

Final Minutes

1.0 Convened at 6:30 PM; Pledge to Flag: Selectmen Present: Chairman, Mark Russell, Rayna Leibowitz, George Thomson. Staff Present: Trudy Lamoreau, Town Manager; Larry Nadeau II, RC and PW Foreman; Road Advisory Committee and Budget Comm., Richard Lane and Tamas Szepsy; Budget Comm. Pat Soboleski, Solid Waste Comm., Bill Quackenbush; Transfer Station Manager, Bryan Lamoreau; TO Staff, Diana Larrabee. Guests Present: Vicki Russell, Kent Ackley, Candidate for House Seat #82, Dian White and Ken Lizotte.

2.0 Minutes of May 23, 2106 meeting submitted for final approval. A motion to approve with no corrections was made by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz and **voted 3 - 0**.

3.0 Reports and Correspondence

3.1 Town Manager A. A donation of gravel valued at \$3,400 was received from L.R. Nadeau Inc. for the Finley Lane Extension in preparation for using it for the Ferrin Road Bridge replacement bypass scheduled for next month.

B. The Senior bus broke down in Caratunk on the way back from a visit to the Moose River, Jackman area. An area business was very helpful and accommodating to the 13 people involved. The bus was hauled to Marston's Garage and the School Supt, Jim Hodgkins, used a school bus and drove to Caratunk to pick up the stranded travelers. His efforts were greatly appreciated.

C. The Fire Dept. had a fundraiser for one of the young couples involved with the Department and generated some \$3,200. The 50-50 raffle was won by Lezley's son, age 13, and he donated \$100 of it back to the cause. That was a generous gesture and was appreciated.

3.2 Code Officer/Plumbing Inspector - A. In the absence of the CEO, the Town Manager advised the residence on the Libby Road with an inadequate subsurface waste disposal system has been vacated.

B. The CEO has been very busy with permit applications and inspections. He plans to provide the Permit Log at the next meeting.

3.3 Road Commissioner A. The Finley Lane Extension is being prepared. The Pipeline operator was involved with requirements for traversing the pipeline and their standards have been met. The contractor expects to start work immediately after July 4th. Ms. White requested the appropriate agreement be executed prior to the opening of the Extension and reinforced the need to block traffic as soon as possible. The bridge has been delivered to the PW Garage, assembled and tested. Some trees that needed to be cut down have been. The abutting landowner was given the wood from them, as is the policy.

B. Two applications for the PW vacancy have been received but the position will be advertised in the paper, seeking additional applications.

C. Engineering reports for the Ferrin Road and Upper Pond Road have not been received yet.

D. The PW crew is working hard and has several projects ahead. The work will likely keep them busy until snow flies. Ditching and culvert replacements on Easy Street are not completed, a culvert needs to be replaced on Lunts Hill Road and Huntington Hill Road (south) has been targeted for work before any paving can be done.

E. The final cost figures for rehabbing the Equipment Trailer are being gathered.

F. Libby Road: The reflectors on the ends of the stone wall along the Libby Road will be in place by July 1. Chip Sealing is expected to be done by June 30.

G. Larry was able to speak with a MDOT representative regarding the Small Road culvert at the North end. The MDOT rep will do some checking and get back to him.

H. Culvert work is needed at the Richmond Road/Center Road intersection due to being plugged. MDOT expects to replace both culverts this summer.

3.4 Fire and Rescue

3.5 Emergency Management

3.6 Assessing Agent - Ellery Bane and an assistant has been doing field work two days a week last week and plan to this week, trying to get all the information needed.

3.7 Other Town Committees - Road Advisory Comm -

A. Richard provided work plan documents for the Board to accept so he could present them at Town Meeting next Saturday. See 5.4 for additional discussion.

