

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– November 13, 2023

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

Guests: Kenneth Leavitt, Nick DeMayo, Hugh Hawkins, Brendan Gill via telephone

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

BRENDAN GILL from Vertex Towers contacted the town previously about a possible tower placement on town property behind the highway garage off South Road. The board had Mr. Gill call in to provide some additional information. They would be looking at a Mono Tube Tower approximately 130' tall. The height allows for them to service up to five providers. They would need a special exception from the zoning board under essential services. The board asked if they could fly a balloon to show the height etc. The town is interested and a sample lease will be sent for the town attorney to review. This is just preliminary conversation. Local FIRE/EMS/POLICE would also have use of the top space on the tower. Monthly rents could be 1600-1800 a month. There was a question about 5G.

KENNETH LEAVITT met with the board on behalf of his family and asked for a retraction of the recently adopted Equality Resolution. Mr. Leavitt read a letter he prepared for the board. The board thanked Mr. Leavitt for his time and presentation to the board.

HUGH HAWKINS met with the board and stated that he did not think the board should allow any resolutions in town. He would like to see the board rescind the Equality Resolution as it is inviting problems. Mr. Hawkins second question was regarding trimming the budget and the fact that the town currently donates around \$6,000 to various social service agencies. It appears the tax payer is paying twice. Suggested a 526 account that would allow residents to make donations to that account and the board could use those funds to support the agencies. The board will reach out to NHMA to see if they are aware of any towns using a 526 account. The board does not support every donation request. Any new requests are brought to town meeting and voted on. Most agencies provide the board with how many residents are assisted by them.

NICK DEMAYO asked the board to provide a NH Flag for downstairs in the Crapo Building and felt that the board should have both the US Flag and the State Flag in the Select Board Office. In addition, Mr. DeMayo would like the board to start their meetings with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board discussed the residents request to rescind the Equality Resolution and feel that it should be addressed at Town Meeting.

There will be two hearings for Community Power with Franconia and Bethlehem at the Profile School Library on December 7th and 14th at 6:00pm. The town will also hold a community power hearing on Monday December 18th at 6:00pm at the Crapo Building. The board will include community power information with the tax bill mailing.

The board received a thank you letter for the Sugar Hill Fire participating in the Profile Soccer victory parade.

The board received a letter from Representative Kuster's North Country Constituent Service & Outreach Coordinator offering to meet with the board if desired.

The board is reviewing the amendments that the Planning Board will be proposing to the current Zoning Regulations.

The board discussed the Rules of Procedure for the Select Board and will review and discuss again next week.

The board received a request from a resident regarding the mail not being delivered for five days again. The board will reach out to Lisbon Office.

The board reviewed a draft of Select Board policies and procedures and will hope to have ready for review next week.

The Zoning Board will have a hearing on November 28th for Ryan Coulter for a variance as the building proposed does not meet setbacks.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to approve the minutes of November 6, 2023, seconded by MR. ELLMS. 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 6:40 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday November 20, 2023, at the Carolina Crapo Building @ 5:00PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
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