

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting July 30, 2019

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman and Bryant Scott

In Attendance: Police Chief Mike Richard, Barry Schraufnagel, Building Inspector Dave Copeland, Sue Higgins, Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, Road Agent Greg Messenger, Matthew Messenger

Appointments Scheduled: 6:00 Barry Schraufnagel

6:15 Dave Copeland

6:30 Sue Higgins

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

Appointments

6:00 – Barry Schraufnagel. Mr. Schraufnagel had scheduled an appointment to discuss concerns he has about changes in the water runoff patterns due to land clearing and development on Thorne Lane, formerly Dillon Drive East. He has lived for 18 years in the first house on the left on Lake Shore Drive and normally experiences the runoff from that hill. He explained and showed on a sketch he presented the former path of the runoff. However, this past winter, since the construction and clear cutting of an additional small piece of land, he believes the situation has worsened considerably. He was overwhelmed by runoff, erecting barriers and digging a 120' trench to handle the water and "glacier" it produced. He provided a written summary of his concerns and a sketch of the area. He will forward photos to the Selectmen's Office.

He had previously attended a meeting ahead of the planned construction of 2 new homes and was given assurances that the new construction would not impact the water runoff or wetlands in the area. He has tried to communicate with the builder of the new homes several times. The builder does not believe the development has caused the current situation. Mr. Schraufnagel believes that the clear cutting of the one lot has compounded the problem. Building Inspector David Copeland explained a little background about the development of the land. Road Agent Greg Messenger went to see the properties in question when the discussion was finished.

6:15 – Building Inspector David Copeland discussed several matters with the Board. With the increase of construction on private roads, Private Road Releases will become part of the building packet. David will begin attending ZBA and Planning Board meetings.

He and the Board next discussed a property in Strafford with access only through Northwood. He is working with the town of Northwood and attorneys from both Strafford and Northwood to the understanding the responsibilities of both towns as well as owners should the land be developed; he does have an application for a building permit. He left pertinent RSAs and correspondence he had received. Both the Fire Chief and the Police Chief confirmed that Strafford would be responsible for a police or fire emergency. Any future owner would be responsible to get their children to the nearest Strafford bus stop.

Finally those in attendance discussed progress of the repair of the home on Deer Lane. The house is almost weather tight, but progress has been somewhat slow and disappointing. No application for a building permit has been made. Extensions to the deadline for completion have been granted as long as measurable progress is shown. The Selectmen requested some documentation of timeline of the Town's interaction with the owners and progress on the repair. The board would like to reassess the progress in a week.

6:30 Sue Higgins was in attendance to discuss several matters with the Selectmen. Both she and the Selectmen's Office had received confirmation of permission from the State to use the dam area for a church service on Sunday, September 1st and for the Ducks over the Dam Community Club fund raiser. A representative from the State will remove the boards from the dam for the latter event.

The discussion continued with the parking situation at the dam parking lot, especially with boat trailers which take up a great deal of space in the small lot. Chief Richard explained the limits of his jurisdiction. The bass fishermen involved in tournaments work with NH Fish and Game and are directed to contact Chief Richard to make arrangements for parking. All agreed that the limited parking in that area is a growing problem.

Continuing Business

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

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

The Board entered non-public session at 6:40PM.

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

Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

Public session reconvened at 7:05PM.

No votes were taken during the non-public session.

New Business

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and bills as well as minutes from the July 16th Selectmen's Meeting. An Intent to Cut Timber and a Pole License were also reviewed and signed.

Concern by several residents about trash around the dam parking lot brought to the attention of the Selectmen's Office. A sign reminding all who use the parking and beach of their responsibility to take trash home with them was posted near the portable toilets. More permanent signs signifying the area to be a CARRY IN – CARRY OUT AREA have been ordered and will be strategically placed on the fencing at the dam.

The Selectmen reviewed an invoice for maintenance work done for the Fire and Rescue Department. They will request a more detailed invoice before agreeing to pay.

The Board and Chief Whitehouse discussed the past and present docking arrangements for the fire boat. Several ideas were presented for a different location for the placement of the fire boat, keeping in mind the necessary and prompt access of the department to the water.

Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse and the Selectmen discussed plans for the new Crown Point Fire Station which will be a design built structure that they hope to get underway shortly. Plans have been drawn up and arrangements for site work are underway.

Chief Whitehouse in his capacity as Emergency Management Director has filed paperwork to move forward with an Emergency Operating Plan (EOP), which is related to our Hazard Mitigation Plan. He will be looking for representatives from residents, town government, fire and police to serve of the committee to develop the EOP.

There being no further business to conduct, it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:00PM.