

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting May 10, 2016

Selectmen in attendance: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young
In attendance: Bill Booth, Mark Montross, Michael Rousch

The Selectmen's Meeting commenced at 5:30PM.

The Board reviewed and approved payroll and payment of bills as well as minutes from the April 26, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting. In addition, Board members signed a notice of pay rate for Kim Bickford and a timber tax warrant.

Mr. Montross and Mr. Rousch, both of Parsons Hill Road, were in attendance at the meeting to express their concern about an ongoing situation with a resident at 71 Parsons Hill Road. Building Inspector, Bill Booth, had previously met with Mr. Montross and Mr. Rousch with regard to this situation. It was Mr. Booth's understanding that their main concern was the untidiness of the yard in violation of neighborhood covenants. He had also spoken with the Town Police Chief and Fire Chief as well as the Town Tax Collector to gain additional insight and information. Mr. Montross stated that he believed the resident of concern was in violation of neighborhood protective covenants as well as state and local building statutes; he wants the Town to address compliance and to move forward quickly. He elaborated the specific violations he felt needed to be addressed, including an unpermitted structure, lack of well and septic system, and too many vehicles on the property. Both men believe the situation to be "deteriorating". Mr. Montross stressed that all parties involved need to understand "what it means to be in compliance". In responding, the Selectmen outlined the steps the Town can and will take to address the situation and also noted that they have no authority over neighborhood protective covenants. With the advice of legal counsel, Mr. Booth will draft a letter outlining any known violations, the steps necessary to remedy the situation, and consequences that may result. Mr. Montross and Mr. Rousch will attend the next Selectmen's meeting, May 24th, for a progress update.

Parking along Water Street was discussed. A Town ordinance prohibits parking along Water Street from the Grange to David Whitcher's property. The Selectmen will ask Road Agent Greg Messenger to order 4 or 5 NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS signs and to place them strategically along Water Street as the old signs have disappeared. It was noted that for a couple special events during the year, parking is allowed on Water Street, and then always with a police detail to insure that a fire lane stays open. Police Chief Richard asked also to have some NO LOITERING signs posted at the beach and dam area.

The Selectmen will address by letter and/or personal visit 2 properties on Parker Mountain Road where complaints of unsightly mess or dangerous situations have been received.

Some details of the summer beach operations were reviewed. Last year's lifeguards are returning, though due to some constraints in their summer schedules, an additional person may be needed. Noah and Jamison Young will be mowing the Town Hall area and the grassy area at the dam.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:44PM.