

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– March 21, 2022

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

Guests: Town Engineer Red McCarthy, Road Agent Douglas Glover

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

Road Bans are on all town roads. Questions contact the Road Agent 823-8788.

Broadband Committee will hold a hearing on Monday April 25th at 6:00pm at the Crapo Building to discuss the broadband information and current mapping of Sugar Hill.

Jennifer advised the board that Brenda Aldrich would like to have four pop ups at the Crapo Building for Saturday and Sunday from May 28 to June 19th. There will be no use of the building or bathrooms. The board was fine with that request and will have Brenda submit an application with insurance certificate.

Brenda Aldrich also wanted the board to be aware of the housing shortage which prevents herself and also Polly's from getting help. The board acknowledged that it is a area wide problem.

TOWN ENGINEER RED MCCARTHY and ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER met with the board to discuss recent correspondence from the NHDOT that the town is one of 23 projects that has been selected for MOBIL funding. 100% of MOBIL funds for the construction phase of the project. Preliminary Engineering Phase and Right-of-Way Phase for costs for MOBIL projects remain funded at 80% Bridge Aid and 20% local match. This represents a considerable savings for the town. Town Engineer Red McCarthy is working with Josef at Hoyle & Tanner on the Scope & Fee Proposals and Independent Government Estimate for Preliminary Design, ROW, Final Design and Bid Phase Contract for State of NH DOT.

Monday afternoon, TOWN ENGINEER RED MCCARTHY, ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER, SELECTMAN CHRIS ELLMS met with Executive Councilor Joe Kenney, NH DOT Deputy Commissioner Bill Cass and consultant Andy Tuthill met at property owner Cliff Hughes request to discuss the dredging of Gale River. The town has previously received a permit for this work from DES. Road Agent Glover will start the permitting process with Jim Gallagher at DES. Discussion on possibility of crushing the product that is removed from the gravel bars on location.

TOWN ENGINEER RED MCCARTHY and ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER also discussed the replacement of the Indian Brook Culvert. Chief Clark is working with FEMA to get the funding for this project in addition to the monies owed from the 2017 storm damage.

MR. BIELFIELD made a motion to approve the recommendation by the Town Clerk to have voting for future Town Meetings begin at 12:00pm and close at 6:30pm with the annual Town Meeting to start at 6:00pm, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

The Willing Workers were approved to use the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse on Saturday April 9th from 9:00 – 12:30 for cookie pick up.

The board received a request inquiring about tax relief. Jennifer will respond with the elderly exemption information.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to appoint Deb Corey at Health Officer and Margo Connors as deputy Health Officer, seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2022 seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday March 28, 2022 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Gaudette
Administrative Assistant