

SELECTMEN'S MEETING– February 24, 2025

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

Guests: Judy & Larry Sawyer, Fred & Claire Von Karls, Nancy Martland
Kathy Jablonski, Betsy Holcombe

Correspondence was read and acted upon.

MR. ELLMS made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, of February 10, 2025 seconded by MR. BIELEFIELD. The motion passed unanimously.

The board signed the 2025 Town Meeting Warrant and MS636 Budget of the Town. Warrant and Budget were posted at the Meetinghouse, with the Town Clerk and at the Crapo Building. Both will be in the next newsletter and on the website.

Jennifer advised the board that Town Attorney Christine Johnson has retired from practicing and Shawn Tanguay will be handling town issues.

RED MCCARTHY, Town Engineer notified the board that there was a slowdown due to an easement issue for Crane Hill Bridge. This will delay bids going out. Chris Ellms will contact the property owner for clarification.

CHIEF CLARK notified the board that there has not been any response from FEMA on the final payment for the Indian Brook/Streeter Pond Road work.

The board signed the new assessing contract for 2025 which will include new construction pickups, current use tax changes and abatements.

MARGO CONNORS and LARRY SAWYER both went on tours of the U199 project. They both learned a lot and felt that there had been extensive planning. Questions about who owns the temporary roads and will be seeded back in. Depends on if the owners request and gates are per the owners' request. In the Town Forest they will be recovered and glass planted. They will not be seeding in wetlands are they do not want to have invasive species.

The board approved the following permits pending the Building Inspectors notes.
DeCastro – Renovations – 191 Hadley Road
Chaisson – Demolition – 560 route 117

The board denied a Zoning Permit submitted by Blue Sky Towers IV LLC as the project requires a variance and site plan review.

MR. ELLMS made a motion to appoint Hayley Droppert as an alternate to the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission, seconded by MS. CONNORS. The motion passed unanimously.

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 meeting was followed by a Public Hearing held by the Sugar Hill Conservation Commission. The next regular scheduled meeting is Monday March 3, 2025 at 5:00 pm at the Crapo Building.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Gaudette
Town Administrator