

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– August 14, 2023

Present: Chris Ellms, Margo Connors
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Cliff Hughes, Jordan Applewhite

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The following Septic permits have been approved by DES:

JW Degnan Map 208, Lot 9 Crane Hill Road
Eaton Taylor Map 219, Lot 34 Lafayette Road
Kramer Map 217, Lot 18 Pearl Lake Road (time Extension)

The following building permits were approved;

Lisa Caselden Generator Installation Map 217, Lot 1 297 Pearl Lake Road
John Barth Generator installation Map 214, Lot 31 10 Blueberry Lane

Margo asked Jennifer to contact North County Council to see if we can get a larger set of plans for the Main Street survey done by HEB. Very hard to read the copies. Lisa and Tim Brown suggested for next year to have cones up instead of the no parking signs. They are also interested in meeting to discuss the main street plans.

The Broadband Committee will host a meeting on September 20th from 6-7:30 pm at the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse where residents can ask questions of NHEC, Consolidated and Spectrum about the latest services and broadband service.

Margo spoke with Senator Shaheen's office regarding the rural postal situation.

Jennifer advised the board on the most recent hazardous mitigation work and will provide Tara and the planning board on areas that apply to both the planning and zoning regulations.

The board received a check for six months of cable franchise fees in the amount of \$908.53.

The board denied a zoning permit for Cecilia Blewer, Map 219, Lot 4 as it requires an equitable waiver of dimensional requirements or if necessary, a variance concerning Article 3, Section 304.1. Proper setbacks not met.

The board asked Jennifer to request tower heights from Eversource.

Chris Ellms will walk the town forest on August 17th with Eversource representatives.

JORDAN APPLEWHITE met with the board to discuss the ongoing community energy coalition. There are other profit groups now forming and the board discussed the various options. The board would like to have something to share before next town meeting.

Margo and Chris discussed the requirements of moving the Hawthorn trees at the Crane Hill Bridge site and will continue to look at some options for the removal.

CLIFF HUGHES from Ski Hearth Farm met with the board to update them on activity at the farm. The framing, windows, radiant heat etc. have been completed. Inside they utilized local timber for the project. Cliff provided the board with the Ski Hearth Farm Mission and Vision Statements.

Mission Statement:

Ski Hearth Farm exists to care for our land and serve the community in long-term sustainable and meaningful ways.

Vision Statement:

Our vision is to provide opportunities for community engagement with agriculture, nature, recreation, and education.

The board discussed with Cliff recent communications with SPNHF. Mr. Hughes will be walking his property with Eversource representatives regarding the tower replacements. The board asked Mr. Hughes to participate in the Master Plan process as the farm is a large part of the community. Mr. Hughes would like to make the farm a 501C3 nonprofit that is economically sustainable. Mr. Hughes would like to have the apple orchard and cidery, sawmill, timber education, music, biking, Nordic skiing, and cross-country running activities at the farm.

Margo has spoken with representatives working on regional ems services and they would like to meet with local select boards.

With no more business before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. ELLMS, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday August 21ST, 2023, at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
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