

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING– March 18, 2024**

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

Guests: Jennifer, Marilyn & Steve Monsein, Brian Beaulieu, John Colony, Sara Pinney,  
John Barth, Betsy Holcombe, Mary Sturtevant, Martha Evelyn

RICHARD BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of March 11, 2024, seconded by CHRIS ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The board signed the NHDRA Municipal Assessment Data Certification.

The board signed the online tax mapping contract with Cartographic Associates.

The board received approval for construction for a septic system at Map 219, Lot 12 for Dennis M. Jean.

Jennifer noted that there is not a building permit for the project on Route 117 at the Chaisson residence. The building inspector will stop this week and a letter has been sent to the owner.

MR. ELLMS made a motion to reappoint planning board members, Robert Hayward, James, Keefe, and Patricia Robertson to three-year terms, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously. The board will send a letter to David Thurston thanking him for his 33 years of service on the Planning Board.

Jennifer updated the board on the building and grounds truck. Doug has found a truck from Crosstown Motors, a Dodge Ram that came in under the previous prices. In addition, he will purchase the plow separately and it will be installed by the highway department. This combination will save approximately \$4,500 and it is expected that when the truck arrives at the end of summer there will be an additional rebate for savings. The truck will be ordered.

The board approved a solar permit for Philip deRham, Map 214, Lot 16 pending the Fire Chief's review and conditions.

The board reviewed a building permit for Alfred Charles John Etzel III for a new home on Map 214, Lot 39.2. A full set of plans has been requested for the building inspector.

The board signed the DRA-MS232 Appropriations as voted.

MARGO CONNORS updated the board that NHECOOP plans to have broadband to their customers by the end of March, early April. It is important to go online and sign up. Consolidated Communications anticipates their broadband by end of 2025. Committee member Michael Morely has driven over the entire town and mapped the view sensitive areas. This is in hopes of minimizing future line changes in the view shed.

MARGO noted that Article 6 failed regarding owner occupied accessory uses. The Select Board will need to work on the Short-Term Rental Definition as Article 8 passed.

CHRIS ELLMS discussed the need for the board to take a ride and see the existing areas where Eversource will be putting access points. In addition, abutting property owners need to be advised what will be happening to their land and we need a work schedule from Eversource as it effects the town roads. A building permit was received from Stantec for Eversource Structure Replacement Projects off Streeter Pond Road. This is for three proposed structures in the Streeter Pond Switchyard area that will result in seven new poles requiring concrete foundations.

CHIEF CLARK met with the board to update them on FEMA and that the 2017 storm settlement is being discussed. Should have one final review and then the board will have a hearing regarding unanticipated funds. Chief Clark has updated the Solar Permit and will provide for review. Chief Clark advised that there is a new regional hazmat team for the area. There will be some fee to belong. FF1 includes HazMat training. The Indian Brook Project needs confirmed dates and must be completed by June 1 and then paperwork by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment:**

Several questions regarding the possible burying of lines in the view shed along Route 117. Discussion of lowering the speed limit on Route 117 to one speed and Margo noted that Carl Martland, Sugar Hills representative to North Country council is working on it. Also that the town has discussed moving the First Ski School sign to a pull off lower down the road that would be safer for people pulling off to see it.

Motion to enter Nonpublic Session made by Chris Ellms seconded by Margo Connors

Specific Statutory Reasons 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.*

*RSA 91 A-5 VI Records pertaining to matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions, including training to carry out such functions, developed by local or state safety officials that are directly intended to thwart a deliberate act that is intended to result in widespread or severe damage to property or widespread injury or loss of life.*

The board moved to Non-public session at 5:45pm

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

Motion to seal the minutes made by Margo Connors, 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 6:15 pm., by Chris Ellms, 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 6:15 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday March 25, 2024, at 5:00pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette  
Town Administrator