

Minutes of the Selectmen's Minutes September 12, 2017

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Whitehouse

In attendance: Judy Dupré, Bill Booth, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fischer, Elizabeth Evans

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:30.

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and payment of bills. Minutes from the August 29th meeting were read and approved. The Board members signed pay rate slips and the appointment slip for David Hartranft as the Deputy Health Officer. A pay rate slip for Paige Holman who has been selected by the Library Trustees to be the new Hill Library Director was signed.

The Selectmen reviewed the status of 2015 lien arrangements and payments, asking Tax Collector, Judith Dupré to send a reminder about the December 20th due date for 2015 tax lien payments. The Board forgave a small interest payment owed on the 2017 First Issue billing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fischer were in attendance, at the request of the Board, to discuss apparent zoning and building code violations on their Browns Pasture property. Ms. Sweet recused herself from making any decision in this matter, due to prior interaction with family members. Discussion followed about several of the concerns that would need to be addressed to comply with State and local zoning as well as building codes. Two solutions were presented; the Board encouraged the Fischers to work through the Zoning Board of Appeals process to seek a variance. Ms. Evans will do some research regarding State and local regulations. The Fischers believed they were making their property more attractive and indicated they have neighborhood support. They will follow-up in a week to begin the appeal process.

The Selectmen also discussed two other code enforcement situations and how best to proceed with each. The Town attorney will advise on both. Based on counsel from the attorney, the Selectmen's Office will respond in one situation and the other, long standing situation, will be handled completely by the attorney.

The Selectmen would like Department heads to begin thinking about the 2018 Budget. Preliminary budgets, and anticipated requests which might be outside the normal operating budgets and payroll should be to the Selectmen before November 7th.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:02PM.