



## SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2020

**ATTENDANCE:** Selectman Brian Robischeau, Selectman Rick Surette, Selectman Rich Zacher, Marilou MacLean, Laurie Champy, Rose Zacher, Frank Frazier, Ed Comeau, Ed Nason, Dianne Smith, Mark Stengel, Peter Donnelly

- **Approval of Minutes:** The Selectmen reviewed the presented minutes from 01/21/20, 02/04/20, & 02/06/20.

***MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to accept all three sets of minutes as drafted, Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.***

- **Public Comments:** Mark Stengel asked if the snow in the road issue was resolved. Selectman Zacher stated the pavement was plowed and there was no snow remaining in the ROW.

Mark Stengel asked why private property at the end of Palmer Drive by the Peckham residence is being plowed. The Selectmen stated they will look into it.

Dianne Smith asked if the Selectmen received correspondence from her last week. The Selectmen replied that they had received it and it will be discussed at Town Meeting.

Peter Donnelly questioned not receiving any email notifications or meeting agendas recently. Laurie explained the Town website had been down and it hadn't been possible to issue alerts. Selectman Robischeau added that Laurie had also been on vacation prior to that. Typical notifications should be received moving forward.

Dianne Smith asked if there would be a Meet the Candidate session at the Town Coffee on Saturday. Selectman Surette suggested she ask the Moderator.

Ed Comeau presented his resignation as Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) representative. He stated he is unable to fulfil his duties due to time constraints.

***MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to accept Ed's resignation with regrets. Selectman Robischeau seconded, all in favor, motion carries.***

Laurie will notify SRPC.

- **Treasurer:** Marilou MacLean stated the MS-535 is complete and she has 5 copies for signature.

She stated she is currently working on completing the Census.

- **Planning Board:** Ed Comeau reported they received a Conditional Use Application for a snowmobile competition to be held at Moose Mountain Recreation. The applicant is responsible for notifying all abutters and was unable to supply all necessary documentation due to there being no record in Brookfield of one landowner. Ed Comeau suggested research would need to be performed at Carroll County Registry of Deeds. No decisions made.
- **Heritage Commission:** Marilou MacLean stated they may be meeting in March. She will contact members for availability.
- **Conservation Commission:** Selectman Zacher stated they have been discussing utilizing the landing area that was created during the logging operation on the Town Preserve as a parking area. The CC believes the access would be better from Cottle Hill Road instead of Lyford Road.

***MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to authorize the CC to make a small parking area off the log landing off of Cottle Hill. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.***

- **Cemetery Trustees:** Selectman Surette stated they met last week and discussed an adoption program for the care of the cemeteries. No decisions made.
- **Road Agent:** Ed Nason reported the sand shed is 1/3 full and he has seen less salt consumption this season.

Ed stated he will begin posting the weight limits on the roads after having signs printed. Selectman Surette asked about the impact to logging and quarry operations. Ed stated all loggers and pits must abide by posting rules.

- **Mails/Bills:** Marilou MacLean read the bills aloud on record.

***MOTION: Selectman Robischeau motioned to accept all bills as read on record by Marilou. Selectman Surette seconded, all in favor, motion carries.***

The Selectmen reviewed the following 3 abatement requests:

1 – Map 9 Lot 5k. The Assessor recommended denying the abatement as the property is valued within the range of sold properties.

***MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to accept the recommendation. Selectman Robischeau seconded, all in favor, motion carries.***

2 – Map 11 Lot 11. The Assessor recommended granting the \$250 abatement for Veterans Tax Credit.

***MOTION: Selectman Surette motioned to accept the abatement. Selectman Zacher seconded, all in favor, motion carries.***

3 – Map 11 Lot 10. The Assessor recommended granting the abatement following reassessment of the property based on sale price and condition.

***MOTION: Selectman Zacher motioned to accept the recommendation from the Assessor. Selectman Robischeau seconded, all in favor, motion carries.***

Selectman Surette stated NH Fish & Game has granted a permit to *Rock of Hills* to hold a snowmobile competition at Moose Mountain for a future date. This is only for notification purposes, allowing unregistered vehicles on site, but not on the trails. The landowner still needs to follow all other Town rules which was discussed earlier (under Planning Board).

The Selectmen discussed some differences between Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) and Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC). They are considering changing affiliation to LRPC as it may be more in line with Brookfield's needs. No decisions made.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

The next regular Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2020, at 6:30pm, in the Town Office Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie M. Champy  
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