

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2010

Chairman Harry C. Merrow called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM. Present were: Harry C. Merrow, E. Morton Leavitt, Kathleen M. Maloney and Dayna Rousseau, Office Manager, who recorded the minutes.

Merrow motioned to approve the minutes of the June 14th meeting. Maloney seconded, all were in favor.

A thank you letter was received from the US Census for use of the building for recruiting and training.

A letter regarding the town hall insulation project was received.

There was a short discussion regarding the energy committee. Low attendance has been a problem. Reducing the number of meetings to quarterly instead of monthly, and having a set agenda may improve involvement. It will be addressed again next week.

The Highway Work Log was received.

A request for funds for White Mountain Survey was received from the Trustees of Trust Funds for the sidewalk project. Maloney moved to approve, Leavitt seconded, all were in favor.

A response was received from the UNH VP for Financial Planning regarding the Lord Scholarship.

An update regarding the Perambulation of the Ossipee/Tuftonboro town lines was received from the Tuftonboro Town Administrator. Paul King will be sending us a report about this soon.

An abatement application was received from the assessor for Whittier Lifts, LLC. Merrow moved to deny the abatement, Leavitt seconded, all were in favor.

A letter was received from White Mountain Survey regarding the sidewalk project.

A letter was received from Lakes Region Planning Commission requesting community participation in an exploratory committee to assess interest in re-establishing a scenic byway committee. Merrow suggested we look at this later, as Ossipee is not really impacted by this plan. The route is around Lake Winnepesaukee and along Route 25 into West Ossipee only.

An intent to cut was received for Map 223, Lot 1. Merrow moved to approve, Leavitt seconded, all were in favor.

An intent to cut was received for Map 89, Lot 4. Merrow moved to approve, Leavitt seconded, all were in favor.

Contracts for Use of Facilities were received from the Main St. Program for the Beech River Run, Farmers Market, and Rubber Ducky Race. Merrow moved to approve all of these, Maloney seconded, all were in favor.

A dog license report was received from the Town Clerk's office. Merrow moved to approve, Maloney seconded, all were in favor.

A request was received to reevaluate taxing above ground swimming pools. After discussion with the assessor, it was determined that pools are in fact taxable features of real property, and we will continue to do so.

Several abatements were received for property owned by the Witherell family. These are administrative due to lot mergers that were not done in time for the tax billing. Merrow moved to approve, Maloney seconded, all were in favor.

A supplemental bill for property owned by the Witherell family was reviewed. This is administrative due to the lot mergers, and an increase in lot sizes for the 4 remaining lots. Merrow motioned to approve, Leavitt seconded, all were in favor.

An abatement application was reviewed for property owned by Michael Valeri. The house was assessed incorrectly, as it was not placed on the property until April 2nd. This will be taxable for 2011. Merrow moved to approve, Maloney seconded, all were in favor.

An abatement application was reviewed for property owned by James Varzakis. After inspection of the property, it was determined that the structure is in unlivable condition. Merrow moved to approve, Maloney seconded, all were in favor.

Bids for fuel were opened. They will be reviewed by Brad Harriman, Public Works Director. He will determine which company will best suit our needs and offers the best pricing.

Old Business

Time Warner Cable sent a letter to the Board, explaining that putting cable in the Water Village and Granite areas of town is not a financially feasible project due to the lower population density. Maloney explained there may be grant money somewhere that will help provide cable services.

New Business

Merrow explained a situation on Deer Cove Road and some drainage problems there have been.

Tomorrow (June 22nd) there will be a tour of the lake with neighboring town's Selectmen as well as representatives from the State of NH to view the lake levels. A meeting will ensue thereafter, to discuss some of the research that has been done with regard to ownership of the lake at the 410' level.

Discussion regarding milfoil treatment occurred. A contract for permits from the state was agreed to, and that application portion is done. It is not a contract for treating the lake at this time.

Public Input

Chester "Ski" Kwiatkowski asked if everyone needed to approve the chemical treatment of the lake for milfoil infestation. It was explained to him that yes, notification is for approval options for residents.

Elizabeth Gillette discussed the Windows on the Ossipee site and orchids and planning for foresting the property to retain the view. She expressed her desire for blueberry bushes to be planted, along with a new birch tree species that someone may have discovered.

Maloney moved to adjourn at 5:15 PM, Merrow seconded, all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Harry C. Merrow, Chairman _____

E. Morton Leavitt _____

Kathleen M. Maloney _____

To be approved June 28, 2010