in or they may be mailed. You may leave Lissa a message at 823-8516 or send an email to townclerk@sugarhillnh.org and she will return your call. The Select Board Office is closed but you may leave a message on the phone 823-8468 or send an email to selectmen@sugarhillnh.org and Jennifer will return your call or email.

The board received an update from Emergency Management Director Clark. Margo noted that a group of Sugar Hill residents are sewing masks and they will be made available. Please contact Chief Clark if you need a mask. 494-1491

The board approved an Intent to Cut for Kathie and Dennis Cote Map 214, Lot 39.

The board approved a Current Use Application as submitted by Barbara Towne.

The board made the following appointments:

Planning Board: Three-year term: Skip Redfield and Arthur Chase. There is currently an opening on Planning Board for an alternate and a full member if you would like to be considered, please submit your name to the Select Board.

The assessor is on hold for April pickups until such time as he is able to go out and visit properties.

Peter Carbonneau notified the board that the granite has been dug up and is at the Meetinghouse. Mike Warren graciously did the earthwork at no cost to the town. Peter is suggesting the largest piece be used for a bench at the Meetinghouse. The board will ask Peter for some additional details regarding the bench. For those wondering, the granite pieces were the original foundation for the Meetinghouse and were buried when a new foundation was put in.

The board approved and signed the contract with State Bank for the three year lease for the purchase of the highway truck as voted at Town Meeting.

The board received a letter of complaint in regard to a property on Main Street with a building that has been torn down and not cleaned up and also what appears to be unregistered vehicles.

The board met with Town Engineer RED MCCARTHY and Road Agent DOUG GLOVER to discuss the recent findings for repair/replacement of the Crane Hill Bridge. The board has various options and will hold a hearing in the future to get input from residents. Red will formulate a letter to the State outlining the town's options to make sure they all have the state approval. If nothing is done to the bridge other than routine maintenance and replacing of the planking it may last 10-15 years. To rehabilitate the bridge with a H15 rating with state approval and state bridge aid 80/20 the town would still be responsible for around \$400,000. The State would not share if the town was to rehab to a 10 truck rating. Rehabilitation would not require the raising of Crane Hill and Streeter Pond Roads. Rehabilitation estimates vary from \$1,034,00 to \$2,127,990. A new two lane bridge would be upstream and would include raising both Crane Hill Road and Streeter Pond Road. A 2016 estimate from HEB is \$2,158,637 with the town paying 20%. A single lane bridge would be less and roughly \$1,780.00. Whatever the decision the board has continued to place funds each year in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund which has approximately \$434,000 to date.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of March 30, 2020 seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. STRASSER, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday April 13th at 5:30pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gaudette
Administrative Assistant