

MINUTES

SELECTMEN'S/ASSESSORS' MEETING

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

William Pullen Building Meeting Room

6:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Jim Justice, John Shepard, Sarah Drickey, Greg Grotton, and Lyle Cramer

Others present: Town Manager -Jay Feyler, John Woodman, Stephanie Woodman, Tiffany Strong, William Fransson, Andrew Hackman, and Matthew Speno.

1. **Call Selectmen's Meeting to order:** 6:27 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment:**

John Woodman stated that there is currently no ordinance in place prohibiting social gatherings at residential homes, or otherwise. It is his understanding that a select few home owners have permission from the town to have mass events on their properties. He recently wrote a letter to the town and to the Planning board stating why his neighbor on Seven Tree Pond should be prohibited from having mass gatherings on her property. He is asking the Select Board to expand the land use ordinance to include a clause pertaining to mass gathering events so there is more control. Furthermore, he is concerned about the nesting eagles that are approximately 200 yards from gatherings that contain loud music and unnecessary commotion.

Tiffany Strong echoed John Woodman's sentiments. She is duly concerned about the loud music and commotion, and how it is affecting the eagles' nest. She also stated that the traffic and noise level has increased significantly pertaining to the property in question. Andrew Hackman also stated that there has been a significant change in this neighborhood. He can fully appreciate businesses and growth throughout the town but feels the town should look at comprehensive policies for notifying residents when events are taking place, as it impacts their lives. He feels there needs to be a solution to the issue at hand that is fair to everyone involved. Stephanie Woodman stated she is thankful and appreciative for the opportunity to speak. She also stated that there was a letter of concern written pertaining to the issue on Oak Point Lane which contained several signatures but was never addressed.

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Discussion: Greg would like to see a copy of the letter, which did not reach all the Selectmen's boxes. He also suggested for future reference; a letter of concern should be addressed to the Town Manager. He agrees that an ordinance should be established concerning the issues at hand. The Select Board will need to collaborate with the Planning Board to see if there is a reasonable solution for these types of issues moving forward. Stating, it may not be easy with the current issue, because it is now after the fact.

Matthew Speno was present to discuss the light issue that is constantly lighting up his property and shining into his room. The light is currently on 24 hours a day due to a sensor that needs to be replaced. He would like to revisit this issue and discuss a solution. Discussion: Greg stated that the lighting issue will be on a future agenda. Jay stated that a new sensor has been ordered.

4. Approve minutes of Tuesday, July 3, 2018:

Motion by: John Shepard
2nd by: Lyle Cramer
4-0-1

5. Review and sign Pope Shelter Agreement:

Motion by: Jim Justice to renew for a 3-year term
2nd by: Sara Drickey
5-0

6. Vote to use \$3945.00 from Office Equipment Reserve Account:

Motion by: Jim Justice
2nd by: John Shepard
5-0

7. Sign Treasurer's Warrant dated Tuesday, July 17, 2018:

Motion by: Lyle Cramer
2nd by: John Shepard
5-0

8. Town Manager's Report:

Jay stated that on August 7th he will be attending an annual Executive Board meeting at Sunday River; Patrick, the intern, will be running the BOS meeting.

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Chip seal on Middle Road is tentatively scheduled for the week of July 23rd. Hot asphalt chip seal will be laid down around the 15th or 16th of August (weather pending).

Jay has two applicants for the Ayer Park position; a decision will be made by next week.

Jay thought Founders Day went very well. He stated that there was a lower attendance than in past years but nonetheless, the parade was larger than most and it had a good turnout. There was an issue with trash pick-up. He hired an employee from public works to finish the job on Sunday.

MMA is holding their annual elections. The Board needs to make a motion for Jay to sign on their behalf for the nominated candidates.

Motion by: Jim Justice

2nd by: Sara Drickey

5-0

9. Other Business:

The summer intern, Patrick, was present to discuss his duties thus far. He stated that he has been working with the cemetery software; most of his time has been spent transferring the hard copy records into the software. He has also been noting the damaged stones and working on the reports for the insurance company. He is also creating maps of the cemeteries, so they can be also eventually be viewed online along with the plots.

10. Selectmen's Report:

John stated that a resident mentioned that a 35-mph speed limit sign is covered with leaves and brush on Clarry Hill Road. Jay will have Public Works look at it. The same resident also mentioned a ditch across from the lobster traps, he is concerned about possible wash-out. Jay stated its more of an illusion because of the broken pavement. Guardrails may be a solution, although, it is a narrow road. Furthermore, after spending money on guard rails, there is the potential that they will be pushed away from ice because of the instability of the ground in that area.

Greg noted that the Board received the Fire Marshal report regarding the TCC. The Engineer report began last Friday, which will take 4-6 weeks. The Audit report is due August 1st.

Greg mentioned that Founders Day duties need to be better delegated. He feels that the Board should write up guidelines for what the town is responsible for. He stated that Jay should not be carrying tables, chairs and picking up trash all by himself. This needs to be a future agenda discussion.

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Greg was disappointed to see that the TCC, which is a community center with many volunteers (trying to raise funds), not take part in the parade. This would have been a great way to advertise their activities within the organization.

Lyle presented a draft to the Board pertaining to policies and guidelines when conducting public meetings. He feels all Boards need to abide by a certain set of standards. He asked that the Board view the draft to see if there are any clauses that they feel need to be added or eliminated. He would like to add this topic as a future agenda item.

11. Future Agenda Items:

Founders Day Duties
Light on Common Road
Public Meeting Policies

12. Adjourn

Motion by: Jim Justice
2nd by: John Shepard
5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Patrick
Secretary