

Town Of Litchfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes

Approved 7/25/16

Date: June 27, 2016

1.0 Convened at 6:30 PM; Pledge to Flag: Selectmen Present: Chairman, Mark Russell, George Thomson, and Tim Lachapelle. **Staff Present:** Trudy Lamoreau, Town Manager; Larry Nadeau III, Road Commissioner; Steve Ochmanski, CEO/Plumbing Inspector; Stan Labbe, Fire Chief; Carman Douglas, Town Clerk; Bryan Lamoreau, Transfer Station; Pat Soboleski, Senior Director. **Committee Members:** Rayna Leibowitz; Historical Preservation Commission; Richard Lane, Lindsey Nelson and Cindi Redmond, Road Committee; Charlie Manchester and Bruce Doyle, Dam Committee; Renee Lachapelle, Board of Assessment Review; George Rogers, Historical Preservation Commission; **Guests Present:** Tmaz Szepsy, Esther Slattery, Judith Bulliner, Vicki Russell, Gary Parker, Mark Nelson, Mark Billings, Diana Larrabee and Selena Nadeau.

2.0 Minutes of June 13th submitted for final approval: Noted corrections; 3.1 add Inc. to Larry Nadeau.; 3.3 add "Equipment" to trailer; 5.2 typo error – change is to in; 5.4 and 5.5 were agenda adjustments and need to be renumbered 6.1 and 6.2; 11.2 Kent Ackley given permission to speak without objection. Motion to approve as corrected by George Thomson, seconded by Mark Russell, **Voted 2-0-1.**

3.0 Reports and Correspondence:

3.1 Town Manager Report: Representative for KVCOG (Kennebec Valley Council of Govt.) looking for a rep. plus a backup. George Thomson will be the rep. for Litchfield with Tim Lachapelle being the back up. Report from MDOT (Maine Dept. of Transportation) that the Plains Road (By Birdhouse Lane) will be closed after July 15th for culvert work, for three days. MDOT wants us to use Upper Pond road as a detour. Gary Parker says this shouldn't take more than a day to finish. The Selectmen object to this road being closed for 3 days. Trudy will contact MDOT and invite them to the next meeting. The town office received a letter from Jeffrey Phillips stating that he has paid his fine and planted new trees on his property. A copy of the letter has been given to the Selectmen and the Code Enforcement Officer. Trudy thanked everyone that came out to vote and attended the Town Meeting. She said it was one of the quickest Town Meetings that she has encountered.

3.2 Code Enforcement Officer/Plumbing Inspector: Steve has been busy. His report for the month of May indicates there have been 15 property permits with an estimate of \$375, 000 in new valuation and \$950.00 in permit fees. The Planning Board approved a Subdivision for 5 lots off Lewiston Road. There were also 3 camp rebuilds, only 1 needed approval from the Planning Board and 2 of them were converted from 3 to 4 season. Septic permits have slowed down.

3.3 Road Commissioner: Ferrin Road Bridge - The gravel work for Finley Lane extension is done. It was rough work and used a lot of material. We hired Private trucks. Barriers are up, but 4 wheelers are going through. NF Luce Inc. will be erecting the detour signs that are needed. There are concerns with the speed on Finley Lane, as well as the 4-wheelers. Larry and/or Trudy will try to make contact with the Sheriff's Office or State Police or Game Wardens to see if we could have an occasional presence in the area. It is a public way so liability stays with the operators of the vehicles on the road. The Pipe line must be blocked with snow fencing on both sides staying 15' away from the pipe. Hopefully this will help deter the Four Wheelers. Richard Lane has requested an actual cost of the project for the Road Improvement Advisory Committee.

Equipment is in the town Office driveway for the "chip sealing" of the Libby Road and the work will start tomorrow (June 28th) at 7: AM. Richard Lane wanted to know if the work is guaranteed, the answer is yes and Larry and Richard will meet at 5:30 pm tomorrow with Crooker.

3.3 Senior Trip tomorrow, the senior bus has been fixed and will be able to get out of the driveway in the morning.
3.4 Fire Chief: Stan Labbe wants to know who has the keys to the new park. There was a call last week from a person that was locked in and the Fire Department had to call Ron Ridley to open the gate. The Town Office has a key and

Woodbury Park attendants along with Public Works. Stan would like to have one for the Fire Department and Rescue. In addition to the concern for people that get locked in after the Woodbury Park attendants lock up for the night, there were other questions about the operation of the park. The Board will invite the Conservation Committee to the next meeting to help clear up and answer questions.

