

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING– January 29, 2024

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

Guests: Road Agent Doug Glover, Nick De Mayo, Ken Leavitt, Becca Leavitt, Sam Mealey, Larry & Judy Sawyer, Nancy Martland, Fred & Claire Von Karls, James Snyder, Evan Carmean

Budget Hearing Date: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6:00 pm.

ROAD AGENT DOUG GLOVER met with the board to discuss his 2024 highway budget. Doug also discussed with the board the roads that would need repair in the spring to include, Presby, Hadley, Blake, Nason, Center District and Streeter Pond Extension. Once the road committee meets in the spring 2024 paving will be discussed. Margo asked if Doug had been advised of regular meetings with Eversource as they come in and start their road work to existing tower locations. Doug advised the board that he will meet with Town Engineer Red McCarthy and Mr. Tardelli on Birches Road regarding the drainage concerns. Conversation included a pond on Easton Road that was worked on without a wetlands permit. Concern about water overtaking the culvert and draining on someone else's property. Doug discussed the condition of the Building and Grounds truck that is used for cemetery, town groundskeeping and in winter for plowing town building parking lots. The truck will not be able to be inspected this year and is a 2011 that was first used by highway and then passed down. Doug has gotten prices from North Country Ford and will get additional pricing and lease information. Ford three-year lease \$61,000. The truck has been redone previously Doug will also contact the White Farm.

DICK BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes and non-public minutes of January 22, 2024, seconded by CHRIS ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board received a copy of the Eversource U178 Wetlands Permit.

The board received a draft of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan to review. Once done the plan will be submitted as complete. Margo asked about action items and Chief Ho-Sing-Loy will start on the culvert inventory this year.

The board received a new MOA from the State of NH for the Crane Hill Road Project.

The board signed the following Intent to Cut Wood or Timber:  
Heidi Boedecker/Chris Snitko Map 228, Lot 9.1 9.2 Toad Hill Road  
Marc Prisco Map 211, Lot 6 Blake Road

The board approved the use of the Crapo Building on Wednesday mornings from 9-12 beginning Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup> by the Pine Hill Singers. Also approved was the use of the Meetinghouse for a concert on June 2, 2024.

The board approved the use of the Meetinghouse by the Willing Workers on 11/21-11/23 for their annual holiday fair.

The board signed off on a stone wall removal and replacement on Crane Hill Road by Eversource. The town attorney okayed the sign off.

Public Comment:

NICK DE MAYO asked the board about the Tri Town Meeting last week. The board gave a quick overview of several warrant articles that will be placed on the warrant. A baler and container for the Transfer Station and a small bus for the recreation program. Sugar Hill would pay 29% on the transfer costs and 35% on the recreation costs. Nick also asked about the road committee report and Jen will send.

LARRY SAWYER asked about the new baler fitting in existing structure and it will. By having the new baler, they will not rehire another person. They will look to NRRRA for any grant funding.

KEN LEAVITT asked about the rules and procedures adoption. Questioned the time for people to speak. The public comment will be three minutes. Jen will end copy of rules.

The board moved to Non-public session at 6:00pm

Specific Statutory Reason cited as foundation for the nonpublic session:

RSA 91-A:3, II (a) *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, **unless** the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.*

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session: Margo Connors-Yes, Richard Bielefield-Yes Chris Ellms – Yes,

Motion to seal the minutes made by Richard Bielefield, seconded Chris Ellms, because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective

Roll Call Vote to seal minutes: Margo Connors – Yes, Richard Bielefield – Yes, Chris Ellms -Yes.  
Motion: PASSED

Motion to leave nonpublic session and adjourn at 7:00 pm., by Margo Connors, seconded by Dick Bielefield. Motion: PASSED

With no more business before the Board, CHRIS ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by RICHARD BIELEFIELD the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday February 5, 2024, at 5:00pm. at the Crapo Building to be followed by the 2024 Budget Hearing at 6:00pm,

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette  
Administrative Assistant