

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – January 6, 2020

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

Guests: Ned Wilson, Betsy Fraser, Ron Cole, Dan Hinds, Chief Mancini, Corp. Chicoine

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The tri town boards met downstairs at 3:00pm and Franconia will provide minutes of the meeting concerning the Tri Town Transfer Station and Lafayette Recreation budgets.

The board received a resignation from Haley Ireland from the Lafayette Recreation Committee as she has moved to Franconia. The board will accept letters of interest and Recreation Director Kim Cowles will have information on the opening put in the Lafayette newsletter.

NED WILSON came in to discuss tearing down and replacing the white small cottage on his property. They would like to see about building a new post and beam building on the footprint and have a small gym. The board advised it would require a permit to tear down and also a special exception for a home occupation for the gym.

The board will meet with Red McCarthy and Road Agent Douglas Glover next Monday at 5:30 pm to further the discussion about the Crane Hill Bridge.

The board signed the Intermunicipal and Prosecutor Agreements with the Town of Littleton.

The board viewed the proposed ordinances and changes for the hearing on Wednesday night.

The members of the Sugar Hill Preservation Committee met with the board to discuss their findings and concerns as a committee. The committee felt that the truck traffic has increased recently and back up alarms and engine revving can be heard from the Fraser's house. The board advised the committee of changes being proposed to the Zoning regulations including noise, nuisance and a solar ordinance. Betsy Fraser asked if during the recent property revaluation there was any consideration for the properties near the truck depot. The committee members wondered about tightening up the Light Commercial regulations in the ordinance and were advised that those changes could be put together and proposed to the Planning Board for next years Town Meeting. The board will contact Mr. Presby in regard to the groups recent concern about the increase in noise and truck traffic. The board discussed general solid waste issues and Margo mentioned that Elaine French is bringing bills to the legislature. It was discussed having a non-monetary warrant article for the town to go on record in support of a State Wide Solid Waste Management Plan. The board also discussed the legal budget for 2020.

CHIEF MANCINI met with the board and as of tonight is finished with his position as Chief. The board appreciated Chief Mancini staying on in a part time position as the replacement process has been ongoing. The board has appointed Corp. Chicoine as temporary Officer in Charge until a new Chief is hired.

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by Margo Connors seconded by Dick Bielefield

Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:

RSA 91-A:3, II (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee.

(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session: John Strasser – Yes, Margo Connors-Yes, Richard Bielefield-Yes

Entered nonpublic session at 6:40pm.

Motion to seal the minutes made by Margo Connors, seconded John Strasser, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective

Roll Call Vote to seal minutes: Richard Bielefield – Yes, Margo Connors – Yes, John Strasser-Yes

Motion: PASSED

Motion to leave nonpublic session and return to public session at 7:00 pm., by John Strasser seconded by Dick Bielefield. **Motion: PASSED**

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2019 seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion passed unanimously.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of December 30, 2019 seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS. CONNORS, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday January 13, 2020 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 3:30 pm. for non-public session to discuss personnel until 5:30 when the regular meeting will begin.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gaudette
Administrative Assistant