

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING – October 5, 2015

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

Guests: Chief Wentworth, Road Agent Glover, Engineer Red McCarthy, Chris Fournier and  
Ryan McMullen from HEB

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

### **The board will not meet on October 12, 2015.**

The board signed an Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Suzette Wolf, Map 211, Lot 2.

The board will ask Chief Clark for a sample solar permit to review.

The board signed a building permit for Ned and Teresa Wilson for a small addition and roof change on the back side of their residence. Map 214, Lot 21.

The board signed a pole license for Sunset Hill Road as presented by Eversource.

The board met with Chris Fournier of HEB Engineers, Road Agent Glover and the Town Engineer Red McCarthy about the Crane Hill Bridge project. The funding for the bridge is currently in the State system for 2022. The board has selected HEB Engineering to move forward with a scope and fee negotiations. The board was presented with both and will review and vote on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of October to send the proposed scope and fee to NH DOT for acceptance. Once the project is ready to go the DOT will reimburse 80% and once started the State will give 50% up front. The State gave preliminary estimates in 2007 for both the rehab of the bridge and the cost for a new bridge. With inflation figures the rehab costs could be 1.2 million and the new bridge 1.7million. HEB will look at all alternatives as part of the scope. They have previously rehabbed that same type of bridge in Bethlehem. The board discussed the current funding level of the Bridge CRF and it appears we should have the 20% when the time comes. There is a chance that the project could move forward if some other town was not ready and we are. Once a permit is issued it is only good for 5 years so the permit process would not begin until 2018. The board discussed different options and also moving the current location for the bridge to where the river is narrower and work that would need to be done to Streeter Pond Road. Some of that rebuild of the road would be included in the bridge cost. HEB will hold a public hearing this fall so that residents may ask questions and also submit information that would be helpful in the process of deciding the best alternative.

ROAD AGENT GLOVER updated the board on highway department business. The culvert replacement on Bickford Hill is complete and will be billed. Doug discussed with the Town Engineer the status of Streeter Pond Road and the best course of action for this year. Doug also discussed with the board bids for a new truck that if ordered now would be delivered in the spring. Doug's truck will go to the Building and Grounds Department as that truck is no longer worth putting money into. The roller lost the hydraulic pump and it has been at EW Sleeper for repair under warranty. EW Sleeper provided the department with a roller to use this summer.

The board discussed attending the Select Board meeting in Franconia on October 19<sup>th</sup> that is being held with representatives from Eversource. Jennifer will contact Eversource and see if they would come up to Sugar Hill after the Franconia meeting and talk with the Select Board in regard to the new plan to put power underground along Route 18.

MS .CONNORS made a motion to approve the minutes of September 28, 2015, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business and no appointments before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD the meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday October 19, 2015 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant