

Minutes of the Selectmen's Work Session  
October 1, 2019

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young  
In Attendance: Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, Police Chief Mike Richard  
No Appointments Scheduled

The work session was called to order by Selectman Lynn Sweet at 5:36PM.

An appeal of the permissibility of a building permit issued will be heard by the Zoning Board of Adjustment on October 16, 2019. Town Attorney Steve Whitley will be acting on behalf of the Building Inspector and the Selectmen in the case. Attorney client privilege was briefly discussed.

The work session had been arranged, in large part, to discuss with the Town attorney several legal matters facing the Board. They were seeking guidance as to how to move forward to bring the matters to a satisfactory conclusion. An appointment had been arranged for a conference call to begin at 6:00PM. The Selectmen briefly discussed the status of the cases and some questions they planned to ask. They discussed what could be handled through the Selectmen's Office and what would be turned completely over to the attorney. A longer term goal they hope to achieve with the assistance of the attorney is to strengthen the town ordinances with language that will aid enforcement.

At this time a motion was made by Lynn Sweet and seconded by Scott Young to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (e). Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye, Scott Young - Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 6:03PM.

A motion was made by Lynn Sweet to leave non-public session and seconded by Bryant Scott. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye, Scott Young – Aye

Public session reconvened at 6:27PM.

A motion was made by Scott Young and seconded by Lynn Sweet to seal the minutes of the non-public session. Roll call was taken as follows:

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye, Scott Young - Aye

The Selectmen's Office will draft a letter to Mr. Page, for review by the attorney, citing various violations of RSA 236 and giving a timeline for cleanup of December 31, 2019. Expectations for the cleanup are comprehensive, with removal of all offending material with the exception of his personal registered vehicle(s) and the equivalent of 2 unregistered vehicles. Penalties ranging

from \$50-\$275 per day were discussed as well as Town attorney fees. The Selectmen will seek counsel as to when the penalties may begin if noncompliance results.

It will be documented that Mr. Abels was in violation of the Cease and Desist Order he was served on September 12, 2019 when the concert went forward on September 14th. Mr. Abels has the right to appeal the order for 30 days, so the Board will not take action in that case until the time for appeal has passed.

The Town attorney will handle the issue of noncompliance on Deer Lane.

A few items of other business were addressed. The Selectmen reappointed Judy Dupré as the Town's 911 liaison.

The Town Offices will be closed on October 14<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day.

The situation with the removal of a stone wall on Province Road was discussed. The property owner will attend a future meeting to discuss the matter.

The Town adopted a Zoning Ordinance in 2012 prohibiting the posting signs on telephone poles. The Police Department has been the enforcement agency for handling violations and for removing the signs. The language in the ordinance permits the Selectmen to establish fines from time to time for violation. A fine of \$100/ sign for the first offense, \$250 for the second offense and \$750 for the third offense was motioned. The motion was seconded and a vote was taken:

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye, Scott Young – Aye

The fines will be included in the language of the ordinance.

There being no further business to conduct, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.