

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING– August 12, 2024

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

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Brian Beaulieu, Paul Reid, Hugh Hawkins, Aaron Spicer  
NCC Nick Altonaga

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

RICHARD BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes, of August 5, 2024, seconded by CHRIS ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE NICK ALTONAGA met with the board to finalize the pop-up details. The tow has purchase two larger welcome signs for each end. The town has also arranged for flowers from Heath's Greenhouse and Nursery. The pop-up area will be where the current sidewalk is. Nick will send a PDF on the Pop-up Calming Project. Everything will be set on Friday morning. The traffic counters were previously installed and can also give baseline speed data. The Blake Road counters will be installed next week.

HUGH HAWKINS met with the board to discuss any plans for updating and improving the road surface for Streeter Pond Road. In addition, a question if the road can be limited to eliminate the heavy truck traffic it sees now. Discussed the feasibility of the town putting more money in the highway budget for the paving of roads.

AARON SPICER met with the Select Board after receiving a letter from the board regarding a travel trailer on the property and a recent fire that SHPD responded to. Mr. Spicer presented his property plan and the trailer is in Franconia as was the unattended brush fire which he filed for a permit in Franconia. Mr. Spicer stated that he had not had any conversation with Chief Clark regarding the burn. The board asked if any business was being done from the location and he advised it was not. Multiple vehicles are owned by the tenant.

The following permits were approved:

Thomas Tibbitts – Map 220 Lot 17 539 Birches Road – Renovations bedroom/bathroom  
Tim & Rebecca Burbank – Map 229, Lot 13 1178 Easton Road – Replace foundation  
Elizabeth Soukup – Map 216, lot 17 207 Center District Road – New Home & Garage with ADU

The board received a response from Grafton County Commissioner Martha MacLeod in response to an inquiry about the Broadband status. They are currently waiting on environmental studies and she also noted 2025 as a potential date.

MR. ELLMS will meet with RED MCCARTHY to assess the status of the Streeter Pond Road/Indian Brook Bridge project.

Thank you, letters were received from the Franconia Food Pantry and the Center for New Beginnings, for funds appropriated at the 2024 town Meeting.

The town attorney has been out of office so the Short-Term Rentals Permit has not been reviewed. Will remind people in the next newsletter.

The Hawthorn planting has four dates the end of August and September to consider.

LARRY SAWYER on behalf of the Cemetery Trustees asked about funding and fund carry over for potential paving next year of the West End entrance of Sunnyside Cemetery. The bottom has previously been paved and concern is of the upper section washing out.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS. CONNORS, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday August 19, 2024, at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette  
Town Administrator