

**TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TOWN OFFICES
NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256**

April 15, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Selectmen Paul Tierney and Kenneth Mertz were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Town Administrator Barbara Lucas was present as was the Police Chief, Doug Salmon.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Paul Tierney called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 6:05 p.m.

WORK SESSION:

- Manifests, bills, requisitions, purchase orders and leave request forms
- Payroll Change Notice
- Building Permit – Tom and Jennifer Barry, Tax Map R-3, Lot 31 on Gordon Hill for a 24 x 28' barn. Mr. Barry was present. The Board reviewed the plans and approved the permit.
- Sign Permit – New Hampton School, Tax Map U-3, Lot 12. The ZBA letter for a variance for the sign was received, with stipulations that the sign will not be lit, it will be on the west side of the field, the tree buffer on Route 104 will remain, and the sign cannot be replaced.
- Septic System Review –
- Current Use Application – Rakowski Irrevocable Trust, Tax Map R-6, Lot 26. Tabled until it has been reviewed by the assessors.
- Current Use Application – Frank Rakowski, Tax Map R-6, Lots 20 & 21. This will be tabled until it has been reviewed by the Assessors.
- Intent to Excavate – Richard Hallberg, Tax Map R-4, Lot 66.
- Intent to Excavate – Hilshar, Tax Map R-4, Lot 2.
- Intent to Cut – Thomas & Cheryl Deturk, Tax Map R-13, Lot 18A on Blake Hill Road. Four acres out of six will be logged. This was approved by the Board.
- Veterans Credit –
- Elderly Exemption –
- Misc. Correspondence –

The Chief submitted a requisition for striping the new vehicle, as part of the warrant article authorized in March; and he proposed re-striping another vehicle out of his budget.

\$4479.00 Police requisition for lights and equipment for the new vehicle, as part of the same warrant article, and

George Sancoucy submitted a bill for DirecTV and NH Coop work and other Town matters.

George Sansoucy PE Contract for the 2010 update of public utility special purpose property for \$6,000, approved in March budget, was authorized by the Selectmen.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Excavation Warrants

Earth Excavation Warrants for \$110.62 and \$1,760.00 were signed by the Selectmen.

Timber Tax Warrants

Timber tax warrants totaling \$2,837.46 were signed by the Selectmen.

Mrs. Lucas noted she will speak with the Town Forester to see if town owned timber lots need to be logged.

New England Forestry Foundation

Tax Map R-13, Lots 27A, R-2 Lot 15, R-1, Lot 6, R-2 Lot 14 and R-2 Lot 13

The town forester has recused himself from this matter with the understanding of the Board. Another forester will be utilized to review the logging proposed on these properties in New Hampton.

The Firemen's Association

A letter to the New Hampton Firemen's Association was reviewed and signed by the Board. Addressed to Robert Donnelly, the Board accepted with gratitude the gifts of appliances and a copier to the Fire Department. The letter thanked the Association for its work to support the Fire Department.

Current Use Penalty

A current use penalty was issued to owners of property at Tax Map R-18, Lot 16. This was reviewed and signed by the Board.

*Exempt Status for 2010
New Hampton Community Church*

Mr. Tierney moved to grant the Exempt Status for 2010. Mr. Mertz seconded and the motion passed.

NH DMV Transporter Permit

Kevin and Cheryl Drake's Transporter Permit application of 4/8/10 from the Department of Safety was reviewed and approved by the Board. The notice will be mailed back to the DMV.

Central Street Bridge

The letter of response from the SEA dated 4/12/10 regarding the sidewalk issue. The Town Attorney reviewed the letter and contractually Winterset is ultimately responsible. She will await the pleasure of the Board.

The Board will draft a letter reiterating the point that SEA inspector was on site and missed the issues at the middle of the sidewalk. The letter will be reviewed by the Town attorney and then sent to Bristol for their input.

A follow-up letter from the SEA attorneys to Winterset dated 4/12 requesting indemnification for SEA was reviewed by the Board.

*Michael Riopel &
Susanne Saber
Tax Map R-4, Lot 4V
Abatement Request*

This item had been sent to CNP for review. A measurement correction was made. A shed was removed, and condition review reduced the value of a garage. Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tierney to accept CNP's recommendation and grant the abatement.

