

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING– August 26, 2024

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

Guests: Judy Sawyer, Claire & Fred Von Karls, Betsy & Shep Holcombe

The board started the meeting by visiting the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse to view some issues that popped up during the painting process. The left side of the building facing the Jesseman property has rot along the sills. In addition, there needs to be some clearing in the back of the building so that air and sunlight can get through. We will contact Mr. Jesseman regarding thinning the trees. Margo is going to reach out to Graton Associates to see if they can look at the building and assess the damage. Jennifer will see if she can find out who did the previous work and when it was done.

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

RICHARD BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes, of August 19, 2024, seconded by CHRIS ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer notified the board that recent work to relocate water on South Road has created a problem at the Gary Young property. A new culvert will be installed at his driveway and at the town garage to assist with the flow of water.

Blake Road has counters installed now. North Country Council will come back in to discuss pop-up when they have more information collected. It seems the bollards and planters at the crosswalk do make it more visible.

The State of NH Department of Transportation is now using an online portal for state permitting of driveways etc.

The Short-Term Rental Permit Form was reviewed by Town Counsel and has been updated to reflect her recommendations. The form will be in the newsletter and on the website by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Forms will be due September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The board approved the use of the Meetinghouse by Gary Way on September 21, 2024 for a memorial service.

The board signed a current use application for Hugh Hawkins Map 203, Lot 81.

Jennifer reported that she has filed for an received an extension for the MS-1 Summary Inventory of Valuation that is normally filed by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Due to the revaluation process the extension was granted until October 1, 2024.

The board approved a building permit pending Chief Clark's review and specifications for Alicia Loveless for Map 214, Lot 25 for an egress to be built for a basement apartment.

Jennifer reported that she is working with Woodsville Guaranty Savings Banks for new municipal credit cards. The current Chase card has a personal liability attached to a board member.

Chris Ellms reported on talking with Cliff Hughes regarding trees that were cut during the recent bridge replacement. Chris has before and after pictures and will meet with Mr. Hughes to go over what needs to be done to restore to original state.

The Sugar Hill Conservation Commission has an anonymous donor who is willing to purchase the two new sugar maples to be planted at the Meetinghouse.

Public Comment:

The board discussed signs and possible plantings for both ends of Main Street that would welcome people to the Village of Sugar Hill. Will need to decide locations first and then size and wording. Fred Von Karls offered his assistance with the project.

Questions about the noise ordinance and the light ordinance were discussed.

With no more business before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday September 9, 2024, at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette  
Town Administrator