

Bob Thompson\_\_\_\_\_

John Allen\_\_\_\_\_

Richard Bennett\_\_\_\_\_

## **Selectmen's Board Meeting**

April 27, 2017

Present: Bob Thompson, Chairman, John Allen, and Richard Bennett, Selectmen

Visitors: Town Administrator Julie Atwell, Town Administrative Assistant Julie Hoyt, Road Agent Pat Kelley, Building Inspector Kevin Bennett, Videographer Hank Benesh, Bea Davis, Sarah Clemons, Darlene Ference, Joyce Allan

Chairman Bob Thompson called the meeting into public session at 4:10PM.

### **1. Amend & approve minutes**

1. Selectmen's Meeting – March 30, 2017 - **Selectman Allen, seconded by Selectman Bennett, made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. Non-Public Session – March 30, 2017 – RSA 91-A:3 II (c) - **Initialed**
3. Non-Public Session – March 30, 2017 – RSA 91-A:3 II (l) - **Initialed**
4. Non-Public Session – March 30, 2017 – RSA 91-A:3 II (b) – **Unsealed** – Board final interviews for police officer candidates Nathan Boothby and Garry Sherry were conducted on that day.

### **2. Update on 3.9.17 Action Items**

1. Julie has distributed the Backhoe specs. We have made that lease to own purchase and it will be delivered tomorrow.
2. Upcoming Meetings-
  - Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 PM – Selectmen's Meeting
  - Thursday May 25<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 PM – Selectmen's Meeting
  - Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 PM – Selectmen's Meeting
  - Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 4:00 PM – Selectmen's Meeting
3. **Police Update** – The Chief informed us that they received six applications. Two of them have been picked. The first Garry Sherry will be working part time. He has been an officer in New Hampshire since 2003. He has worked in Bartlett and Conway. Nathan Boothby will hold the full time position of Sergeant. He started in law enforcement in Fryeburg in 1991 and after that he worked with me in Conway. He worked several years with the New Hampshire State Police and was second in command of Troop G. He is also a certified

hand gun instructor and K9 handler. Formal swearing in and introductions to the community will be at the next selectmen's meeting. We were very lucky in securing these two officers for our town. Compliments were given to the chief about the presentation given at the grammar school about cyber safety.

- 4. Public Comments** – Joyce thought that they were only going to have 3 officers but now they have 4. Selectman Thompson said it is in the budget. We will have 3 full time plus as many officers as can be used within the financial budget. Bea asked if someone new had been hired in the highway department. Earl's position has not been filled yet but it is being discussed. Sarah asked if someone had been promoted then. We bumped up a part timer to full time status. The Shannon Door will be fundraising for the Fire Department tonight.

**5. Building Inspector**

1. Weekly Report – Kevin Bennett
2. Building permits:

1. 2017-11/R16-L03/Owner – Kudrick /85 Dundee Road/Add 10 FT Shed Dormer, Remodel Bath and Kitchen, Insulate, Repair Roof
2. 2017-12/ R12-L100-A/ Owner – Kudrick/7 Meserve Hill Road/Remodel Interior and Kitchen, Repair Roof, Replace Windows, Convert to 6 Bedroom 6.5 Bath- Bringing it up to code – Need to come up with a septic plan
3. 2017-13/R12-L139/Owner – Burton /301 NH Route 16/Renew Permit 2016-17
4. 2017-14/V03-L02/Owner – Eagle Mountain House /Carter Notch Road/Structural Upgrades as Identified by HEB (work submitted in stages) – working on the porch
5. 2017-15/V10-L127/Owner – Massa /28 Balsam Drive/Demolish Cinderblock Garage
6. 2017-16/R18-L01/Owner – Oraby /834 Carter Notch Road/Side Gable End of Barn/Shed – closing it in
7. 2017-17/V02-L32/Owner – CFI Holdings, LLC / Black Mountain Road/Replace Roof on pool house /Christmas Farm Inn
8. 2017-18/V08-L31/Owner – Furniss /209 Tin Mine Road/New Kitchen Cabinets, Replace Exposed Gas Lines, Smoke Detectors Installed, Paint Walls and Ceilings
9. 2017-19/R17-L12-B/Owner – Harding /348 Carter Notch Road /Install 18 Solar Panels onto Roof of House

Wentworth elevator work is progressing well. The town is still looking into the relationship between the town and the installation of solar panels. No building permit is needed to put in a septic system.

## 6. New Business

1. Extended Liquor License Requests – Thompson House Eatery & Eagle Mountain House – The Thompson House Eatery request is for a front deck that is 25 x 15 and has an occupancy of 25 and the rear deck is 37 x 14 and has an occupancy of 34. They will comply with all the noise regulations. **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made the motion to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.** The Eagle Mountain House sent a new letter stating that all events not just new events will comply with all the noise regulations. A letter was read by Selectman Thompson listing an abutter's concerns. He stated that he would like events be limited to 5 hours and end by 10:00. He would also like monthly meetings with management to discuss any problems. The Selectmen stated that they think they should monitor the present regulations through the summer and review them at the end of the season. Selectman Bennett feels meetings with management might be useful but don't need to be set up by the town. Bea commented that these people have to realize we live in a resort town. **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made the motion to approve the request. The motion passed unanimously.**
2. Reports of Cuts- Signatures Required – Certificate of Yield taxes assessed for Peter Faro. **Selectman Allen, seconded by Selectman Bennett, made the motion to sign the Report. The motion passed unanimously.** The second report was for Robert Beatris and Randy Davis. **Selectman Allen, seconded by Selectman Bennett, made the motion to sign the Report. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. Road Agent Report – The snowfall was 152 inches with 37 different weather events. That's the most snow since 2007-8. We purchased a snow blower for the small 4x4 John Deere tractor we have. Jean Brown did a good job with the work he did for us. He was there the day after every storm. We purchased a Grisby Screen in January to help screen frost from the sand. This helped save money on sand. Bans will stay on roads as long as they are soft. Road sweeping is underway and road repair will follow that. Thanks to all the Road Crew from the Town.
4. Board Appointments – ZBA and Library – Sarah Duffy has put forward as the two alternates Darlene Ference and Jennifer Caughey needed for the 2017 Alternate Library Trustees. **Selectman Allen, seconded by Selectman Bennett, made the motion to approve the appointments. The motion passed unanimously.** Dave Mason said he would be pleased to continue on the ZBA. **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made the motion to approve the appointment. The motion passed unanimously.** A vacancy for the remainder of Brian Walker's term as a Library Trustee expiring April 1, 2017. The recommendation is to fill that position

with Mary Howe. **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made the motion to approve the appointment. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. 2017 Melloon Road Land Fill Monitoring Services – Signatures Required – Every two years. **Selectman Allen, seconded by Selectman Bennett, made the motion to approve the Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.** Selectmen Bennett wondered how long this testing would go on for. The response was no end date has been committed to.
  
6. Valley Cross Road Bridge – Burr Phillips – The Bridge is functionally obsolete. Repairing the bridge would cost about \$160,000. They would expect the repairs to last about 25 years. Another \$80,000 in repairs would make the bridge last about 50 years. They would keep it looking similar to the present structure. A brand new bridge would run about \$800,000. The program would make the town pay 20% or about \$160,000. This would be a more vanilla bare bones bridge design. This program is a long process. The question was brought up as to whether this would be a one or two lane bridge. Answers need to be obtained. Land might have to be bought. The selectmen are leaning toward building a new bridge. Sarah wanted to know if the price quoted was for a one-lane bridge or a two-lane bridge. Selectman Thompson said they would be seeking clarification on that issue.
  
7. Delinquent Tax Collection Policy – Wording has been firmed up with Town Council. Selectmen have to sign off on all agreements. We should be proactive. Everything is in place if needed if something goes wrong with the payment plan. **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made the motion to adopt the policy. The motion passed unanimously.** This is for people who have a reason for being behind.
  
7. **Old Business** - none
  
8. **Public Comment** – Joyce was wondering about police coverage. It would take 4 and a half officers to provide 24 hour coverage. Obviously we can't do that. There will always be someone on call. Joyce didn't want to see an ugly bridge replacing the existing one. The selectmen said when they know more they'll discuss it more.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Amiee Murphy  
Recording Secretary