

SELECTMEN'S MEETING – August 31, 2009

Present: Richard Bielefield, John J. Strasser, Margo Connors
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Nick DeMayo, Jane McIlwaine, Chief Wentworth, Nelson & Lee Progin,
Douglas Amsbary

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

The Selectmen will not be meeting on September 7, 2009 in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

MR. STRASSER made a motion to enter into non-public session to discuss personnel and legal issues at 5:35PM, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of August 31, 2009 and to return to public session at 6:50 PM, seconded by MR. STRASSER.

The Selectmen signed a Land Use Change Tax for Cacio, Map 207 Lot 2.4.

MS. CONNORS questioned the board in regard to how wetlands are tracked in regard to building permits. It was noted that there are three questions in regard to wetlands on the permit application and then it is up to the board if they believe there are wetlands present.

MR. BIELEFIELD stated that the board had operated with an informal process in the past but would now be taking public comment at the beginning of the meetings at 6:00PM. Also the town will provide a form for those people requesting information under the Right to Know Law. MR. STRASSER made a motion that public session would be held at the board's discretion at 6:00, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passes unanimously. There was discussion as to whether the 5 day limit is business days or days actually open. The AA will get clarification.

The board opened the floor to public discussion:

NICK DE MAYO asked the board how people would know if there was not going to be any public session as they may be traveling up to the meeting only to find out they would not be able to speak. The board felt that most meeting nights this time would be allowed but there could be some nights when no public comment would be allowed. If the evening's agenda was unusually full or if the board was having a working session, they technically don't have to take public input. If it is known ahead that there will not be time for public input the office will try and post on the website and in the lobby. Residents are reminded that they may sign up for an appointment time and know that they will be able to speak with the board.

JANE MCILWAINE met with the Selectmen to let them know that she had obtained permission from all but one of the land owners on Sunset Hill Road that about the

sidewalk she would like to see cleaned up. The landowners had no problem with cutting on their property. Mrs. McIlwaine felt that the clean up is necessary from Lafayette Road to Sunset Hill House and from the lookout to the Serafini driveway. She felt that the cutting that was recently done left the area in worse shape than before. Mrs. McIlwaine got an estimate from John Peckett for cutting and cleaning up the area in question. The quote was for labor and rental of a piece of equipment to do the job properly. It was noted that anyone working would need to carry liability insurance. It was also questioned if this was for this year as funds were not in the budget for the project. She has also contacted Profile High School and was made aware that the National Honor Society does participate in volunteer work. Mrs. McIlwaine felt the clean up should be done twice a year in late May and again in mid September. This would keep it in good shape for walkers and safer also. Ms. Connors asked what kind of cutting does the town do, and was told that the highway department uses Wilman Gadwah to do the roadside cutting once each summer. It was agreed that there would be a meeting set up with Mr. Card, Mr. Glover, Mr. Bielefield and Mrs. McIlwaine on Tuesday to discuss the situation.

NELSON & LEE PROGIN met with the Selectmen to inquire as to the next step in the process of obtaining a building permit for their lot located at Map 205, Lot 9. The Selectmen advised the Progin's that a letter requesting the placement of a travel trailer on the lot for one year while the building process is taking place would be required from them. Prior to a building permit being approved they will need to obtain the Energy Audit from the State PUC. The building location will not have any impact on the wetlands as the driveway did.

DOUGLAS AMSBARY met with the Selectmen to inquire why South Road was repaired after a resident complained and yet there are many roads in town that are in worse condition and need repair. The Selectmen explained that due to the continuous logging operation Easton Road is not being repaired until the logging has stopped. Selectman Strasser agreed with Mr. Amsbary as he travels the same roads however the road budget only covers a very small area each year for repaving. It was noted that the road plan that Mr. Glover and former Selectman Mr. Reid presented to the board for acceptance is available on the town website and Mr. Amsbary might like to review the document.

The Selectmen approved a building permit for Steve Czarnecki for a deck with overhang on Toad Hill Road. (Map 228, Lot 10)

The Selectmen approved a building permit for Milton Weiler (Map 214, Lot 10) for three dormers. This permit does not change the footprint but will be kept on file.

It was noted that the Mitz residence has construction of a roof/overhang that may not meet the setbacks. A letter will be sent letting them know a permit and possible a variance could be required.

There was discussion in regard to the kitchen in the Crapo Building and whether changes to the sink and dishwasher are allowed. The plumber that was contacted felt that the kitchen must comply with the Health Department and that the small sink previously

removed may need to be put back in. More information will be required from the Health Department prior to any changes being made.

Barbara Serafini would like the drainage around the Meetinghouse to be checked as the person from the state that looked at the building for the grant application felt the moisture that was causing the paint to peel was because of bad drainage around the building. Mr. Card is going to contact Ms. Serafini.

The State approved the Town's request for the November 1, 2009 extension of the MS-1 Report.

Representatives from PSNH will be stopping by on Thursday the 3rd to update the Town on the Hydro Quebec Line and other PSNH issues.

The Selectmen received information from the North Country Health Consortium in regard to a meeting for the Public Health System. Chief Wentworth and Selectmen Bielefield had previously been involved with this project and Chief Wentworth stated he would like to still be involved. Selectperson Connors will contact Nicole Lapointe to follow up on the meeting and will notify Chief Wentworth.

The Selectmen reviewed the final packet for the Junkyard Ordinance and agreed with the suggestion of having Chief Wentworth hand deliver the letters. If there is no response after 30 days a certified letter will be sent outlining the penalty phase.

The Selectmen received a letter from the Board of Land & Tax Appeals advising that Ned and Theresa Wilson are appealing their assessment that was adjusted with their abatement application. (Map 214, Lot 21)

Jennifer responded to Lisbon's questions about perambulation and asked for additional information and also contacted Franconia and spoke with Sally in regard to Franconia being interested. Sally will be mentioning it to the Franconia Selectmen for future consideration.

The Property Liability representatives from the Local Government Center inspected the playground equipment and also the tennis court this past week. The inspection went well and they will send a written report of any changes that will be required.

MS. CONNORS attended the energy workshop and will give a full report at the next meeting. There is a grant application that Towns can complete to have energy audits done.

It was noted that work continues on Training Field Road and that the sides have been raked out. Also that work continues on the Vickery Road off Route 117.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to amend and accept the minutes of August 17, 2009 to note that Margo Connors attended the Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Energy Workshop on August 20, 2009, seconded by MR. STRASSER. The motion was approved unanimously.

With no more business before the Board, MR. STRASSER made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS. CONNORS the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday, September 14 at the Carolina Crapo Building at 5:30 PM with appointments scheduled at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer P. Gaudette
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