SELECTMEN'S MEETING – June 8, 2020

Present: Margo Connors, John Strasser, Richard Bielefield

Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Representative Tim Egan

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board will not be meeting on Monday June 22, 2020.

The Crapo Building is closed to the public through the month of June; however, the Select Board will be meeting downstairs on Mondays with social distancing guidelines in place. The Town Clerk and Tax Collectors Office has a lock box at the front door you may leave renewals and tax payments 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 opening of the building will depend on the installation of glass in Lissa and Jennifer's service windows. The board discussed the re-opening of the building and masks will be required as well as hand sanitizing and distancing in the lobby area. The bathrooms will remain closed to the public even after the building opens. No group activities allowed in town buildings.

The annual July 4th party has been cancelled. The board is still planning on fireworks.

The board approved a building permit for a shed for David & Kathryn Mannetho. Map 204, Lot 6.9.

The board signed Timber Tax Warrants for 6 properties.

Doug Glover asked for clarification on spending for roads since the FEMA money has not been received. The board would like Doug to Top Lafayette Road and with the remaining funds begin Pearl Lake Road. The State has notified the town that the Highway Block monies will be down 7.5% and they will notify all towns after June 30th about a figure to expect for the next two quarters.

The SHIA inquired if they can move ahead with the refinishing of the floor at the Meetinghouse and the board approved.

Beth Perlo asked that the board make a trip to the cemetery to see the new road that was installed last year and what a difference it makes.

MARGO CONNORS talked with North Country Council about a broadband survey. Apparently Executive Councilor Cryans has a survey going as well. It appears many different organizations are looking at broadband and somehow would be good if all were working together.

The board received a letter from property owners Sandy and Caitlyn Schuele in regard to the pile of material on a neighboring lot that has been removed. The owners hope that nothing more will be dumped on the property and if it is will be in violation of the new amendment to the zoning ordinance.

REPRESENTATIVE TIM EGAN met with the board to discuss current issues and bills before the house. Tim is hoping to host a webinar with Representatives Massimilla, Hennessey and French in regard to the Communications District Bill. The house will reconvene in Durham on Thursday and is supposed to end by law the 30th of June. The rules committee could adjust the date. All bills that have been worked on will be thrown out if not acted on by June 30th. Tim discussed the support for coordinated effort for the Communications District Bill including Spectrum, Comcast and consolidated. There is additional funding through the Cares Act and also Rural Digital. In Vermont they established seven non profit districts to deal with broadband. Tim is also working on a webinar on managing forests and properties, and has spoken with Society for Protection of NH Forests, Timber Owners, UNH Extension and Rebecca Brown from ACT. Tim briefly discussed his position as Moderator for the Profile School District and how the annual meeting would be handled this week. Tim also wanted to make sure the town had applied for the GOFERR Grant and offered any assistance we might need.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 1, 2020 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. STRASSER, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday June 15, at 5:30pm at the Carolina Crapo Building. Social distancing and face masks appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gaudette Administrative Assistant