

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING– October 17, 2022

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

Guests: Cliff Hughes, Kathie Cote, Toni Butterfield

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board visited the Ski Hearth Farm property on Streeter Pond Road. Owner CLIFFORD HUGHES gave the board a tour of the property and improvements made to date. The board will issue a permit for the patio now that a Shoreland Impact Permit has been received. Mr. Hughes was advised to file for a permit for the demolition work on the barn and then submit a building permit for the new construction. Mr. Hughes also needs to apply for a Special Exception for an Event Venue. Mr. Hughes would like the property to be used by the community and is working on how to make the property sustainable. Currently there is an orchard on the property. The trails have been used by Profile School for Nordic skiing, cross country running and biking events. The walking trails have been covered with wood chips from the clearing of the hill behind the farmhouse. Other ideas discussed include an art center, wedding venue, Christmas tree farm, fishing events, community garden and a sledding hill.

TONI BUTTERFIELD stopped to let the board know that all paperwork for both school districts has been submitted to the DOE and then the DRA.

### **Public Hearing** – Discretionary Preservation Barn Easement

The board discussed an application for an amended Discretionary Preservation Barn Easement that is currently held by Dennis & Kathie Cote. The land has recently been subdivided and the new owners wanted to clarify the wording that the land with the easement is located directly under the barn which is retained by the Cotes. The board had no issues with the amended easement wording which was reviewed by town counsel prior to the hearing.

The easement was signed.

The Planning Board is scheduled to meet with Tara Bamford about a Master Plan update.

The board received the new rates from Healthtrust with a dental increase of 1.5% and health insurance 11.7%.

The board discussed the new short term rental ordinances that have recently been adopted in neighboring towns and will look for additional information.

The board will meet next week with Jonathan McNeal from Industrial Tower and Wireless. (ITW) is seeking locations in Sugar Hill to provide infrastructure for wireless communication companies. ITW owns the existing tower in Sugar Hill off I-93. They would like to work with the town on solutions that provide cell/wireless broadband coverage to the residents while maintaining the visual aesthetics that Sugar Hill is known for.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of October 3, 2022 seconded by MS. CONNORS. 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 7:00 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday October 24, 2022 at the Carolina Crapo Building at approximately 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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