

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – August 23, 2021

Present: Margo Connors, Richard Bielefield, Chris Ellms
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Kathy Jablonski and Larry Sawyer, Cemetery Trustees

Correspondence was read and acted upon

Jennifer advised the board that Road Agent Glover has ordered the replacement truck from North Country Ford. They offered the best warranty and price. Expected arrival in six months. The highway department is working with Central Paving and all roads will be shimmed. Cost of material is \$100/ton and may start as early as next week. Will try and update website and FB page so residents will be aware.

Jennifer got clarification from Road Agent Glover on the parking area to the Gibbs Cabin currently at the end of Dyke Road on the Meader property. The parking will be moved onto the Perkins property as ACT found that creating a parking area was permissible. This is to keep the cars from parking on private property.

The board approved the permit for Dorsey McConnell Map 230, Lot 11 for a garage. No living space above but the board will stipulate conditions for living space as well.

The town has received \$30,202.96 in ARPA Funds that will be placed in a separate account. If the funds are not for an approved use, then they will be returned. This is first of two deposits. The board will continue to look at infrastructure expenses including broadband and possibly the solar project to qualify.

The board made the following appointments:

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| Sugar Hill Conservation Commission | Claire Von Karls |
| Cemetery Trustees | Elizabeth Warren |

Chief Clark provided the board via email the 2017 proposal in regard to blasting. Although the board did not elect to have a permit process just for blasting it was added to the building permit application previously. The board decided to continue having it on the building permit application.

Margo will be attending the Grafton County Broadband meeting.

The board discussed a memo from Wil Priestly who recently installed the lightning rods. He advised that the roof shingles on the Crapo Building are dry and beginning to curl with some damaged. The water stains in the attic appear to be older and pre the current roof. The cupola does need attention and he did some cosmetic repairs while he was on the roof. In addition, the flood light in the small parking area is not used and he recommended removing the wires to eliminate a lightning path into the building. Jennifer will discuss with Jim Keefe.

KATHY JABLONSKI and LARRY SAWYER met with the board in their positions as cemetery trustees. The trustees are currently working to become familiar with cemetery policy and putting by laws into place. They are reviewing burial fees, sale of lots, tracking lots previously purchased and how the funding for the cemetery is handled. Lyn Kenerson has been going through old records and forming a database of information. In addition, they now need a smaller piece of equipment to be rented for some of the burials. The question was how to budget for this item and look at cost of burial once this added expense is figured. They asked for the proper procedure when requesting assistance from the highway department and the board asked that an email be sent to the Select Board Office to coordinate with the highway schedule. This will be for completing the work on the south entrance which is being repaired.

MARGO CONNORS let everyone know that Judy Sawyer cleans the Coffin Pond site every Monday and a huge thank you for her time. Peter Carbonneau has cut the poison hemlock that was located at the pond.

The board received a letter from 603 Solar advising that the transformer upgrade for the new solar system install by Eversource is \$1497.93 and the cost is split between the town and 603 solar per the contract. \$748.96 was approved. ^03 Solar also noted that the town must prep the site and Jennifer will contact for specifications. We will then advise the Road Agent what needs to be done so that he can schedule the work. Margo also noted that there may be some grant money available from the PUC.

Jennifer will contact North Country Council to see if they can help facilitate a meeting to look at the Main Street area and improvements that could be made. Harman's is once again facing the same problem with the ledge now that the new pavement has been laid down. The board will discuss that issue again next week.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2021 seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday August 30, 2021 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gaudette
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