



SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Selectman Brian Robischeau, Selectman Rick Surette, Selectman Rich Zacher, Marilou MacLean, Laurie Champy, Ed Comeau, Rose Zacher, Ed Nason, Frank Frazier, Forester Tim Nolin, Joseph Haas

- **Scheduled Speaker:** Forester Tim Nolin offered a report on the status of the forestry management operation on the Town Preserve. He expects the cutting should be complete by tomorrow. The outcome is better than anticipated as it appears there will be higher volumes of wood than initially expected. This equates to an increase in revenue to the Town, as well as an increase in Timber Tax owed.

Prior to removing the equipment, Mr. Nolin suggested blocking the entrance with large rocks to prevent unwanted traffic. It was discussed that Frank Frazier was considering using that space for a new entrance and/or parking lot. Selectman Surette asked for the large rocks to be placed as suggested for now until the Conservation Commission can view the area and make a decision. The rocks could be moved at a future date if desired.

Joseph Haas, resident of Gilmanton, was also in attendance to discuss with the Selectmen the impact of the school budget on the tax rate. He offered a donation of \$65, the filing fee cost, to the Town if the selectmen will agree to appeal the tax rate within 30 days of receiving it if it is any number greater than \$0. He requests the Selectmen write NHMA and seek their opinion on the appeal. Selectman Surette asked for Representative Comeau's opinion on the matter, he suggests sending the letter of Appeal.

- **Treasurer:** Marilou MacLean suggested it is time to start working on the budget. Laurie will send correspondence to all Departments/Boards/Committees asking for their funding requests to be submitted no later than Oct. 20th.
- **Planning Board:** Ed Comeau reported they held a Public Hearing for the subdivision for Map 15 Lot 2. He stated their next meeting is scheduled for October 7, at 7pm. They will be working on the Master Plan.
- **Conservation Commission:** Frank Frazier stated their next meeting is on October 2. He will mention to the group for discussion the potential new access point in question at the Town Preserve.
- **Heritage:** Marilou MacLean stated the Commission has received 3 gifts from individuals and requested the Selectmen approve their acceptance. See attached for specifics.

MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to accept 3 donations as read by Marilou. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.

The Veterans Day Potluck Dinner on November 09 is the next upcoming event. More info to follow. The Heritage Commission will also be offering a free breakfast, held on Saturday, December 14, from 9-11am.

- **Cemetery Trustees:** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 26, at 7pm.
- **Road Agent:** Ed Nason stated the paving on one hill is complete on Tumbledown Dick Road, work will begin on the second one.
- **Old Business:** Attic shelving project – Completed by Selectmen Robischeau and Surette along with students who needed volunteer hours to satisfy school requirements.

Parking Lot work – Ed Nason stated this project is next on the list. Selectman Surette asked for an update on the Moose Mountain Road bridge project. Mr. Nason replied they have been trying to connect via phone. Selectman Surette added that the bridge on Moose Mountain Road has an E2 rating and whatever traffic is traveling over the bridge, as long as it remains within its registered weight limits, is permissible. He added that the pit on Moose Mountain Road is grandfathered for removal of material within the constraints of the property itself. He added there is a lot of heavy truck traffic on the road in general due to a multitude of reasons including logging, construction, fuel delivery, trash removal, etc. In his opinion, the trucks hauling for the pit are respectful of the road/bridge.

Policy review – Ongoing until complete.

Town House project update – There is a need to determine repair or replacement of windows in order to determine order of work performed to minimize damaging plaster.

- **New Business:** Town Coffee/BOS meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28, from 8-10am in the Town House.
- **Mail/Bills:** Marilou MacLean read the bills aloud.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

The next regular Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for October 08, 2019 at 6:30pm, in the Town Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Champy
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