

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– September 23, 2024

Present: Chris Ellms, Margo Connors,
Jennifer Gaudette

Guests: Judy Sawyer, Brian Beaulieu, Claire Von Karls, Betsy Holcombe, Paul Reid
Chief Ho- Sing Loy, Doug Amsbary

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

CHRIS ELLMS made a motion to approve the minutes, of September 16, 2024, seconded by MARGO CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

The board will meet in Franconia on September 30th at 4:00 pm with Easton and Franconia Select Boards to discuss recreation and transfer station business. The board will return to Sugar Hill for their regular meeting at 5:15pm and will then hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 pm as prescribed by RSA 31:95-b Section III and RSA 91A:2 to discuss the acceptance and expenditure of unanticipated money from the State, Federal or other government unit or private sources by the Select Board.

The board received correspondence from Eversource regarding the emergency repairs that will be taking place the next two weeks. CHRIS ELLMS also updated the board on this subject. Work will be on Crane Hill and off Hadley Road. Helicopters will be flying in to replace the arms on the towers. The tower on Crane Hill will be replaced. Eversource has contracted through its contractor for police details which will be spread out among neighboring towns.

CHRIS ELLMS will meet with Road Agent Doug Glover and Cliff Hughes to work out a restoration plan for the easement area at the Indian Brook Bridge. Sugar Hill Conservation Commission will review as well.

The board received a complaint regarding the new short term rental permit from Doug Amsbary. Jennifer will ask Doug to come in and share his thoughts with the board.

The board approved the following permits:
Ned & Theresa Wilson 1170 Route 117 for an addition.
William Healey 171 Beaver Pond Trail new furnace install

The board received a letter and a Wetlands notification from DES regarding the Seth rebuild project at 160 Streeter Pond Drive.

The board discussed a letter from Highway Committee member Carl Martland regarding his attending a meeting with the Franconia Highway Committee. He had answered several pages of questions and asked the board if they had any changes or corrections.

Jennifer read a short summary provided by Dan Kenerson of the Cooley-Jericho Forest recent meeting. The board would like to see the plans for the parking area that is being established.

Jennifer placed the ads for the Crane Hill Bridge RFP and the sale of the bridge as advised by Hoyle & Tanner.

Jennifer will ask Chief Ho-Sing-Loy to come in next week to review different traffic signs to slow traffic down.

The board received a letter from Michael & Suzanne Morely regarding a possible scenic pull off on Route 117. They sited issues that a town in Vermont was having with a pull off with trash etc.

MARGO CONNORS signed an amended contract with Presby Construction for the Indian Brook Project submission to FEMA.

There have been just a handful of inquiries in regard to the Short-Term Rental Permit process. The board is putting together a list of properties to send the paperwork to.

Open Comments:

JOHN BARTH noted that traffic is still speeding on Route 117 and had an early morning car go by at 75MPH. He felt it was local workers and the large locally owned construction trucks. Margo noted that Carl Martland was working to try and get one speed limit from Route 18 to the town Lisbon/Sugar Hill town line. Currently it is 30, 35, and 40 in different places. Mr. Barth suggested some of the old Burma shave signs. The board also thought some bollards near Polly's entrance might slow traffic down as well and that the town needs to work with the State DOT.

CLAIRE & FRED VON KARLS inquired about ordinances regarding lighting and sound from a neighboring residence. MR. BARTH can also hear music from the same residence. The town does have a nuisance section in the zoning ordinance that this may fall under. Jennifer will put both in the newsletter to remind residents.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS. CONNORS, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday September 23, 2024, at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator