

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– August 1, 2022

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

Guests: Jordan Applewhite

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board will not meet on August 8, 2022.

The board will meet Rosalind Page from ACT on August 29th @ 5:30 pm.

Melissa Elander from NH Clean Energy will meet with the board on August 15th.

Jordan Applewhite met with the board in regard to the energy committee/community power. Jordan has spoken with Melissa Elander from NH Clean Energy. The Select Board would appoint a Community Power Committee to aggregate better power rates for residents. The committee would be made up of three residents. The committee would work jointly with NH Power Coalition. The committee would see what kind of savings and lower rates are available. Currently residents can go online and shop for power:

<https://www.puc.nh.gov/Consumer/energysuppliers.htm> .

Jennifer will invite Howard Mitz to attend the meeting on the 15th as he has provided questions and information about community power.

The board would like Town Engineer Red McCarthy to clarify his most recent Crane Hill Bridge report in regard to the length of the bridge and the 2' rise.

Jennifer advised the board of the additional funds to be received for Highway Block Grants (\$42,590.8) and Bridge Aid (\$23,214.00) from the State surplus. These monies may be used to supplement (not supplant) local budgets.

The board will ask a property owner on Route 117 to remove multiple signs from their property as it does not adhere to the town zoning.

Margo would like the Planning Board Budget for 2023 to include the cost of updating the town's Master Plan and hire Tara Bamford for the process.

The board discussed signing the petition for HB1454 relative to permits for the siting of new landfills which Governor Sununu vetoed. This led to discussion of the new contract between Pemi Baker Solid Waste District and Casella. Margo will contact Franconia in regard to the vote on the contract at the next Pemi meeting. Availability of Mt. Carberry landfill was also discussed as it is a private entity and can choose who is allowed to use the facility.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to approve the minutes of July 25, 2022 seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS. CONNORS the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday August 15, 2022 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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