

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING – January 30, 2017

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

Guests: Robert Hayward, Jr., Paul Mitchell, Chief David Wentworth

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

ROBERT HAYWARD JR., met with the board in his position as Planning Board Chair to discuss the Hidden Acres proposed development. The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission plans to have a representative present for the hearing. Town Engineer Red McCarthy has met with Thad Presby and advised him of what steps need to be taken in regard to the entrance to Hidden Acres Drive.

Jennifer advised the board that Stevenson Services quote to repair to the Meetinghouse weathervane and clock faces will cost approximately \$11,000. This include repairing the weathervane and the clock faces. They will need to rent a lift for a week to complete the work. The board will inquire if the Sugar Hill Improvement Association would be in favor of funding this work.

MARGO CONNORS discussed the upcoming SEC Hearing that she will be testifying at on behalf of the Town of Sugar Hill.

Jennifer advised the board that the recent tax deed would need a corrected deed due to a book and page error.

The board reviewed the budget and revenue figures as prepared but are still waiting on the Transfer Station budget from the Town of Franconia. John Strasser noted that the Planning Board needs to purchase a laptop for the secretary to use. He felt that could be done under the already proposed budget figure for Planning Board.

PAUL MITCHELL met with the board to discuss his concerns with the noise that is coming from the Brookside Kennels. Mr. Mitchell has been working with Ms. Yarosh but he feels that the board should not have let Brookside increase their total of dogs to 12. With the prospect of Above the Notch Humane Society using the facility for additional dogs he wants the board to rescind their permission for the increase from six to twelve dogs. Chief Wentworth noted that the noise would not be considered unreasonable for a dog business which makes it a civil issue. The board discussed with Chief Wentworth and Mr. Mitchell ways to reduce the noise coming from the kennel. Mr. Mitchell noted that a fence does not work to reduce the sound. Mr. Mitchell noted that he bought his home prior to Ms. Yarosh getting a Special Exception to run the kennel. He stated that he was not notified of the Board of Adjustment Hearing however his notice was sent to the address on file. Moving the existing building further from his property line was discussed. He noted that the kennel is 40 yards from his property line. Chief Wentworth will stop and see Ms. Yarosh in regard to developing a schedule for the dogs to not be out at all once. The board would like Ms. Yarosh to come in and meet with the board.

CHIEF WENTWORTH met with the board to advise that he will be retiring in 2017. The Chief will work through September 1, 2017.

With no more business and no appointments before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn; seconded by MS. CONNORS the meeting was adjourned at 7:15. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on Monday February 6, 2017 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm to be followed by the 2017 Budget Hearing at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette  
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