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Selectmen's Meeting
12:30 pm - Town Offices

Friday, April 15, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Carolyn Sundquist, Selectman Bill Marcussen, Selectman Lloyd Wood, and Administrative Secretary Karen Koch

Chairman Sundquist called the meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

Chairman Sundquist explained how the town road ride along between the Selectmen and the Road Agent was previously questioned as a possible Right to Know Law violation at the last Selectmen's meeting.

Since this meeting, the Selectmen approached the NH Municipal Association for suggestions as to how to best accommodate the public while doing the review of town roads. The Selectmen used these suggestions to discuss various options. It was concluded that one of the members of the board would ride with Jim Bean while the other two followed separately in their individual vehicles. Both short term and long term solutions to town roads were discussed and will be considered while doing the ride around.

The ride around is scheduled for Friday, April 22, 2016, at 10:00 am and will include a schedule with a list of some of the more pressing areas of town roads. The schedule will allow the public to easily participate using their own transportation. A full ride around to include a more comprehensive review of town roads will be scheduled at a later time with the Chairman and Mr. Bean.

Selectman Marcussen made a motion to approve an agreement and release for building on Sandy Knoll Road, a class VI road, seconded by Chairman Sundquist. Vote unanimous.

Selectman Marcussen shared a list of Reappointments and Appointments to the Milfoil Control Committee. Chairman Sundquist made a motion to reappoint Russ Baerenklau (to expire 2019), Bruce Casper (to expire 2018), Ellen Watts (to expire 2018) and Steve Wingate (to expire 2019) to the Milfoil Control Committee and to appoint Daniel Duffy (to expire 2019) to the Milfoil Control Committee for his first term, seconded by Selectman Marcussen. Vote unanimous.

Selectman Marcussen handed out a summary of the NHMA Local Officials Workshop he attended as well as notes for the town road ride around.

Chairman Sundquist reviewed Senate Bill 146, regarding accessory dwelling units, effective June 1, 2017. It was mentioned that the Planning Board will need to review our town regulations to make sure that we comply with the law.

The Selectmen began their 1:00 pm appointment with Tom Hall regarding the 19 Mile Bay Crosswalk. Previously, Mr. Hall supplied a crosswalk application to the Selectmen and asked that they submit it to

the NH DOT. The Selectmen are concerned that the proposal does not include all the requirements noted by the State. Selectman Marcussen shared his concern that if the crosswalk is not properly installed, with an engineering plan, it could do more harm than good.

Mr. Hall responded by reviewing previous discussions/suggestions received to make the road safer to cross at a lower cost. He explained that Bill Lambert of the NH DOT met with him and members of the board on previous occasions and his main suggestion was to include flashing lights. Mr. Hall noted that he has researched other towns' crosswalk plans that were passed that did not include an engineering study. He was told that the Plymouth State University sample application, given to us by NH DOT, did not include an engineering study.

Noting that the town does not have funding in their budget for this project, Mr. Hall and his Condominium Association is willing to do fundraising. Before doing so, he would like the Selectmen to submit the application to the State as it is, without adding the expense of an engineering study, to see if it will be approved.

Selectman Wood expressed support for this project, as well as his concern for safety. He feels that the process should be done correctly, including bringing the project before the next Town Meeting. He also asked about maintenance of the crosswalk.

Mr. Hall responded that he really does not want to wait until the next Town Meeting as that would take too much time. He shared that the maintenance of the crosswalk is minimal.

Providing all goes well and the application is approved, Mr. Hall would like the Town to order the signs and move forward with the project. He will personally provide the funding upfront, to be later reimbursed by fundraising efforts. He doesn't want to advocate for fundraising until he knows that the project will move forward.

John Simms, Tuftonboro **resident** for 16 years next to the location being proposed for the pedestrian crossing, provided his opinion of the crosswalk. He feels that as there has never been an accident between a vehicle and a pedestrian at this location, a crosswalk is not needed and would only cause confusion about the right of way leading to unsafe conditions.

Mr. Hall reaffirmed that this is a high traffic area and the reason why there never has been a crosswalk in this area before is because the technology of the digital lights was not available before.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to send the application to the State and await their response.

John Simms requested that the Board of Selectmen consider including a copy of his letter in opposition to the crosswalk with the crosswalk application. The Selectmen agreed to consider it.

At approximately 1:50 pm, Selectman Wood made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Sundquist. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Koch
Administrative Secretary