

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING— January 27, 2025

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

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Fred & Claire Von Karls, Brian Beaulieu  
Kathy Jablonski, Betsy Holcombe, Carl Martland, Road Agent Doug Glover  
Martha & Doug Evelyn, Rusty Talbot

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

2025 Budget Hearing will be next Monday February 3, 2025 at 6:00pm.

The board signed the yearly tax mapping contract with Cartographic Associates.

The board signed to participate in the Pemi Baker Household Hazardous Waste Program.

CHIEF CLARK has submitted the final and third phase of the Streeter Pond Road/Indian Brook project to FEMA.

A temporary Certificate of Occupancy was issued to Clark and Maureen Houx at 349 Hadley Road.

The board received update on two DES cases in Sugar Hill.

The board had sent an email to our three Grafton District 1 Representatives regarding the proposed Right to Know changes being considered. Representatives Beaulier and Barton would like correspondence and concerns from individual constituents.

The board reviewed the building rental rates which have been in effect since 2011. MR. ELLMS made a motion, seconded by MS. CONNORS to raise the nonresident use of the Meetinghouse to \$1,000. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the new building permit costs and Jennifer will update to add renovation and addition line.

The board reviewed the quote from Lincoln Sign Company for two welcome signs for both ends of Main Street. Approximate cost \$15,000. The board opted to not raise funds in 2025 and Margo will submit for a grant and look for possible donations.

The NHDES will hold a water testing workshop at the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Details will be in the newsletter and town website.

The board received the 2024 Equalization Ratio from NHDRA which is 99% and the median ratio is 100.9%.

The board received the most recent Eversource U199 3 week look ahead schedule. Work has begun on Streeter Pond Road.

The board approved the use of the Crapo Building and Meetinghouse by the Pine Hill Singers for rehearsals and a concert in June.

The Road Agent estimated the cost to add additional parking at the Crapo Building would be around 6500.00 in materials and the department would do the work. Paving will be done next year.

CARL MARTLAND, BRIAN BEALIEU, ROAD AGENT GLOVER met with the board to discuss the long-range planning for Sugar Hill Roads. Jennifer gave a letter to Carl from North Country Real Estate regarding the condition of Streeter Pond Drive. Attached is a summary that was provided by the Road Committee. General discussion on how much money the board should put in the non-lapsing highway fund this year. The board will add \$50,000 to the \$75,000 that is normally raised for a total of \$125,000. Discussion included the process Doug follows with the roads and how best to keep up with the maintenance. The work done this past year has allowed the department to save on sand, and less time as they are easier to plow. There is a power point in the latest newsletter and on the website with information on resurfacing the roads.

The board discussed driveway permit regulations and Margo will reach out to Tara as this came up during the Master Plan work as well. Doug would be in favor as often the contractor never sees the permit that has been issued to the owner. A resident inquired if any fees are charged to contractors to offset costs that a new road may cause the town with runoff etc.

Also discussed was a scenic pull off on Route 117 where the Peckett's First Ski School sign could be relocated and people could pull over to take pictures etc. Current location is unsafe as are the cars that stop along Route 117 taking pictures of the view.

MARGO CONNORS said that they will be setting up the pond on Birches Road so that the Fire Department will be able to install a dry hydrant. Chief Clark notes the location is very important to the department. Doug Glover will do some work to divert the water away from the pond and install a swale with stone. Chief Clark has their costs in his budget. The Connors will be paying for all engineering and work on the pond.

With no more business before the Board, MR. ELLMS made a motion to adjourn, seconded by MS. CONNORS, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday January 27, 2025 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette  
Town Administrator