

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– October 2, 2023

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

Guests: Jordan Applewhite

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board will not meet on Monday October 9th in lieu of the holiday and town offices will be closed.

The board received a resident's request for a town report dedication.

JORDAN APPLEWHITE met with the board to further discuss the community power options and how best to move the process forward. Discussed if community power is the best option or buying through a broker. One downside to broker is a being locked in for two years. With coalition you can leave any time and it is reviewed every six months. There was a question if there is a cancellation fee. Next step for the coalition is the town votes on an electric aggregation plan at town meeting. The board discussed the best way to disseminate information to the residents prior to town meeting. Jordan will put together some short information snippets to put in the newsletter each week. Also discussed including some information in the tax bill.

Jennifer advised the board that Health Trust has some new proposed rates for health and dental but they are not approved by the Health Trust board yet. Significant increases in both.

The board received a request for a town representative for the Safe Route to School project. There is training involved and Chris Ellms will follow up for more details.

Jennifer confirmed with the board a resident requesting putting in a septic system prior to a building permit being issued is acceptable.

The board discussed shed size and feel that sheds 10 x 16 and up should have a permit regardless of having a foundation or not.

MS. CONNORS shared with the board members some possible zoning amendments that the Planning Board has been working on. They will have a work meeting on Wednesday October 11th at 5:30 pm. at the Crapo Building with Tara Bamford on zoom.

Jennifer reported that the Road Agent and Police Department have driven the roads and many properties have signs that do not meet the setbacks. There will be a couple weeks to see if people conform and then letters will go out.

The board approved a building permit for Tim & Rebecca Burbank, Map 230 Lot 7.2 for installation of a barn that is being rebuilt on their property pending conditions from Dave Wiley.

The board approved a solar permit for Howard and Amy Mitz Map 218 Lot 24 pending approval conditions from Chief Clark.

The board approved the use of the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse by the Cote Family on June 28, 2024.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to approve the minutes of September 25th, 2023 seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. 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 6:30 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday October 16, 2023, at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
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