



TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
267 Wentworth Road Brookfield, N.H. 03872

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2013

ATTENDANCE: Selectman William Nelson, Selectmen Rich Zacher, Selectmen Brian Robischeau, Ed Comeau, Rose Zacher, Rob Collins, Diana Peckham, Ed Nason, Jim Bennett, Don McWhirter

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Jim Bennett.

Mr. McWhirter spoke with the Selectmen with regards to two pieces of land which are due to be deeded by the Town for non payment of taxes. The tax bill includes a Land Use Change tax which was charged, with interest and penalties, per the State RSA 79A: 7. The Selectmen explained why the land was taken out of current use per the recommendation from Avitar. If there is a question by the property owner, the issue needs to be disputed through an abatement process. According to the Town records, no abatement was submitted. Therefore per the RSA, the property owner loses their rights to the property if tax is not paid. The second point Mr. McWhirter made was that the calculations for the acreage removed appeared to be 50% of the Land Use Change tax was charged when only 25% of the tax should have been charged. He stated the agreement with the prior Select Board when the subdivision was created was that the Land Use Change tax would be charged at the lot was sold.

Selectmen Zacher pointed out that the RSA requires the tax be paid and then the abatement process followed, preserving the owner's right to challenge the tax bill of the two lots.

After discussion, the Selectmen decided to postpone the deeding of the properties for one month, until the research on the property has been completed. At that time, a decision will be made. A deed waiver form will be created by Selectmen Zacher and signed by all three Selectmen to waive the deeding for 1 month. The waiver will be addressed to the Tax Collector.

MOTION: *Selectmen Robischeau made a motion to postpone the deeding of Map 18 Lot 4B & C for one month. A waiver letter will be drafted and submitted to the Tax Collector. Selectmen Zacher seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.*

Rob Collins made a statement saying that the property tax abatement law is very clear and that he suggests following what the RSA states.

Fire Extinguishers: Selectmen Nelson stated that Emergency Management Director Brad Williamson was not able to get the fire extinguishers checked; therefore, the Selectmen will do this to comply with regulations. Selectmen Nelson will call the fire department to see if they check the fire extinguishers. If not, he will call a few companies and discuss the fees to bring the extinguishers up to date. Brad Williamson has not been able to complete the emergency radio room so Selectmen Nelson volunteered to paint the walls.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Robischeau
Administrative Assistant