

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – January 24, 2022

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

Guests: Chief Mike Ho-Sing-Loy, Corporal Sarah Donahue, Road Agent Doug Glover, Fire Chief Allan Clark, Thomas Smith

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The 2022 Budget Hearing will be next Monday the 31st t 6:00pm at the Crapo Building.

The board reviewed a septic plan for:
Trevor & Isabel Hardy as presented by Tom Smith Map 219, Lot 18
The Hilltop Trust Map 214, Lot 18
Patrick & Tara Morley Map 221, Lot 14

The board issued the following permits:
David & Susan Dahill – Finish walk out Map 219, Lot 31.3
864 Sugar Hill SPE LLC – Renovations and close space between two structures Map 214, Lot 10
Kevin Sullivan – Deck, rebuild porch and roof Map 215, Lot 12

Margo received an inquiry from Howard Mitz about starting a food pantry again this year. The board will wait at this time and Jennifer will contact the Franconia Food Pantry for a status.

A resident inquired if a privy is allowed on their property and the state does have regulations for them. Setbacks must be met and the privy must be encased in concrete.

The DRA has provided the town with the 2021 Median Ratio 66.8% and the equalization rate at 60.6%. Due to the high price homes are selling in Sugar Hill it has made this imbalance. The last revaluation was 2019 and the next is scheduled for 2024.

CHIEF MIKE-HO-SING-LOY met with the board and discussed his budget. The board advised the Chief to implement the COLA into his salary as well. Increases include gasoline, program support and reduction in dispatch fees.

ROAD AGENT GLOVER met to answer any questions in regard to his 2022 budget. Last year no fuel oil was consumed as the boiler was used with the wood on hand. Since the new boiler was installed, it must have dry wood and Doug will be ordering a truck load. The electric bill has seen its first decrease and expect to see continued drop in that. Doug will work with the road committee on a summer paving plan. He reports that the committee feels they are getting caught up with road surfacing. Doug would like to see an additional bay on the highway garage in the future so that they would have a place to take apart equipment and work on it. Currently when all trucks are inside, they can't do that.

CHIEF ALLAN CLARK met with the board to discuss the Fire Department and Emergency Management Budgets. The cost to replace SCBA tanks is spread over two years and included in the budget. New gear for additional firefighters is also included. He has three taking the Firefighter I class and one taking the Firefighter II class. Cost is \$135.00 per student reduced from \$900.00 due to funds procured by Senator Hennessey. Emergency Management is set and he has PPE in stock. Chief Clark also updated the board on two FEMA projects that are still dragging through red tape. Streeter Pond (Indian Brook Bridge) and the remaining funds for Grandview, Lafayette and Pearl Lake repairs. Very frustrating process and will look to get Senators involved.

Margo advised that there was going to be a second Planning Board Hearing on January 27th in regard to the wording of Special Event Venue to be added to the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2022 seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. ELLMS, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday January 31, 2022 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm to be followed by the 2022 Budget Hearing at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gaudette
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