*Monica Stevens &
Bruce Garant
Tax Map R-4, Lot 4N*

The Selectmen viewed a draft letter regarding excessive vehicles on the property on Fairway Drive. The letter was signed and will be mailed.

*David & Jean Prutzanni
Tax Map R-6, Lot 7*

The application was approved at the last meeting but had not been signed. The Selectmen signed the abatement approval.

Building Permit Signs

The color and quantity for printing the Building Permit signs were reviewed and approved by the Board. An order for 100 will be submitted.

State Rooms & Meals Tax

An update on the State's proposal to make changes in the State Rooms & Meals Tax could cost New Hampton \$9,989 if approved as proposed.

*New Hampton School
Tax Map U-7, Lot 19*

An email to Kirk Beswick regarding the current use status on the property on Pinnacle Hill Road was reviewed by the Board.

Mr. Tierney had lunch with Mr. Menke and Mr. Beswick and the Communications Director. The Director has expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Board. Mr. Mertz asked about a long range plan that was produced some time ago. Mr. Tierney said he had spoken with Mr. Menke about having them present a revised copy of the long range plan to the Town. Mrs. Lucas will confirm the dates for public hearings on the Metrocast franchise renewal to be held at the School.

*Weekly Police Statistics
Week of 4/5-4/11*

These were reviewed by the Board.

*Ted and Madonna Saia
Tax Map U-14, Lot 13*

The Selectmen received a notice that the application for a Shore Land Permit was received and is pending.

Driveway Permits

NH DOT sent notices for driveway permits applications from John Claridge of Sanbornton for 3 single family residences on Route 132 South. Another notice was for a driveway permit application from Richard Garon for temporary logging access near Gordon Hill Road.

*New Hampton School
Burleigh Mountain facility*

Per agreement with the Town a copy of notice from the New Hampton School regarding use of Burleigh Mountain facilities was faxed to the offices. Mrs. Lucas will advise the Police and Fire Departments that students will be up there on 4/10, 4/24 and 5/8.

Road Deficiencies

Complaints were received regarding a number of pot holes along Straits Road. Mr. Boucher was advised.

Building Permit Fees

A survey of towns' current Building Permit Fees was provided to the Board by Mrs. Lucas for their review.

*Lake Waukewan
Interim Operation Plan*

The interim operation plan for Lake Waukewan was issued by the State of New Hampshire. A notice of Decision was issued 4/12/10. This was reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Outstanding Taxes

The Tax Collector provided a list of Tax Liens for properties in campgrounds. Some are for campers that are no longer at the campgrounds and some are very dated. The Tax Collector will be meeting with the Board with dollar amounts for these and recommendations for pursuit of the funds owed through small claims court.

*Kevin LaCasse
Former "Smith Tavern"
Condominiums*

A draft letter to Mr. LaCasse noting a recent advertisement referring to 3 bedroom condos for rent when only two bedrooms were permitted, Zoning Compliance issues with fences that encroach on the right of way, and life safety issues with third floor bonus areas. He was asked to meet with the Board. He will be advised that failure to resolve non-compliance issues will result in punitive action. Mr. Mertz moved to approve the letter and mail it. Mr. Tierney seconded. The motion passed. A copy will go to the Fire Chief as well.

Precinct Record

Mr. Mertz asked a question about a property for sale in the precinct which had historically had two apartments. The discussion of Precinct records was discussed. Mrs. Lucas has not been able to get any minutes or records. Mr. Mertz suggested contacting Karen Mitchell as the current Precinct Secretary.

Vachon Clukay Audit

A letter to Vachon Clukay for committals for the audit of the Town Clerk, as is standard with a newly elected person, was signed by the Chairman.

NON PUBLIC SESSION:

Mr. Tierney made a motion to go into non-public session to discuss two items: one was a personnel issue under RSA 91-A:3(a) and the other a hardship issue RSA 91-A:3(c). This was seconded by Mr. Mertz. The motion passed at 7:33 PM.

**RESUMING PUBLIC
SESSION:**

At 7:50 PM, Mr. Tierney made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. Mr. Mertz seconded. Minutes were sealed for ten years.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mrs. Lucas found an article on case law with regard to intrusions into setbacks which she will forward to the Selectmen for their review.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None was heard.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Selectman Mertz to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Tierney. The vote passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin J. Harmon