

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Work Session March 27, 2018

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

In attendance: Nathan Conley, Crystal Conley, David Conley, Scott Donnelly, Willey Buzzell, Eric Speed, Steve Pike, Cathy Greenlaw, Howard Greenlaw, Paul Davis, Mary Tebo Davis, Molly Gendreau, Rene Gingras, John Page, Dan Marcoux, Shelly Gingras, Frank Blaney, Dan Howard

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

The first order of business was the election of the Chairman of the Selectmen for the upcoming year. Scott Young motioned to nominate Lynn Sweet for the position. It was seconded by Bryant Scott. A vote was taken as follows:

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

Minutes from March 13, 2018 Work Session were read and approved. Payroll and checks were reviewed and payment was approved. The Annual Facilities Report and the Annual Landfill Post Closure Report for the Recycling Center were reviewed by the Board and signed by Chairman Sweet. A pole license was reviewed and signed as well.

At 6:00PM the meeting moved to the conference room to accommodate the number of attendees who had come to the Board Meeting to discuss the situation on Second Crown Point Road about which neighbors are concerned.

Mr. David Conley gave Board members letter signed by neighbors, most of whom were in attendance; also included were several photos of the property. The Selectmen reviewed the materials presented, after which Ms. Sweet read the letter aloud to all present and addressed some of the concerns expressed. She invited discussion and questions from attendees.

A major concern expressed in the letter was Mr. Page's seemingly lack of response to the Town attorney's letter and notice of violation of RSA 236:111, pertaining to junkyards; and likewise, the Town's proposed course of action.

The Selectmen explained to the group that Mr. Page has begun to address the letter with his attendance at 2 Board meetings. Based on the RSA, he doesn't believe he has a junkyard; he is not selling product off his property. What he has, he defines as a "collection". More clarification with the attorney is necessary, as there seems to be exception for "antique" vehicles.

The Town has not instigated legal proceedings against Mr. Page as he has attended 2 meetings and has presented some thoughts about how he plans to move forward. He and the Selectmen are working on some ideas, though nothing is specific or definite as yet.

Several members of the audience remarked that more vehicles have been added since they registered their initial complaint several months ago, and they fail to see any progress. Cars are lined up along the road as if they are for sale. The situation has been worsening for 30 years and they have grown increasingly weary of it. Mr. Conley suggested that any number of salvage yards would be willing to remove vehicles.

Mr. Speed suggested an inventory to address the “junkyard” question and that Mr. Page, along with the Board should prioritize the most important tasks to accomplish. It was suggested that the Building Inspector get involved in this process as they do in other Towns. Mr. Speed would like to see clear definition of what Mr. Page needs to accomplish. The Selectmen acknowledged that if Mr. Page refuses to allow the town access to his property, the Town will have to move forward with legal action.

Board members repeatedly expressed their desire to “work with” everyone before pursuing legal action. They also reminded attendees that this action would necessitate addressing other similar situations in Town. The Board will have to bring everyone into compliance and be consistent. This process could be costly to them as taxpayers. This seemed to be viewed in a positive light.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenlaw stated that the deterioration in the attractiveness of the property and resultant value of neighboring property was of concern. Mary Tebo Davis added that the environmental and health concerns must be weighed in as well; this is not just a “sight issue”. The gradual deterioration of the vehicles might release toxic substances into the water supply. It was suggested that the Town work with Don Watson from NHDES who might offer objective guidance; he has worked similarly with other towns.

The Selectmen suggested giving Mr. Page 6 months and then meeting again to review the progress. At the request of those in attendance, the Selectmen will forward progress reports to those who wish to receive them. David Conley will secure email addresses. The Selectmen will schedule an appointment to meet with Mr. Page.

Mr. David Conley ended by commenting that they are not trying to be unreasonable, they just want a solution to an unreasonable problem. Selectmen Scott reiterated that Mr. Page has attended 2 meetings and is working with the Board.

The Selectmen thanked all in attendance for their input. The meeting continued at 6:45 in the Selectmen’s Office. Mr. Page, Dan Marcoux, and Frank Blaney were in attendance.

Mr. Page will attend the April 10<sup>th</sup> Selectmen’s meeting to present a more definite plan. They reiterated their desire to work with him to improve this situation, but stressed that everyone is looking for improvement within a 12 month time frame and that he will need to show consistent progress. Mr. Page would like to talk with Don Watson from NHDES.

The three gentlemen left, and the Selectmen continued with regular business. They reviewed the equalization ratio prepared by the DRA and both wetlands and shore lands permitting. They signed contracts and pay rate sheets.

The Selectmen reviewed a motion for court proceedings prepared by the Town attorney and made some suggestions, referring to a previous motion. The attorney would like pictures to accompany this document.

The Selectmen's Office is working with Metrocast/Atlantic Broadband on viatic use of Parson's Hill Road to bring internet service to that area of Town.

The statement of tax impact on individual warrant articles as requested at Town meeting was discussed. Town Meeting in 2006 voted to include it, but in 2009 the Town was advised by the NHDRA not to include it. In 2012, an RSA was passed that provided a means for each town to include the statement of tax impact along with warrant articles, but the individual towns must first adopt the RSA. The Selectmen will put forward a warrant article in 2019 to adopt the RSA. They will provide a separate sheet with the requested information until it can become part of the Town Warrant.

NH Municipal Association is offering training sessions for the Planning and Zoning Boards. The Board would like to provide this training for members of those boards.

There being no further business to address, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.