

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

February 4, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Selectmen Paul Tierney and Kenneth Mertz were present.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Town Administrator Barbara Lucas and Highway Department Head James Boucher were present.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Paul Tierney called the regular meeting of the Board to order at 6:00 PM.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

The Board went into Non-Public Session at 6:01 PM. to discuss filling a position in the Highway Department under RSA 91-A:3 II(b).

RESUMING PUBLIC SESSION

It was moved to end the Non-Public Session at 6:24 PM. by Mr. Tierney, seconded by Mr. Mertz. The motion passed.

A motion to accept Mr. Boucher's recommendation to hire Justin Bernier for the position of Highway Department Equipment Operator/Truck Driver was made by Mr. Tierney. Mr. Tierney noted he would start at a rate of \$14.50/hour and after 6 months' satisfactory performance would then be eligible for a raise of up to \$15.50/hour. This was seconded by Mr. Mertz. The motion passed. After further discussion it was agreed that until the DMV record, background check, DOT and job fitness physicals are completed that Mr. Bernier would be scheduled as a part-time temporary worker.

Mrs. Lucas stated she would hold the other applications for a period of time. Mr. Boucher stated he would like to notify the other applicants tomorrow. Mrs. Lucas asked if Mr. Boucher had written notes on his inquiries regarding the qualifications and recommendations in Mr. Bernier's application. Mr. Boucher will write them up and provide them to Mrs. Lucas for the file.

WORK SESSION:

Selectmen began by going over manifests, bills, requisitions, purchase orders and time cards.

- Building Permit – *Circle K (Irving Oil Corp)*, (Tax Map R-11, Lot 7) plans for renovations had gone before the Planning Board previously. Mr. Mertz noted it was determined not to require Site Plan Review but did require review by Fire and Police for any safety issues. Mrs. Lucas spoke with the Fire Chief who noted he would do a final inspection when renovations are complete. The Police Chief confirmed to Mrs. Lucas that he would provide documentation that he was satisfied with the addition of security cameras. The permit would be conditional on inspection by Fire

Department at completion as stated in the attached letter from the Police Chief.

- Septic System Review – Thomas Carbone *Tax Map R-20, Lot 60*, an amended septic plan showed a larger as-built house with the septic in the same location. This was approved by the Selectmen.
- Sign Permit – None.
- Intent to Excavate – None.
- Intent to Cut – *Hope Clement Trust, Sandra Torrey, Tax Map R-21*, Clement Road. This was approved by the Board.

Mr. Tierney confirmed a bill from Fred Fuller Oil \$389.95 was an oil delivery for a Town assistance matter.

DirecTV

Mrs. Lucas confirmed a meeting on 2/19 with George Sansoucy at 9:00 A.M. regarding the DirecTV matter.

Email Inquiry from Cheryl Hebert

Cheryl Hebert requested permission to ride a snow mobile on a section of a Town Road. Her email did not specify which road, and Mrs. Lucas advised she was asked to make an appointment with the Selectmen to give specifics.

Letter from Vernal Drake

Vernal Drake submitted a letter to the Selectmen, copied to the Police, Fish and Game, a number of snowmobile clubs, and others, notifying all of his intent to post the property to disallow any snowmobiles on certain properties.

Winona Heights sign.

Pam Vose email to Mrs. Lucas outlined 3 inquiries over the past months from Winona Heights residents asking about the Private Way sign off the Class 6 Road at the head of Beech Hill Road and their access to town property. Mrs. Vose has been referring callers to Mr. Boucher and since she has not heard otherwise, assumed Mr. Boucher satisfied the callers. However, Mrs. Vose has not received any clarification back on the situation. Mrs. Lucas advised the Selectmen she will look at the area and report back to the Board.

Ambrose Bros. Gravel Pit. Route 132 North.

An email from a resident was reviewed regarding the Ambrose Bros. gravel pit and a noxious smell on Route 132. He runs along there and noticed there are piles of black material on the property.

Mrs. Lucas met with GMI and Mr. Ed Rainey of DES to look at the situation. Sludge is delivered there and is meant to be mixed with Bio-solids within 24 hours. Mixing with wood ash to reduce the smell. Mr. Rainey stated they have inspected the site twice this year. Mrs. Lucas emailed the resident and was unable to get specific dates for the smells, but the resident will keep track going forward. Mrs. Lucas forwarded pertinent information to DES and there will be follow-up.

Possible Unpermitted Sign

Mr. Mertz noted he saw a sign at the old stone yard on Route 104 about the size of a door advertising a used clothing facility in another town. It is mounted over the stone yard sign. The sign is not permitted. Mr. Tierney will get a picture of it from the right of way for next Thursday's Board

meeting.

Annual Report Update.

Mrs. Lucas reminded Mr. Tierney she needed the State of the Community article from him for the Annual Report and would like it for Monday to get it to the printers.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None was heard.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Selectman Tierney to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Mertz. The vote passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin J. Harmon

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