

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– August 21, 2023

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

Guests: Jordan Pike HEB, Chief Mike Ho-Sing-Loy

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

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 CONNORS received a call from Senator Hassan's Office regarding the rural postal issue.

Master Plan Survey returns are at 142 and Planning Board would love to see 200 respondents.

CHIEF HO-SING-LOY met with the board to discuss Police Department business. The Chief discussed the shortage of police officers in area towns and the money they are offering to get new officers. The Hazardous Mitigation Plan is wrapping up and he will present the board with a draft for review. The radio base station for the PD finally arrived and there is a need to upgrade the antenna system. Estimate is around \$3,300 and Ms. Connors felt that this would fall under the ARPA funds the town currently is holding.

CHRIS ELLMS reported on his meeting with Eversource representatives to walk the town forest. The tower height will be 13 ½'. Eversource will loam and seed in the forest area after the gravel roads are utilized for the work. The line will not interconnect Center District Road to Blake Road. The town received a letter from a representative of Stantec an entity that is providing mapping and permitting support to Eversource on the X178-3 Line Rebuild asking what if any permits the town requires. The town will require driveway permits for any roads being constructed to access right of ways off a town road. In addition, the need for any concrete to be installed would require a permit.

JORDAN PIKE from HEB ENGINEERS stopped by the meeting to drop full size prints of a study done by HEB through a grant to North Country Council. The plan looks at Main Street and how and where a sidewalk could be installed from the Church to the cemetery. The board asked about safety features that could be included. Developing the roadside with trees, flower boxes and vertical curbing all help to slow traffic. Chris Ellms asked about breakaway delineators. Jordan noted that concrete sidewalks are more expensive but have no maintenance and more longevity. Higher cost up front but save down the road. There are grants and Federal funds available for sidewalk projects. There are two programs, CEMAC which is every two years and DOT Transportation Alternatives that the town could investigate. Also discussed was a plan done for Carl Martland regarding relocating the Historical marker at Lovers Lane for the First Ski School. The board discussed the possibility of relocating to a pull off area across from Iris Farm where people could pull off the road. Both plans are in the town office and the board will schedule a public meeting to invite people to discuss.

MR. ELLMS made a motion to appoint Dennis McFadden as the Sugar Hill representative to the Ammonoosuc River Local Advisory Committee, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

MARGO CONNORS will be attending a joint meeting at Littleton Regional Hospital on Thursday with five other towns to learn about a regional EMS study and logistics of same.

MR. ELLMS made a motion to approve the minutes of August 7th, 2023 seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

MR. ELLMS made a motion to approve the minutes of August 14th, 2023 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 6:45 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday August 28TH, 2023, at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
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