Minutes Select Board Meeting July 22, 2024

Attending: Richard Bielefield, Chris Ellms, Margo Connors

Guests: Judy and Larry Sawyer, Claire Von Karls, Mike Claflin, Betsey Holcomb Allan Clark - Fire Chief

Meeting opened at 5 pm. MR. BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes of July 8, 2024, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

Ms. Connors read the Road Committee report aloud.

Ms. Connors needs help from Jennifer to write the final HOP grant report. Ms. Connors will follow up with Carol Miller re BEAD grant information.

Mr. Bielefeld would like to represent the Select Board on the RFQ project for the new bridge. Mr. Elms will contact town engineer, Red McCarthy.

Discussion re NCC Pop Up. Ms. Connors will follow up with Nick Altonaga but the board agreed on his ideas for the event: Center of town - painted crosswalk, painted curb extensions, flower planters, traffic delineators; Sugar Hill Community Church - a sign (Entering the Village Center) and/or delineators; Intersection of NH-117 and Pearl Lake Road - sign (Entering Village Center) and delineators; Sugar Hill Meeting House - possible sign, flower planters and "Welcome to Sugar Hill" sign.

Board agreed that we need to ask landowners about putting a sign below the church and delineators are better than cones.

We could possibly get flowers for planters from Sugar Hill Landscapes.

Board felt that the weekend of 8/15 is best Thursday - Monday.

The Board also discussed the NCC traffic counter on Blake Road. Two counters would be best - one at Route 117 entrance and one at Crane Hill Rd. entrance.

The Board reviewed a septic construction plan - Mason and septic operation approval - Hardy. Board reviewed Eversource refund for solar at the town garage.

Chief Allan Clark gave his quarterly report. There was some discussion about the inevitability of regionalization of both EMS and Fire.

Public Comment: Larry Sawyer asked if the letter from the Gilbert family could be put in the newsletter. It was also suggested that the Gilberts might like to send a letter to the editor to both The Courier and Caledonian Record.

Ms Connors suggested that we continue the building permit discussion at the next meeting.

Ms. Connors handed out a revised STR permit application for Dick and Chris to review.

With no more business before the Board, Mr. Bielefeld made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Connors. The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday, July 29, 2024 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Margo Connors