

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting

7 April 2009

Members present:

Lynn Sweet, Chairman

Stephanie Gray

R. Stephen Leighton.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Attended:

Irving Johnson

Dan Phelan

Bill Vance

Joel Runnals

Robert Dutcher

Don Rhodes

Don Rhodes attended to discuss Mr. Dutcher's request to build a home on Map 16, Lot 39. Lot is located on a portion of Robert's Road which was discontinued by avote of Town Meeting on March 10, 1900. It was noted, that Mr. Dutcher was directed towards the Board of Adjustment when he originally came into the office, based on the information available at the time. Mr. Rhodes presented new information which included a copy of a subdivision of the "William Copper Lot" which was approved by the Planning Board on May 5, 1976 and recorded at the Strafford County Registry on March 1, 1977. Lot 39, although not part of the actual subdivision, is shown on the plan. Mr. Rhodes is of the opinion that 674:41 I(a) (2) applies to this lot. If applicable, the lot would qualify for a building permit. After review of the information presented and further discussion, the Board was in agreement that providing the Town Attorney is of the opinion that RSA 674:41 I(a) (2) does apply to this lot, Mr. Dutcher could proceed with the building permit application process. It was noted that as the lot is on a discontinued road, ownership is historically considered to go to center of the road. There is a conservation easement on the school property and Mr. Dutcher was cautioned to be very careful about "taking of property" when improving the access to the lot.

Dan Phelan and Bill Vance attended to discuss plans for landscaping the Town Hall lot. Board will contact Mr. Phelan when plans are available to view.

Dock plans and materials to be used were briefly discussed.

Properties with tax liens now eligible for deeding were discussed. The Selectmen approved and signed an authorization for the Tax Collector agreeing "not to deed said property provided the monthly payment schedule is kept". The Tax Collector will provide the property owners with a payment plan and an agreement for signature.

An abatement was approved on Map 11, Lot 38A, based on recent inspection and data correction.

An abatement was approved on Map 1, Lot 3-2, based on recent inspection and condition of property. Property was purchased at foreclosure and is in poor physical condition. Interior is in need of major renovation.

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Abatement on Map 36, Lot 69 was denied. Board determined that no substantial changes were made to the data after the inspection. Changes were mostly cosmetic and did not effect this property more than any other.

After discussion pertaining to the administration of the Fire and Rescue Department's paperwork and the time constraints on the officers involved (i.e. full-time jobs, family, etc.), the Board was in agreement to have Ms. Gray do the administration work for 2 hours a day, 6 days a week.

Progress with replacement of the Northwood/Bow Lake Bridge project was noted. Test borings have been completed and surveying is being done. As of this date, project is still on target for October 13th.

Mr. Leighton requested the return of his bond and interest that was being held by the Town for the construction of Mohawk Trail Way. The road was accepted by a vote of the Town at the 2007 Town Meeting. Ms. Sweet and Ms. Gray were in agreement to approve his request.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.