

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING– September 12, 2022

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

Guests: Melissa Elander, James Fitzpatrick, Eric Meth, Henry Herndon, Jordan Applewhite,  
Daniel Zajic

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

HENRY HERNDON representing Community Power Coalition met with the board to answer additional questions and explain the process of joining Community Power. Currently there are 8 towns approved and getting set up to start. Eight to 12 more towns are aiming for 2023. Sugar Hill Energy Committee would work to form a Sugar Hill Aggregation Plan and would hold two public hearings and then move on to Town Meeting for approval by a majority of the voters. Residents would all be members but have the option to opt out and not participate. Sugar Hill can have a representative and join the CP Coalition without participating. Sugar Hill has the town of Harrisville plan and can work from that document to fit Sugar Hill. The board after reviewing the information provided will take a vote next week on joining.

CHRIS ELLMS met with Cliff Hughes in regard to the new patio and shoreland permit that has been filed. The board has questions in regard to additional electric and plumbing installed in the new barn. Mr. Hughes was also advised by Jennifer that he needs a Special Exception from the ZBA to hold events on the property.

CHRIS ELLMS and CHIEF HO-SING-LOY met on Center District Road on Friday to assess the noise complaints which involved logging trucks parking in front of residences and running engines at 4:30am. The actual logging operation is on Lisbon property. The resident has spoken to Forest Hicks owner of the logging operation and discussed a 5:00 am start time. The board would like Jennifer to send Rosalind Page a member of the Lisbon Planning Board a note asking that Sugar Hill be kept informed on the development of the land which would utilize Sugar Hill Roads.

The board approved the use of the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse by the Willing Workers on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Margo updated the board on the sub committee looking into burying power lines in the view shed. Mike Morley has communicated with Eversource and NH DOT and the burying of utilities in a DOT ROW is allowed. It is allowed provided certain conditions are met and that would be determined by the State engineers. Margo will ask Mike to follow up on what the engineering costs would involve for the next step. The town will not be paying to bury the lines.

Pending Permits:

Tim Egan – Solar Permit Map 210, Lot 3.25 waiting on Fire Chief approval.

The board approved the Memorandum of Understanding for Professional Services Between the Coalition Communities 2.0 and the City of Portsmouth.

The board was notified that the USDA Wildlife Services in NH will be distributing oral rabies vaccine baits in Grafton County. They then trap the animals in the same area to see how effective the baiting efforts were. The trapping event will run from September 18<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup>. The town has previously given permission which is valid for 5 years. Jennifer will post information in the town office and post office should anyone have questions.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to approve the minutes of August 29, 2022 seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. ELLMS the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday September 19, 2022 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant