

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– November 20, 2023

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

Guests: Nick Altonaga, NCC, Nick DeMayo, Kenneth Leavitt, Ed Hansalik

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Town Offices will be closed on Thursday November 23, 2023 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

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 signed the 2023 tax warrant. The board signed the 2023 Healthtrust rate sheet.

The board has received legal review of the Vortex Lease, and prior to the meeting received a review from Primex. The board will review both and discuss next week.

NICK ALTONAGA from NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL met with the board at their request to follow up on how to improve the Main Street area and slow down traffic at the same time. Mr. Altonaga did say that NCC could do a popup next year during one the event weekends. The board would like for the area out front to appear as a town center. Possible signs on either end of street welcoming people to the Village of Sugar Hill was discussed as well as plantings. Nick also noted that delineator posts that come out in the winter may be a possibility. Anything like that would go through State DOT. Nick discussed some of the results of a study recently done in Bethlehem on Route 302. He will get back to the board in the new year.

ED HANSALIK met with the board to continue the previous conversation regarding the Equality Resolution passed by the board. Mr. Hansalik is concerned that the resolution violates citizens right to resolve and is discriminatory and demands the Select Board rescind the resolution. The board will get a second opinion, this time from Town Counsel regarding the resolution.

The board will continue to review a draft of Select Board policies and procedures.

The board discussed the Indian Brook Project and will get clarification on when monies will be paid to Michie Corporation for the replacement.

The board will review the Tri Town Minutes from 11-6-23.

MS. CONNORS made a motion to add Christopher Kramer to the Energy Committee, seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed.

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 13, 2023, seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday November 27, 2023, at the Carolina Crapo Building @ 5:00PM.

Respectfully submitted:

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