

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– June 17, 2024

Present: Chris Ellms, Margo Connors, Richard Bielefield
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Nancy Martland

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

RICHARD BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes, of June 10, 2024, seconded by CHRIS ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously

The Zoning Board of Adjustment will have a hearing on June 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm at the Crapo Building for a variance for Michael Cavanaugh – Map 214, Lot 10. (Old Map 214, Lot 32)
Applicant proposes adding apartments on the property described on Map 214, Lot 32 in the General Residential District with a street address of 580 Route 117.

The Annual July 4th party will be held at 6:30 PM.

The board received a complaint about the ditching by the highway department on Jesseman Road. MS. CONNORS will send a letter explaining that the road is not being widened and that it is part of annual ditching maintenance to assist with getting the water off the surface of the road. The board will also ask the Chief if the portable speed sign can be placed on Jesseman Road as there was also a complaint of speeding.

The board reviewed a letter from North Country Council regarding their request for a Pop up on Main Street at some point. Jennifer will reach out and ask if they would come in to discuss. In addition, Jennifer will ask if they are still able to place car counters as it would help with the discussions about Blake Road.

The board signed the 2023 Yield Tax Warrants.

The board approved a building permit for Hadley Holdings for a replacement deck at Map 226, Lot 6.

The board reviewed the Crane Hill Bridge Education Program that town Engineer Red McCarthy is working on with the Lafayette Regional School 4th Grade. The program is part of the State Bridge and Cultural Byways Program.

The board reviewed a septic plan and approval for construction for Lisa Waitkus, Map 212, Lot 12, 95 Meadow Lane. The board will send a letter as this appears to be for an accessory use that does not have a building permit.

The board reviewed a septic plan and approval for construction for Kristen Gray, Map 227, Lot 14 Cannon View Drive for a new home.

Jennifer discussed the net metering and will request a check from Eversource.

Margo will pursue information on a grant for additional solar for municipal buildings. She will contact Melissa Elander for assistance. The board felt one location would be behind the Crapo Building.

The board discussed Blake Road and will see if NCC will do a car counter for the town. Road Agent Glover said to pave the road would cost approximately \$350,000.

The board will not meet on Monday, July 8th, 2024.

MR. ELLMS walk of the Town Forest with Matt Koehler the Eversource Community Liaison was postponed.

CHIEF CLARK met with the board to discuss final figures from FEMA for the 2017 storm. The original claim was not approved for various elements. Up sizing culverts on Lafayette Road, only allowing one coat of paving, questions on contracts were some of the issues. Chief Clark advised and those present agreed that the town should settle for the net amount of \$81,129.00.

MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion for Chief Clark to notify FEMA that the town will accept the revised FEMA amount of \$81,129.00, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

LARRY SAWYER met with the board to request their input on adding electricity to the Sexton's shed at the cemetery. The trustees felt it was a safety concern and would be able to have the power connected to the building at no cost by Eversource off a pole on Route 117. The monthly cost would be minimal with just lights and some battery charging for equipment. They will need to hire an electrician for the installation in the shed. The select board felt it was something that should be done.

PETER CARBONNEAU met with the board in regard to having the stumps at the Meetinghouse ground and planting of two new maple. The board asked for Peter to obtain two prices for the work and shared a location for the purchase of the maple trees. The board also requested the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission to consider covering the costs.

LARRY SAWYER confirmed with the board that we have not had a response to a letter the SHCC had sent regarding a DES issue with a pond.

The board will continue to review the short-term rental draft and discussed the requirement for a water test. It was felt that for artisan wells this might not be necessary but that it could be requested for a dug well.

Jennifer has pulled information from area towns for review of our building permit and costs. There appears it would be nice to have a separate permit for demolitions. Jennifer will continue to review and come back to the board with an updated permit and a demo permit.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday June 24, 2024, at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator