

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 6, 2018**

**Present:** Michael Strait, Jonathan O’Keefe, Raymond Fontaine, Ed Barber, Mark Castonguay, Joel Cope, Doug Niles, David Berge and Lisa Moore

Michael Strait called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Update:** David Berge office move and rental proposition

David Berge is interested in moving his present office space into another available office space at the Railroad Depot building. He proposed that in exchange for renting the space long term at a discount rate that he would do some improvements to the space such as sanding the floor, painting and putting in a private bath at his expense. He requested that all of the windows and electrical outlets be checked out and that some cabinets be removed before he rented the space. Michael Strait said that the selectboard would like to look at the space before making a decision and that they will get back to him with a decision this this month.

**Public Comment:** None

**Ambulance Update:** There was discussion concerning the invoice submitted by LRI for ambulance services. The new contract was not executed until May 23, 2018, therefore, the prior months of January through May 22<sup>nd</sup> should have been billed in accordance with the terms of the old contract. A letter was written and a payment schedule was provided to Jon Bouffard which pointed out the discrepancy and explained that we will pay the current amount invoiced but that it should be allocated in accordance with the payment schedule. Jonathan O’Keefe made a motion to sign the letter. Michael Strait seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel is still sorting through the rules and regulations and figuring out the application process for a license for our own ambulance service. He needs to have staffing first, before submitting the application which may take 1-3 months to approve. He suggested that we may need a part time person to help move this process along.

**Buildings & Maintenance:** At the last selectboard meeting the fire department members were given the option to move the old '72 fire truck out of the building or the trailer, in order to make room for the ambulance van. At this time the new ambulance van still sits outside. It was decided that the selectboard will meet once again, Monday night, June 11<sup>th</sup>, to discuss this issue and the matter of the cost of work being done on the old '72 fire truck. Joel will warn the meeting.

Heather Robinson Johnson did a park improvement project with the local school children. The children weeded the park and our wetland area.

Joel is working on a \$50,000 grant from USDA to put toward a new ambulance or toward equipment that will be needed for the ambulance. There is no grant money left this year from USDA, but there will be next year. Joel was advised to start the grant process early, so he is doing it now.

The Planning Commission has suggested that we have doggie bags available in the park area. Ray will order two post stations made for this with bags and a place to put the bags in after use. They will be placed in the pavilion and basketball court area.

#### **Roads:**

The board discussed the roads that are open to ATV's and whether they had heard of any complaints. There haven't been any. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to allow ATV people to use the same roads as last year. Michael Strait seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Eric Pope from Vtrans contacted Joel Cope to let him know that they are almost ready to put out a bid for the completion of the Arthur John Road culvert job. They are just waiting for a hydraulic study to come back.

Jim Ryan from the Dept. of Environmental Conservation wrote a letter explaining that the Town must sign a Notice of Intent in order to obtain a Municipal Roads General Permit for stormwater discharges from municipal roads. This permit requires that certain municipal roads achieve state standards to reduce erosion and sediment runoff into state waters. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to sign

the Notice of Intent for the permit. Michael Strait seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried. Michael then signed the Notice.

Mark Castonguay said that the past week he has been working on the Head of the Pond Road area by Chuck Roth's. He says that the roads are in good shape.

Joel said that on Friday there would be a meeting with KC to check out what needs to be done on Mill Street, and fix the pavement out by the bank and to see what has to be done on Derby Street. Mark Castonguay, road foreman, was asked to be present at this time.

**Recreation Department:** Doug Niles said that the road crew will be helping him tomorrow to resurface the ball park infield.

Doug just attended a NEK Collaborative Recreation, Food and Arts Task Force meeting. This helped him to make networking contacts with Catamount Arts.

Doug attended a Red Cross Water Safety Instructor course and he passed the course. He is just finishing up some last online work and then he will be certified instructor that is able to provide swimming lessons.

The board discussed with Doug the options of how he would be paid for providing the swimming lessons. He can get paid hourly from the Recreational Department fund at the same rate as the Town already pays him within the same amount of hours that he was approved by the Town at Town meeting or he can carry his own insurance under Red Cross and we could subcontract with them.

Doug said that he will need the basketball court space for all of 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend for foosball rinks. He may have to rope it off that Saturday night.

There will be swimming lessons starting July 16<sup>th</sup> at the State Beach.

**Tire Recycling:** Joel Cope has been in touch with the NEK Waste District about coming to Island Pond for another tire recycling day. The cost will be \$2.00 per tire. The selectboard proposed a date of October 20. Joel will follow up on this with NEK Waste District to be sure that date will work for them.

**Pay Orders:** Pay orders were reviewed, approved and signed by the board.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Jonathan O'Keefe made a motion to approve the minutes. Michael Strait seconds the motion, so carried.

**Other Business:** There is a tree on Fitzgerald Avenue with dead overhanging limbs above the road. This is a danger to the public right of way. Joel Cope will be sending a letter to the land owners requesting them to trim it.

Neal Perry wrote a letter to the Selectboard concerning Friday Night Live town events. He suggested that the hours of this event be changed from 6-10PM to 5-9PM. His concerns were about the allowance of alcohol consumption and the noise level after 9PM. He suggested that if alcohol were consumed, that it be in a restricted area where children were not allowed. The board discussed his concerns and decided that all in all the event has had positive outcomes just the way it is and they don't feel that it needs to be changed. They realize that from time to time there may be a problem, but that is expected when you get any large turnout of people.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.