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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2013

Selectmen Present: Chair Betsy Hardwick, Scott Carbee, and Abigail Arnold

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Branley and Building Inspector & Code Enforcement Officer Ed Hunter

Also present: Pat Terry, Polly Freese, Ben Haubrich, Robin Haubrich, Larry Labor, Janet Quilty, Betty Behrsing, Becky Moul, Sarah Cox, Jan Hicks, Tom Anderson, Judi Miller, John Arnold, John Arnold, Bruce Harrington, Charlie Pyle, BJ Carbee, Linda Kunhardt, Maureen von Roseninge, and others unknown to the minute taker

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Appointments

1. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Hunter to discuss Crotched Mountain Ski & Ride Lighting Enforcement – Abigail stated the Planning Board had a compliance hearing for the lighting of the trails. She stated that the mountain volunteered to place shields on the trail lights which they have not done. The mountain is now saying that they could not place the shields however have not provided a lighting expert to show that is the case. The applicant failed to appear at the most recent compliance hearing so the Planning Board found the mountain not in compliance and recommended administrative enforcement. Ed stated he is preparing a cease and desist for night skiing. Scott stated he wasn't sure if the Frankestown Board of Selectmen could issue a cease and desist to a business located in Bennington and Mike stated he had invited Bennington officials to attend this meeting and they declined to attend. Scott stated he thought a cease and desist was an anti-business move. Abigail stated no one wants the ski mountain to struggle however it sends a bad message to allow businesses to disregard our boards and regulations. The Board agreed to have Ed draft a cease and desist order for the Board to discuss next Monday. Scott asked how much authority Pat Terry had to make decisions and Pat stated everything ultimately had to go up the food chain. Pat stated he has been hearing conflicting things from the Planning Board. Pat stated the lighting issue will be taken care of before the ski season but he wants to make sure the Town is not put in a situation where they face a lawsuit.
2. Solid Waste Committee – Becky asked what the status of the safety gate at the CD container is and Scott responded that Bobby Hunsaker is still working on the gate in his

workshop and Scott would get a status update for her. Becky asked what the status of the painting at the Transfer Station is and Mike stated that the go ahead has been given to George to purchase the paint and Mike will confirm if the prisoners are going to be available from the county. Becky confirmed that the Household Hazardous Waste Day bid would be going out after the committee's next meeting. John Arnold asked if the RFP for hauling was going to be using one vendor or several. Mike stated he thought it stated that the Town could mix and match vendors unless otherwise stated however if that was not clear we would want to make it more clear. John asked if the plastic bag collection at the Transfer Station had begun and Scott responded that it is. The Board and Solid Waste Committee discussed this program. Polly asked and Becky responded that Talking Trash will be going out soon.

Items to Sign

1. Payables Manifest for 7/1
2. Payroll Manifest for 7/1
3. Parade Permit Application for Labor Day – the Board authorized Betsy to sign
4. Building Permit application for an above ground pool for Map 6 Lot 65
5. Building Permit application for Map 5 Lot 55
6. Appointment form for Mike Petrovick as a Library Trustee alternate
7. Intent to cut for Map 2 Lot 25
8. Board of Selectmen guidelines – Betsy asked if Mike had made many changes and he stated he just corrected some typo errors and inserted the language the Board discussed in the section about liaisons
9. Betsy stated that Elaine asked the Board to sign waivers regarding the tax deeded properties but the Board agreed that they were not comfortable with the current language and did not sign them

New Business

1. Letter from Aquatic control about Milfoil treatment on Scoby Pond scheduled for July 9
2. Memo from Mike about 1077 Pleasant Pond Road – Mike stated that Elaine became aware last year that the owner was not living in the property and the resident's daughter claimed it was temporary. This year the tax bill came back as undeliverable further indicating that the person is not living there. He spoke to the assessor and this is grounds to remove the elderly exemption and the veteran's credit. The property owner would have until next March 1st to demonstrate that they are living at the property. The Board agreed to have Mike try to call the property owner to confirm her residency.
3. The Board discussed a bill for work on the geothermal well and agreed to have Scott follow up.
4. Maureen stated on Tuesday it was discovered that there was a leak where Village Water connects to the building hookup at the Town Hall. Scott stated he had called the Millers to look at the situation and they stated it needed to be fixed immediately so they made the repair.

Administrative Update

Mike stated he had spoken to a resident who wanted to know if he could park a car in the Town Hall parking lot with a “for sale” sign and the Board agreed this was not permissible.

Linda Kunhardt stated she apologized for not being at the meeting for 6:30 however her last communication was that the appointment was for 6:45 and she did her best to make it here as soon as possible.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday July 8th at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Michael Branley

Approved on August 19, 2013

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold