

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Joel Cope, Mark Castonguay, Joe Arborio, Ray Fontaine, Bill Hawkins, Krystyna Kurzej, Anne Budrewicz, Tom Donnellan and Lisa Moore

Chairperson, Doug Niles called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Update Agenda: Anne Budrewicz and Joe Arborio

Public Comment: none

Tom Donnellan spoke about the concerns he and other residents have about speeding on Pleasant Street. He requested that Jeff Noyes sit in his driveway, preferably between 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. This is a time when many people are walking on Pleasant St. and also coming home from work and when Sweet Tree employees are leaving work. Tom also suggested that we get a towable sign that shows the speed limit and how fast your car is going when you pass it. Doug made a motion in favor of obtaining one of these signs and also to request for Jeff to patrol Pleasant St. for speeders in the afternoons. Jonathan seconded the motion. All in favor.

Krystyna Kurzej is concerned about a tree that is leaning toward her house. She would like to have it cut down. The tree is in the Town's right of way but the property may not be owned by Krystyna. The Selectboard has no issues with having the tree cut down, but advised Krystyna that she should obtain the land owner's permission before going ahead with this.

Anne Budrewicz had a complaint about Joel Cope's response to a zoning issue. Anne observed construction on 211 Cottage Street and noticed that there was no "P" sign showing that they had a permit. She went to Joel about her concern and Joel explained that they did not need a permit because they told him they were only replacing an existing deck that was within the same square footage as the previous one. Anne pointed out that the people also built a deck above. The selectboard explained to Anne that this was not a permit situation.

Joe Arborio informed the selectboard that Ashley Maxwell's dog bit someone. The dog has been put in quarantine for 10 days. Bruce Rolfe went and talked with Ashley and verified that the dog's vaccines are up to date.

Joe Arborio got a call on September 19th about a garbage violation at 10 Cross Street. He went to the site and observed garbage on the landing of the stairwell. He also noticed that the landing is severely slanted and disconnected from the building. He has contacted the Department of Public Safety on this matter. He also tried to contact the building owner with no success.

Joe also read a draft letter of a Health Order he intends to send to the building's owner which points out the violations and concerns.

Pleasant Street Drainage: A property owner has a complaint about a drainage pipe across from Tom Donnellan's that drains into his lot. Doug Niles said that since that person was not present at the meeting the board would not take any action at this time.

VLCT: Joel informed the Board that the VLCT fair is coming up and he plans to attend. He asked the board if they would like him to be their voting delegate. Jonathan would like Joel to provide him with more information on the fair before deciding this. Joel will be sending him a link.

Chamber of Commerce: Tabled until next meeting.

Gym Floor: Bill Hawkins said they will be starting work on the gym floor on October 13th. It will take approximately two weeks to dry.

Roads: Mark says the roads are in good shape. There has been little rain so that has helped. Head of the Pond Road is perfect.

Recreation grant for tennis & basketball courts: Joel shared that we have a grant for up to \$6,000 to do the tennis and basketball courts next year. It is a 50/50 grant, so we have to match every dollar spent. Doug is hoping that the input from the upcoming Community Visit will indicate whether the town's people are interested in allocating more money to recreation. Krystyna said she would be interested in helping to run a recreation program for children. Doug invited Krystyna to attend the Recreation forum at the Community Visit.

Personnel Policy: Jonathan suggested that they meet one Saturday morning for a Special meeting to discuss this and also to address ATV's.

Stormwater Project Update: The job went out for a new bid. Alliance was the low bidder at \$223,355. They expect to start the project within two weeks and finish in November. The project was re-bid to include the Derby Street sub-watershed identified in the planning study. They will be putting in the culvert under the road and later plan to do the catch basins. They will team up with Mark Castonguay at that time so they can coordinate the timing of paving.

Tax mapping proposal update: Joel looked into this and found out that there is no money for updates. He is still collecting information on this but he doesn't want to disrupt what we already have in place with NEMRC.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: Special Meeting Minutes of September 20th and regular meeting minutes of September 7th were reviewed. Jonathan made a motion to accept the minutes and Jim seconded the motion. All in favor.

Other Business: Joel asked if there was any interest in offering a flu clinic. The selectboard thinks there are already enough clinics available to the public.

The board feels that before moving ahead with the ATV ordinance, we need to get public input on what roads should be open to ATVs.

Joel will start providing the board with copies of the VLCT paper.

Jonathan mentioned that we may be able to use the Legion storage building for our generator rather than having to build a building. Joel will talk to Brad Charron about whether we can decide ourselves

about the generator room or whether it needs to meet specs. Jonathan made a motion to put Joel in charge of the generator room. Jim seconded the motion; all in favor.

Bill Hawkins had his eye surgery which went well, but he can't lift anything heavy. He will have Paul Maxwell helping him at the recycling center.

Krystyna will be coming in to find out what the penalty charge is for owners not picking up their dogs waste. If she thinks it is too low, she would like to be added to the next agenda.

Adjourn: Jonathan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jim seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.