3.5 Assessor: Ellery Bane has been doing Site Inspections and, as reported by Trudy, has done well over 100 inspections.

4.0 Agenda Adjustments:

4.1 Election of Officers tabled until July 11th.

Added 6.1 Transfer Station Manager

Added 6.2 Woodbury Pond Dam Committee

5.0 Scheduled Business:

5.1. Repurchase Agreement R10-13A, Jason Martin and Tammy Martin-Ingalls. Motion made by George Thomson, seconded by Tim Lachapelle, **voted 3-0** to approve on condition of \$50.00 down payment being made.

5.2 At 7:00 PM George Thomson made a motion to open the Public Hearing to hear comments on the License Renewal of Trash Haulers Applications; it was seconded by Tim Lachapelle and approved 3-0-0. Two Trash Haulers did not submit their applications and none submitted the workers comp insurance documents. Bryan Lamoreau has said all the applicants for trash haulers that submitted their applications have paid the fees required. A question was asked about the process if a trash hauler doesn't apply. Bryan will contact them in an effort to resolve the remaining issues. Bruce Doyle complained about an unmarked White Garbage Truck blocking the road and parking on dangerous knolls. Bryan offered to make contact with the owner to resolve the issue. It was noted that none of the applications were complete. There were no written comments. The Chairman closed the Public Hearing at 7:10. Due to the incomplete applications, the Selectmen took no action. Bryan will make the necessary contacts.

6.0 Unscheduled Business:

6.2 DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) returned Bryan's call and will be here Wednesday or Thursday to look at the gravel pit for brush and leaf disposal and to find out what to do with the "old" brush and leaf pile. We are still receiving truck loads every weekend.

6.3 Woodbury Pond Dam Committee: Charlie Manchester requested that we finish up what has been started on repairs. We need reclaim and Epoxy on the surface, the cost will not exceed \$600.00. We have a cost for fencing of \$1000.00 that Charlie says is a very good price. Will also like to get the Water Level remarked, which will be done with a GPS. It was stated that there is \$11,000 in the sub-account for the dam. Trudy explained that the requested funds would have to be transferred from that account to the dam account upon Selectmen approval. The money in the Dam account is there to pay the dam keeper (Terry Averill). There was a motion made by George Thomson to approve moving the amount of \$1,950.00 for repairs and seconded by Tim Lachapelle. After discussion the **motion passed 3-0-0**.

8.0 Appointments and Resignations:

Motion by George, 2nd by Tim, to approve the following appointments, and sign the paperwork: Fran Rudoff to the Appeals Board, Ed Avis and Rayna Leibowitz to the Historical Preservation Commission, Lina Fontes to the Seniors Advisory Committee, Kathleen Malloy to the Board of Assessment Review, Skip (Lorimer) Trafton and Daniel Craft to the Planning Board, Carol Smith and Diane Clay to the Smithfield Plantation Board of Trustees, Charles Manchester to the Woodbury Pond Dam Advisory Committee and Diane Clay to the Conservation Commission. These appointments expire in 2019. **Motion passed 3-0-0**.

9.0 Warrants:

- 9.1 Town Voucher # 24 (\$122,733.53) - Motion by George, 2nd by Tim, to approve. After discussion, it **passed 3-0-0**.
- 9.2 Town Payroll # 26 (\$33,389.80) - Motion by George, 2nd by Tim, to approve. After discussion, it **passed 3-0-0**.
- 9.3 Warrant and Notice of Elections for RSU#4. It was noticed that an incorrect date was on the warrant for elections. Town Clerk (Carman Douglas) will follow up with Michelle O'Connell and present the Warrant at the next Selectman's meeting.

11.0 Selectmen/Public Discussion/Communication:

- 11.1 Cindi Redmond wanted to say "Good Job" to Larry Nadeau III and his expertise on fixing the roads, 11 yage the Ferrin Road washed out and it was not fixed correctly, if it had been fixed correctly the first time we may not be here today taking about fixing it again.

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 Descriptions and Mission Statement for road Committee

13.0 Adjournment at 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Carman Douglas
Town Clerk