4.0 Agenda Adjustments

4.1 Discussion of Road Projects.

4.2 Meadows Golf Club Liquor License Action

5.0 Scheduled Business

5.1. 7:00 PM Public Hearing - Meadows Golf Club Liquor License. A motion to enter Public Hearing was made by Rayna Leibowitz, seconded by George Thomson and voted 3 - 0. The Town Manager advised the advertising requirements had been met and no comments had been received. The Chairman asked for comments and the only one was made by Ken Lizotte in support of the license. The Hearing was closed at 7:08 PM. See 5.5 for voting information.

5.2 Tree Growth Penalty (R10-031 - Howard and Julie Rowe). The property owners have failed to update their Forest Management Plan, in spite of reminders. Since the deadline has passed, a penalty is in order. A motion to approve a supplemental fee for the penalty in the amount of \$500 was made by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz and **voted 3 - 0.**

5.3 Tree Growth Penalty (R01-028 - Priscilla Estes-Emerson) The property owner has failed to update the Forest Management Plan and failed to pay the supplemental penalty previously imposed. This is a second penalty, also \$500, for this owner. If the penalties are not paid, the property will be removed from the Tree Growth tax category and substantial additional taxes will be due. A motion to approve a supplemental fee for the penalty in the amount of \$500 was made by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz and **voted 3 - 0.**

6.0 Unscheduled Business

6.1 Discussion of Road Projects - The Board reviewed the work projects proposed including those not completed in the 2015/2016 period and those identified for 2016/2017 and beyond. There was discussion about the prioritization of the work amid changing conditions. It was agreed the proposed projects would be described at Town meeting but the Board was not specific in designating which ones would be one this year and which would be held over. The level of funding available, the work scheduled for the Public Works Department and determination of which projects might be bid out could affect what gets done. The Chairman signed the proposals as approved for planning purposes without a firm commitment to achieve them in the next budget year. Richard advised the next meeting of the Road Advisory Committee was rescheduled for June 22, a week later than usual, for discussion of projects after the budget voting had been completed.

6.2 Liquor License for the Meadows Golf Club - A motion to approve the Liquor License was made by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz and **voted 3 - 0**.

8.0 Appointments and Resignations

8.1 New Election Clerk Appointment - Darlene Beaulieu, A Litchfield resident with experience presently working in Whitefield would like to help as her schedule allows. A motion to approve her appointment was made by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz and **voted 3 - 0**.

8.2 Deputy Registrar/Deputy Clerk/Tax Collector - it was recently learned that Trudy's name had been removed from the list of authorized users for registering voters. This appointment makes her authority official and she will be allowed the access she needs. A motion to approve her appointment was made by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz, **voted 3 - 0**.

9.0 Warrants

9.1 Town Voucher #23 for \$354,133.57 Approved motion by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz **vote 3 - 0**.

9.2 Town Payroll # 24 for \$16,761.59 Approved on a motion by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz **vote 3 - 0**.

Town Payroll #25 for \$19,591.55 Approved on a motion by George Thomson, seconded by Rayna Leibowitz **vote 3 - 0**.

10.0 Other Business

11.0 Selectmen/Public Discussion/ Communication

11.1 Discussion regarding the appointment of Road Advisory Committee members and they should be identified in the Town Report.

11.2 Kent Ackley requested clarification of the impact raising the Homestead Exemption actually had on taxes. He was given permission to speak without objections. Motion made and seconded, **voted 3-0**. Information was provided by Trudy and Mark.

11.3 Ken Lizotte advised he has found it to be very interesting that so many people had no idea about taxes and the impact of school costs to taxpayers.

11.4 There are several printing issues with the Town Report that will need to be monitored for another year.

12.0 Future Agenda Items

12.1 D. Blocher Property

12.2 Street Lights

12.3 Old Mill Road Bridge

12.4 Gustin Road Bridge/Culvert

12.5 Job Expectations / Mission Statement for the Road Advisory Comm.

12.6 Execution of Agreement with Dian White

13.0 Adjournment at 9:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Rayna Leibowitz Board of Selectmen