

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– September 9, 2024

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

Guests: Judy Sawyer, Brian Beaulieu, Gary Fournier, Matt Koehler

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

RICHARD BIELEFIELD made a motion to approve the minutes, of August 26, 2024, seconded by CHRIS ELLMS. The motion passed unanimously.

CHRIS ELLMS noted that he had been contacted by William Degnan and that he had been notified by Eversource of an emergency pole replacement on his Crane Hill property. It appears there will also be work off Hadley Road. Chris reached out to community liaison Matt Koehler. Chris also spoke with Cliff Hughes regarding the rocks that were removed from the Ski Hearth easement area by the Indian Brook Bridge. They were taken off site and they will be returned. Chris will meet with Red McCarthy to devise a plan to replace the stones. Cliff also questioned the town paying SFPNH Forests the \$56.00 easement fee.

The town approves the following permits;
Etzel – New Home Birches Road Map 220, Lot 47 DES Wetland Permit Approved
Scragg Mt. – Replace small side addition Map 203 Lot 25
Bielefield – Repair foundation Map 213, Lot 6

The board received a letter with the 2025 request from Tri County Cap.

Septic:

Construction Approved Dager Map 220 Lot 34
Construction and Operation Approved Spire Map 211. Lot 14

Building Rental:

Pine Hill Singers – Crapo Building Wednesday mornings until December 4th.
Meetinghouse - Concert December 15, 2024

The board reviewed the Tri Town billing for the new baler and contained at the Transfer Station and the new bus for recreation. The bus was under what the warrant article was for so funds will return to general fund. The board will meet in Franconia on September 30th at 4:00 pm for a Tri Town Meeting. Transfer Station and Tri Town Recreation will be discussed.

Graton Associates came and met Jim Keefe and looked at the Meetinghouse foundation and beams that appear to have some rotting. They will put together a proposal and Jim also had them look at the lift in the main hall floor.

The 2017 FEMA funds were approved and will be here by next week. There will need to be a hearing to spend the unanticipated funds. Jennifer will follow and schedule.

Peter Carbonneau and Jim Keefe with permission from Scott Jesseman will clear the underbrush and trim the trees behind the Meetinghouse.

The board discussed the ideas Jennifer and Margo worked on for the building permit fee schedule. Will formulate a new excel format for the fees. We will also add the zoning wording about outdoor lighting on the building permit.

Chris Ellms will notify the Cushing family of easement information that will be forth coming from Hoyle and Tanner regarding the Crane Hill Bridge Project.

Jennifer has fielded just a couple STR permit questions. Margo and Jennifer will work on a list of properties and permit forms will be sent out.

GARY FOURNIER, ASSESSOR met with the board and presented the new property values. Letters will be sent to property owners later in the week and hearings will be held on September 26th – 28th, by appointment. Jennifer will file a second MS-1 extension with the NH DRA.

MATT KOEHLER stopped to follow up with the emergency repairs that will be happening in Sugar Hill. During a routine maintenance inspection of the X178 line, Eversource found 6 wooden H-frame structures in Woodstock, Easton, and Sugar Hill, previously identified for replacement as part of the Line Rebuild Project, have degraded to the extent they now require immediate maintenance in order to ensure continued integrity of the line. In the coming days, personnel from Eversource will be in the right-of-way (ROW) to evaluate the structures further and confirm the scope of the work, which is currently anticipated to include a combination of cross-arm and complete structure replacements. Crews will be using low ground-pressure vehicles to access these locations and all work will take place within the existing ROW. More information on this emergency work will be provided in the coming week, including the anticipated schedule and what to expect in your community. The board questioned why the deterioration was not noticed prior. Margo and Chris will be attending the drop-in meeting with Eversource at Profile School on September 12th.

With no more business before the Board, MS. CONNORS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday September 16, 2024, at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator