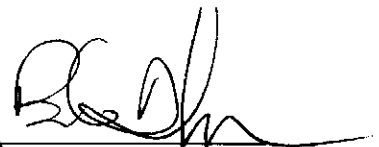
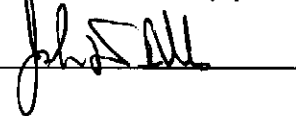


Bob Thompson



John Allen



Bill Lockard

Selectmen's Board Meeting

March 24, 2016

Present: John Allen, Chairman; Bob Thompson, Selectman

Visitors: Town Office Administrator Julie Atwell, Town Administrative Assistant Julie Hoyt, Police Chief Doug Jette, Building Inspector Kevin Bennett, Road Agent Pat Kelley, Videographer Hank Benesh, County Commissioners Christopher Ahlgren, Ken Robichaud and David Soresen; Bea Davis, Mary Howe, Paul Keane, Barbara Meserve, Bartlett Selectman Gene Chandler, Norman Head, NHDOT representatives Bob Landry, Phil Broughan and Mark Lauren, Joe Kenney, Nancy Davis

Chairman John Allen called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

1. **Chairman Selection John Allen, seconded by Bob Thompson, made a motion to elect Bob Thompson as Chairman. The motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Bob Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Amend & approve minutes**

- a. Selectmen's Meeting – February 25, 2016 The minutes were approved as written.
- b. Non-Public – February 25, 2016 – sign minutes envelope RSA 91-A:3, II(c) **Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to seal the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Update on February 25, 2016 Action Items**

- a. Upcoming Selectmen's Meeting dates Selectmen's meeting dates are April 14th and 29th and May 12th and 26th beginning at 4 p.m.

4. **Police Report** Chief Jette has three items to discuss. It's been a busy couple of weeks; St. Patrick's Day saw various events at the village restaurants. Officers talked with all of the establishments that had activities. At the last meeting the question came up regarding whether our town employees need to have a CDL to operate the vehicles. Chief Jette talked to Road Agent Pat Kelley and Trooper Huddleston Troop G, as Troop G deals with CDLs in the state. The town vehicles are exempt; Jackson is a political subdivision of the state. When looking at the statute it pertains to vehicles used primarily for commerce. That's a factor. If someone owns a twenty six thousand pound dump truck and uses it just for

himself he doesn't need a CDL. Jackson's guys, in their positions at the garage, do not need their CDL however it is understood at hire they will get one. That statute is available to anyone. The last piece is that he will be holding the second Coffee with a Cop at Christmas Farm Inn in their barn area. The last one was well attended and he hopes everyone will attend. It will be from 9 to 10:30 a.m. He's been getting good feedback on it. The one after this will probably be an evening thing to allow more folks to attend. Chairman Thompson would also like to note that the Selectmen received a letter of appreciation from Tim Scott. One of Jackson's town residents sent in a letter stating how appreciative he is of the work our police and staff do here.

5. **County Commissioners – David Sorensen, David Babson and Christopher Ahlgren to introduce Ken Robichaud – New County Administrator** The County Commissioners joined the Board; they are introducing the new County Administrator Ken Robichaud and the new Commissioner Christopher Ahlgren. Chairman Thompson noted the Board gets news from many sources and the Commissioners are often between a rock and a hard place. Commissions and Boards who serve people end up there. The Board appreciates the Commissioners' service. Ken noted the commission is in the final stretch of the budget approval process. The budget is presented in December and it takes to the end of March to approve it. January through March thirty first is for the negotiation of it. The Commissioners hope to have the final meeting on Monday. The delegation is made up of all the state representatives of the county; they are in the budget committee phase making additions and cuts. A ratified increase of about six cents per thousand would mean a thirty dollar increase for a five hundred thousand dollar house. There are some changes so this year the cost should shake out to only about three cents. The county is looking at having some layoffs; there will be six or seven folks laid off in total and not just at the farm. The Commissioners want to know how the people of Jackson feel about defunding the farm; there was no discussion during the Commissioners meeting. Dave Sorensen invited folks to stop in and see the new nursing home; it is something to look at; it's a nice facility with private baths and private rooms. There are a lot of people wanting to get in; they take Carroll county residents first when able. There have been no issues with the Sheriff's office; Jackson appreciates the cooperation. Chris noted, in Freedom, the selectmen mentioned having a coalition of the smaller communities getting together to have a sheriff at a shared cost. It would be cheaper than having an On Call officer. Chief Jette will address it if that is something he's interested in. Mary Howe noted nobody asked the people of Jackson about the farm; she's very disappointed. It's a unique thing and it's a shame to do away with it. Dave Babson noted that's the general agreement from the general public; folks have nothing but positive comments about it. Bea Davis asked what is going to be done with the land; is it going to be sold? There is no plan to sell the land; that's not on the docket. Bea thinks it's foolish not to use it. The farm has one acre of blueberries, one acre of vegetables and eighty acres of hay. There are no more pigs; the delegation nixed that too. It was noted that it is a misnomer to just call it a farm; the workers do all the snow removal and mowing and grounds keeping during the summer; they run the water department; run the septic system for the complex. Eight hundred acres of the

land was studied by a Forester; it's all laid out. The inmates have been cutting trees into firewood to sell at state parks; last year they sold six thousand bags of firewood.

6. **Public Comment** There were none.

7. **Building Inspector**

- a. Weekly Report – Kevin Bennett Inspector Bennett reviewed the two permits; the shed that will be demolished will be up for the taking.
- b. Building Permit 2016-10/Map V07 Lot 50 B/Owner – Beesley/36 Sarah Hill Road/Create craft room in garage, install 2 garage doors, change bedroom wall layout in house
- c. Demolition Permit 2016-11/Map V02 Lot 34/Owner – Hebert/69 Black Mountain Road/Dismantle one story unused building on property

8. **New Business**

- a. Old Library Usage – Jessica Della Valla (Postponed until April 24th)
- b. DRA MS-232 – Signatures Required **Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to sign the MS-232. The motion passed unanimously.**
- c. Eagle Mountain House – Extended Liquor License Request This is the request to serve outside in the wedding tent across the street. There's been some interest from the community regarding the outdoor tent. Paul Keane noted there's no issue with the venues in town trying to make a living with weddings parties, *et cetera* but the neighbors don't want to give them the opportunity to have an outside party until midnight. The town doesn't have a noise ordinance; it is not a huge deal; it was not any kind of deal until the last couple of years when the tent thing came in; they always used the Carriage House before. Paul did contact the Eagle Mountain House about it. They can go as late as their liquor license runs; which would be last call at midnight. Paul would like to see some parameters in place. This issue came up about a year ago with the Wentworth; it was addressed with the Koepfels; the entertainment ends at ten and they have a decibel level reader there to assure the noise is not intrusive. Maybe it would be possible to have the same kind of conversations with the Eagle Mountain House. This topic will be tabled to the next meeting; a representative of the Selectmen can go up and meet with them or they'll be invited to come in. This is a great idea; they should be the same as the Wentworth. Inspector Bennett noted there is substantial work that needs to be done at the Eagle Mountain House; the state is overseeing that work and it includes the tent and parking lot. There are three pages of electrical violations. He just met with electrician and the owners of Eagle Mountain

House; they are on schedule to fix everything by May thirtieth. The Fire Department will not issue a Permit of Assembly before those are corrected. Inspector Bennett would like this license held until that work is done. This won't be an issue since they will have no Permit for Assembly. This will be an action item. Chief Jette would like to make sure he's involved in this discussion whenever it's planned. Selectman Allen would like to know if there are new laws regarding outdoor tents after the incident in Lancaster last year. The state is sending out inspectors to make sure the tent is put up in accordance with the instruction and that the electrical systems are up to code.

- d. NCC – Representative Interest **Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to appoint Bill Kelley to the NCC Transportation Advisory Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**
- e. DRA 2015 – Ratio Study – FYI
- f. DES FYI – Great Brook Dam and Mirror Lake Dam This is the yearly inspection report; it's available in the Town Office.
- g. Trustees of the Trust Funds – Withdrawal Request **Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to transfer Three Thousand Dollars into the Police Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund in accordance with Article 23 to pay an outstanding invoice. The motion passed unanimously.**

Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to withdraw thirteen hundred sixty seven dollars and fifty cents from the Town Office Equipment Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund (0047) for New Egg Order Number 270156395 dated 3.1.16 in the amount of nine hundred seventy five dollars and fifty two cents; Walmart Receipt dated 2.24.16 in the amount of three hundred seven dollars and the Staples Receipt dated 3.12.16 in the amount of eighty four dollars and ninety eight cents. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to withdraw sixty nine thousand nine hundred seventy nine dollars from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund (0048) for Crest Price Order Confirmation dated 3.15.16 in the amount of forty seven thousand three hundred seventy nine dollars and MHQ Quote dated 2.9.16 in the amount of twenty two thousand six hundred sixty dollars. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to withdraw two thousand three hundred forty dollars and ninety three cents from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund (0051) for Police Equipment HQ Order #0320216 dated 3.22.16 in the amount of two

thousand three hundred forty dollars and ninety three cents. The motion passed unanimously.

- h. Board Appointments **Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to appoint Larry Seibert and Kathleen Dougherty as Regular Members on the Planning Board. The motion passed unanimously.**

Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to appoint Jerry Dougherty as a Regular Member on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to appoint Kate Curtis-McLane and Mary Howe as Alternate Members to the Library Trustees. The motion passed unanimously.

There are two openings for Regular members on the Conservation Commission and four letters of interest. One is from Regular Member Margaret Graciano who the Board thinks should continue. That means there are three letters of interest for the last Regular Member seat; these are from Liz Fryman, Mark Ross-Parent and William Terry. It was noted that Mark Ross-Parent was at the last meeting and was engaged. He was interested enough to show up. **Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to appoint Margaret Graciano and Mark Ross-Parent for the Three Year Terms as Regular Members on the Conservation Commission. The motion passed unanimously.** Chairman Thompson noted it's wonderful to have qualified candidates applying for these seats; he'd like to reach out to Liz and Bill regarding the Alternate seats on the Planning and Zoning Boards.

- i. BJ Transfer Station Scrap Metal Agreement – Signatures Required **Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to approve the Scrap Metal Agreement with Roger Labee for twelve hundred fifty dollars. The motion passed unanimously.**

9. Old Business

- a. Town Vehicle Use **Bea noted at the December twenty first meeting there was discussion about the new Road Agent using his own vehicle versus a town vehicle. She'd like to know what was decided. Chairman Thompson noted that use of a town vehicle was part of the interview process; the top candidate would need transportation once in a while and he can use the vehicle to go back and forth to home. The previous Road Agent used a town vehicle for transportation to and from home; the new Road Agent has discretion to use the vehicle back and forth. Bea pointed out that the previous Road Agent used the pickup not a big truck. That's a lot of wear and tear on the vehicle. Chairman Thompson noted it's tough**

when Jackson has people who want to serve the town but can't live in the town.

10. **Public Comment** Paul Keane asked who is issuing fire permits since Jon has left the Transfer Station; it was noted Kenny Crowther issues them; he's the new Forest Warden. Chairman Thompson asked if that information could be put out on Enews. Kenny will relinquish that duty should Bartlett hire somebody that is eligible to serve; which should happen within the next week or two.

11. **NH DOT – Public Informational Meeting on the Bridge over the Ellis River on Route 16** Bob Landry noted this is the second Informational Meeting; the first was held last August; this is a historic bridge. Phil Broughan reviewed a PowerPoint Presentation (attached) showing the area involved. There would be a traffic light that would allow alternating traffic over the bridge. The traffic counts in August were three thousand per weekday and four thousand per weekend day. The concrete tests turned out better than expected so they are no longer talking about a replacement; the current recommendation is bridge rehabilitation. The concerns now are that the sidewalks are narrow and there are sight issues with Green Hill Road. The plan would be to take the bridge pavement down by five inches, remove the deck drains and replace the guardrail. There is a concern regarding bikes and the catch basins; that is beyond the aspects of this project but it definitely is an issue. The work would be done in two stages over one construction season. Chief Jette is concerned that this option will create the problem of increasing traffic on 16A so the drivers don't have to deal with the light. This will create issues in town. Bob Landry noted there can be another meeting. Funding in the ten-year plan was for a replacement for 2023 but if the project is kept to a half a million dollars the time could accelerate. The project will be state and federally funded; during work no pedestrians would be allowed. Pat Kelley doesn't think the traffic figures include the increase in traffic due to the biomass plant. There's no planned work to the abutments as they look pretty sound. When asked if the DOT looked at possible five hundred year flood events to make sure abutments built in the 30's is still adequate Bob noted the DOT looked at one hundred year flood information. There have been storms above the one hundred year level and the hydraulic people are comfortable this will handle it. If there is a big wash out it undermines the foundation but tis bridge is set very deep; it's fifteen feet below the river bed; it's not going to wash out. They are feeling pretty good about it meeting five hundred year events as well. There isn't a history of this bridge flooding. Staging for the work will be up to the contractor. Neighbors to the bridge would like to see something done for pedestrians. Bob noted the sidewalk is four feet wide today; it is going to become five feet. A small pedestrian bridge can be explored in a separate project but Bob reminded folks they have this stretch of Route 16 with a one foot shoulder with the sidewalk next to it. The neighbors think it would be best to remove pedestrians and bicyclists from the bridge; someone is going to be killed there; it's a very narrow structure. Bob noted that's why the DOT was looking at a replacement but now it is not. It'll be about a million dollars to put a separate structure on there. Chairman Thompson thinks the shoulders should be equal to accommodate bicyclists. Another member of the public asked that the DOT

consider making a modification to the stone to assist with the sight issues with Green Hill Road. One issue with guardrails is that they are supposed to be set at forty two inches so bikers or pedestrians can't fall over it; the current rail is only thirty nine inches; they can't lower it. There is a little bit of sag on the south side which they will pick up so the cars won't be "lost" in the dip.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Martha D. Tobin

Recording Secretary