

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– April 15, 2024

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

Guests: Betsy Holcombe, Nancy Martland, Judy Sawyer, Fred & Claire Von Karls,
Jen Monsein, Marilyn Monsein, John Colony, Chief Mike Ho-Sing-Loy, Fire Chief
Allan Clark

RICHARD BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes, of April 1, 2024, seconded by CHRIS ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

Community Power Update: The Sugar Hill Website will go live on April 26th. Public Hearing May 6, 4:00 pm at Crapo Building. Letters will go out to all customers of Eversource and NHECOOP. People will then have time to opt out. June the switch will be made, July bill will show the change. It is believed that net metering customers will receive a letter as well. Margo has discussed the question of what if the town decides to leave the coalition what happens? Residents may opt out at any time. Will get some confirmation about process of leaving and share with the town attorney.

MR. ELLMS made a motion to accept the 2024 Hazardous Mitigation Plan Update, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously. Chief Clark and Chief Ho-Sing-Loy also need to sign the final draft.

Jennifer updated the board that the first FEMA check for the Indian Brook Creek Project has come in. Once the water levels are down the project will resume.

MARGO CONNORS discussed the upcoming lupine season and how best the town can help to assist with parking and other issues that continue to pop up. Some residents will be mowing their fields this year. Margo thought if there are designated viewing spots and perhaps a map for that and parking areas it would help. Contact will be made with the Chamber of Commerce as to their involvement with Lupine season. The Willing Workers will be having a sale on June 8th at the Meetinghouse.

The Crane Hill Bridge MOA needed to be signed after it was amended by the State. Margo will reach out to the botanist that has been assigned to the project.

The board reviewed a Shoreland Permit submitted by Presby Construction for a small bridge on Map 204, Lot 1 Streeter Pond Road.

The board received a copy of an Administrative Order from NHDES to the Jeff & Jennifer Sabados regarding their land on Map 221, Lot 7, Work is required by the owners to restore and repair the land that was cleared.

The board reviewed a request for a Zoning Permit from Michael Cavanaugh Map 214, Lot 32 at 580 Route 117 to create addition apartments in the building. Currently there are two apartments in the building and a single-family home on the property. A variance would be required.

There is interest in the property located at Map 206, Lot 15 298 Route 18 the location of the former dog kennel. The question was if the two septic systems would be acceptable and if the kennel could then be converted to an ADU. The most recent system 2017 was done for the kennel and meets standards.

The Select Board and SHCC have drafted a letter to Robert Scott, Commissioner of NHDES regarding the NCES Landfill, Granite State Landfill Development with their concerns and request that NHDE and NHDOT deny the wetland and driveway permits.

The board approved a building permit for Withington, Houbolt Trust Map 227, Lot 13.1 for windows, insulation, siding, and update plumbing and electric.

The board has issued a final building permit for Harry and Patty Robertson on Map 221, Lot 4.1 for a new home with the existing home to be removed upon completion of the new house.

The board approved the permit for Stantec for the Eversource Structure Replacement Project of Streeter Pond Road. Map 204, Lot 9. The existing driveway will be used.

The board discussed short term rentals. They will review Franconia, Easton and Gorham permits and policies. This would be for rentals 30 days or less. The board needs to create a form and decide what the town process will be. Some areas that towns can consider are parking, septic, and water test. Should there be an inspection or do you go with voluntary/honor system. Some towns have the applicant go through a site plan process. CHIEF CLARK noted that he is restricted on what can be inspected. Must have Smoke and Carbon monoxide alarms, safe egress, no electrical issues. Chief Clark has done inspections in Easton and most issues were easily fixed and involved the alarms. NANCY MARTLAND asked about the liability if the town does inspections. Chief Clark said that Fire Code indemnifies him. MARILYN MONSEIN asked what the trend is and how many do we think are currently in Sugar Hill? How can the town police it and would there be a penalty for those that do not comply with a permit process. The board will discuss again on May 13th at 6:00pm.

With no more business before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. ELLMS the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday April 22, 2024, at 5:00pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator