

Minutes of the Selectmen's Work Session April 10, 2018

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott, Scott Young

In attendance: John Page, Jack LaGasse, Theresa LaGasse, Ruth Swazey, Jamie Swazey, Building Inspector David Copeland, Tax Collector Judy Dupré, Jeff Peasely, Mary Tebo Davis, David Conley

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:35PM.

Minutes from March 27, 2018 meeting were read and approved. Payroll and checks were reviewed and payment was approved. Notices of pay rate were reviewed and signed. Four abatement recommendations were considered; the assessor's recommendation was accepted. The Selectmen signed a Land Use Change Tax Application. The contract for tax mapping through SRPC and Mapgeo was reviewed and signed. A motion prepared by the Town attorney was reviewed and signed.

The Selectmen approved the Strafford scouts' request to conduct an early spring clean up of the beach area, including the hauling away of the leaves, pine needles and other debris.

Mary Tebo Davis and David Conley stopped in to the Selectmen's meeting to deliver 3 copies of information concerning junkyards published by NH Municipal Association. They had found this publication helpful in understanding the definition and oversight of a junkyard. They were interested in any follow-up with regard to the previous meeting. The Selectmen informed them that the Board would be meeting with Mr. Page later in the evening and would forward a progress report to them.

John Page later attended the Board meeting to discuss the work he is doing to address the neighbors' concerns about the vehicles on his property. He presented a written progress report of work completed since the previous meeting. Among other things, the inventory has been completed and some vehicles and scrap have been removed from the property.

The LaGasses and the Swazeys were in attendance to discuss their ongoing concern about the burned and vacant building at 12 Deer Lane. From their homes they can see this structure and have grown weary of its unsightliness; additionally, they believe it is negatively affecting their property values. The report filed by the Fire Chief following the fire indicated that the building was not a complete loss and was repairable. The current owner purchased the building after the fire and was contacted autumn 2018 by then Building Inspector, Bill Booth to begin addressing the fire damage. The owner secured a building permit and, therefore, has 1 year to complete the permitted work. The only changes the neighbors have noted are that the dumpster and a car have been removed and the tarp has blown off a damaged area. Building Inspector David Copeland will contact the current owner to encourage him to take action in the cleanup of fire damage and the renovation of the house.

Mr. Jeff Peasley attended the Selectmen's meeting to discuss several safety concerns at the beach area on the far side of the dam. He shared some photographs which illustrated his point. He has

tried to work with the State to remedy this situation, but had been unsuccessful. He contacted our State representatives who were able to speak to the appropriate people at NHDES. The Selectmen had been made aware just this week of the situation as well as the assistance of the State representatives. They were able to report to Mr. Peasley that NHDES had just notified the Selectmen's Office that the concerns were to be remedied by week's end. They asked him to watch for the work to be done. Mr. Peasley also brought up the subject of poison ivy along the fencing at the beach and showed a picture of one problematic area. The Selectmen pointed out that the Town had sprayed for it a couple years ago, but acknowledged that it is necessary to deal with it routinely. The Selectmen's Office will contact Road Agent Greg Messenger about the poison ivy.

The replacement of the electrical building at the Recycling Center was discussed. One contractor has expressed interest in the project; the project has not yet been put out to bid. At the recommendation of the Building Inspector, the Selectmen's Office will speak with Waste Management to learn if other options might be suitable to house the equipment.

There being no further business to conduct, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:10.