

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING– March 20, 2023

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

Guests: Cynthia McMahon, Supervisor of the Checklist John Colony. Road Agent Douglas Glover, Lafayette Recreation Rep Peter Gaudette, Stephen and Janet Hunt

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

CYNTHIA MCMAHON met with the board to discuss her future plans to have a Sugar Hill Academy school for students in grades 4-6 that need a different learning experience. Ms. McMahon is certified for k-6. She would like to find a local property to house her potential school. She is in process of developing boards and committees to assist with the planning of the project and will be filing papers for 5013C. She has previous experience with starting non profits and looks forward to updating the board as she moves forward.

The board approves the use of the Meetinghouse by the North Country Chamber Players on August 5 and August 12.

The State has set the Median Ratio for Sugar Hill for the year 2022 at 52%.

MS. CONNOR made a motion to appoint Chief Allan Clark as Deputy EMD while he continues to work with FEMA on past claims, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

The board will re-appoint Dennis McFadden to the Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee and authorize a \$50.00 donation.

JOHN COLONY met with the board regarding several surveys that were submitted to the Supervisors of the Checklist. The board has no problem with John responding. John also advised they will be having an opening for a supervisor.

DOUG GLOVER met with the board on highway department business. Currently dealing with typical spring mud issues. Have worked on Streeter Pond Extension and the top of Blake Road. The road bans were in place March 13<sup>th</sup>. They will start sweeping as weather allows. Doug is continuing to look at replacement backhoes. Working with both Chappelle Tractor and Caterpillar. Doug will continue to research and work with Selectman Ellms on this issue. Doug would still like to install a lift in the shop but also start to look at adding a third bay to the building. Currently they cannot take apart a piece of equipment if the trucks need to be inside due to weather. The board okayed Doug researching the cost of this project. Doug has purchased two loads of wood for the next couple of years as it must be dry for the wood boiler. The board discussed the current employee benefit plan and the fact that employees are not able to use their leave by the end of the year. The board will continue to work on how to be fair and equitable. Possibly hanging the maximum hours to be carried over each year.

PETER GAUDETTE met with the board as representative from Lafayette Recreation. The recreation committee would like to purchase a 14-passenger bus as the current van will not pass inspection. This would be used to transport the kids to swimming lessons, tow the kayaks, take the older adventure group on trips etc. Not sure if it would be available for others to rent/use. The purchase of the bus would not impact Sugar Hill as using existing funds. The committee has hired a new Director, Katherine Raymond. Baseball sign ups have started and the committee is happy to be moving forward.

The board discussed the possibility of hauling trash to Mt. Carberry. The board will set up a meeting with Franconia and Easton to discuss. The current contract with Casella ends in May. Jennifer will send contract to our attorney for review.

STEPHEN & JANET HUNT shared their concern that rocks are landing on their vehicles and property when the highway department plows the road. Mr. Hunt had previously spoken with Mr. Bielefield who spoke with the Road Agent. The Road Agent felt that the vehicles were parked too far out into the right of way. The board will take a trip down to look at the situation.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a zoom meeting at 4:30 with Franconia and Consolidated Communications regarding broadband.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2023, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS. CONNORS, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday March 27, 2023, at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

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