

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – August 25, 2014

Present: Richard Bielefield, John J. Strasser, Margaret Connors
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Chief David Wentworth, Lafayette Recreation Director Kim Cowles, Brenda Aldrich

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Town Offices will be closed on Monday September 1, 2014 and the Select Board will not meet due to the Labor Day Holiday.

BRENDA ALDRICH (Harman's) received permission to set up a benefit dunk tank on the Crapo Lawn August 30, 2014. From noon to 2:00 PM come on by and you may get a chance to dunk a Select Board member or the Police Chief!!!

CHIEF WENTWORTH notified the board that Parker Wilson graduated from the Police Academy and has a full time position in Bethlehem. The Chief also discussed the posting of land and Jenifer clarified whether certain current use properties had the 20% recreational adjustment. The board continued to discuss with Chief Wentworth the possibility of him retiring but remaining as a part time chief. The tow would save money on both health insurance and retirement costs. The board discussed what coverage would be with the different options that Chief Wentworth outlined. The Chief questioned the zoning regulations in regard to people camping on their land while starting work on a new house.

The board signed a contract with Overhead Doors of Burlington for the replacement of the doors at the highway garage. These funds will come from the Highway Building Capital Reserve fund. The final cost of the four doors is \$6400.

The board discussed changes to the zoning ordinance that will need to be addressed including the above living on the land. In addition they will place both a Veterans' Credit increase and an Energy Ordinance question for the 2015 warrant.

MARGO CONNORS will answer correspondence from Attorney Waugh in regard to joining with Easton and Franconia in defense of Northern Pass.

KIM COWLES stopped in to ask if the board had any objections to the Lafayette Recreation Department using existing funds to purchase a 6x12 aluminum trailer. The trailer will be used to haul kayaks, bikes and anything else the recreation department might need. Currently they have been borrowing a trailer. The Franconia Select Board approved the request and the Sugar Hill Select Board was unanimous in approving Kim's request as well.

The board looked at the most recent bid for replacing the Crapo heating system. This bid did not include replacing the circulators so the board would like the bid to include that. Margo asked the board if they would like to have someone from the NH Wood Energy Council make a field visit and advise on whether a conversion to wood pellets is advisable. Mr. Strasser and Mr. Bielefield are concerned with waiting another year to replace the failing system.

CARL MARTLAND agreed to be the Sugar Hill representative for the North Country Scenic Byway Council.

MR. BIELEFIELD met with Carl Dunn to look at the front door of the Crapo Building. There is enormous heat loss and in the winter snow builds up in the door tracks. Mr. Dunn will get back with several options.

The board would like Jennifer to contact Sally Fishburn of Danville Vermont to assess the restoration costs for the Meetinghouse windows.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business and no appointments before the Board, MR. STRASSER made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MS. CONNORS the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday September 8, 2014 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
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