

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING– August 28, 2023

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

Guests: None

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Select Board will not meet and the Town Offices will be closed on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

The Broadband Committee will host a meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Jennifer reported to the board that a resident had asked about the house on Streeter Pond Drive that is abandoned and can the town do anything. Jennifer will call DES as there is a current demolition permit and wetland permit in place. Concern that the owner cannot demo until such time as a building permit is approved. The owner had previously gone to the ZBA for a variance that was not granted on the rebuild. Also questioned was the condition of a second property and the fence falling.

The board discussed a report that people were occupying the basement of a property on Training Field Road that does not have a certificate of occupancy. The board will send a letter and have the owner set up a building and fire inspection.

The board discussed the removal of the old maple trees at the Meetinghouse and whether to dig up or grind the stumps. The board will go over at their next meeting to look around and decide how many new trees should be planted.

The highway department has taken possession of the new to them backhoe. Final cost after trade in is \$47,300 and that will come from existing Capital Reserve Funds.

Chief Ho-Sing-Loy has ordered the new police vehicle for delivery in 2024. The dealer will only give a \$4,000 trade in so the town will attempt to sell outright. New vehicle is 58,867.80. Chief Ho-Sing-Loy received an ARPA grant in the amount of \$40,000 for the new vehicle and the balance will come from existing Capital Reserve Funds.

Margo reported that she attended the meeting with area towns regarding ambulance regionalization and that it was a good meeting with good conversation. There will be a meeting in the future with the representatives working on the project.

The board approved a building permit for Clark Houx at Map 222, Lot 24 on Hadley Road for a new barn.

Chris Ellms will follow up with Matt Koehler on his visit with Eversource at the town forest.

The board approved the use of the Crapo Building front lawn by Harman's for vendors on the following dates:

September 1-4, 22-25, 29 – October 2 and October 6-9.

The board was concerned with parking and will ask the museum volunteers if they can park at the former Burpee property on these dates. Jennifer will advise Brenda of the boards concern regarding traffic control especially on Columbus Day weekend.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of August 21st, 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 September 11, 2023, at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant