

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING– April 7, 2025**

Present: Chris Ellms, Dick Bielefield, Rusty Talbot  
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Kathy Jablonski, Betsy Holcombe, Chris Kramer,  
Claudia & Richard Hunt

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, of March 31, 2025 seconded by MR. TALBOT. The motion passed unanimously.

The board received the latest U199 updates.

The Town Clerk received information on HB 2 will which increase fees for MV Registrations. She will write a letter to her representatives against the bill.

The Select Board signed a Current Use Application for Jeff & Jennifer Sabados Map 228, Lot 4.

The Town Clerk requested the Select Board to formally vote to purchase the Dominion ImageCast Precinct 2 ballot casting device. After a brief discussion, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to purchase the Dominion ImageCast Precinct 2 ballot counting device, seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

The board received additional information from NHMA regarding the Zoning Mandates in front of the NH House.

Jennifer received a power point presentation on Ordinances and Bylaws that the board can review and discuss in the future.

The board signed two Land Use Change Tax Bills.

The board approved the building permit for the 1810 house for a demolition and rebuild of an enclosed porch. Map 219, Lot 65.

The board opened the meeting for public comment. Christopher Kramer from Pearl Lake Road had concerns regarding the cutting that has taken place on his property. Cutting the tops of apple trees and leaving a mess. The Road Agent and the Police Chief have had interactions and Jennifer will get a contact number.

Claudia and Richard Hunt asked the board for advice regarding the proposed subdivision taking place on Dyke Road. The Planning Board had a preliminary hearing and the Hunt's would like advice on what they can do. Claudia noted that in looking at the Natural Resources Map upstairs in the Crapo Building it shows a stream running across the property with the proposed subdivision. Their main concern is with this area already has drainage issue with water running

down the road and with three plus new driveways the additional water would cause problems. Will the owners be required to file wetlands permits? The property is all ledge. The Hunt's feel that the proposal is a big risk to the eco system and there is a need to preserve these natural resources for future generations. They asked the board members if they would like to walk their property. Concerned that the twenty years of water patterns will be destroyed. Will there be a need for an Alteration of Terrain Permit from DES. Mr. Ellms felt that the Planning Board would request a Site Plan Review and will look at Wetlands and engineering. The Hunt's were disappointed that they thought another buyer had a purchase and sale on the property but they were told at the Planning Board meeting that there was not another buyer. Larry Sawyer from the SH Conservation Commission noted that the watershed continues down to Creamery Pond where there have been several washouts. The board advised that the driveway permits were submitted but nothing will be acted on until such time as the Town Engineer Red McCarthy reviews the plan and sees if they can meet the new driveway regulations. In addition, the road is heavily traveled and the even if they had one driveway that the lots came off there would still be water issues flooding Dyke Road. The driveways could cause other people's property to be unusable. The Hunt's would like to ensure that if approved it is done right for all involved.

With no more business before the Board, MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. TALBOT, the meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday April 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Public Hearing: Unanticipated Funds RSA 31:95-b Section III, and RSA 91A:2. The board explained that the Grafton County ARPA funds of \$19,046.00 would be expended for new air packs for the Fire Department. The FEMA funds of \$255,714.75 received in 2024 and 2025 for the Streeter Pond Road/Indian Brook Bridge Replacement will be returned to the Bridge CRF by Warrant in 2025 and 2026. MR. TALBOT made a motion to accept \$274,760.75 in FEMA and ARPA funds, seconded by MR. ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette  
Town Administrator