

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting October 11, 2016

Selectmen in attendance: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young  
In attendance: George Fisher, Kevin DeGroot, Jeff Jones, Bill Booth, Judy Dupré, Elizabeth Evans

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

Payment of payroll and bills were reviewed and approved. Minutes from the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were read and approved. A warrant to collect yield tax was signed. The Selectmen read a letter from Library Director George Preston addressing the Historical Society's concerns of the storage of Town history documents and books currently housed at Hill Library. A notice requesting voluntary conservation of water by residents will be placed on the Town website

At the last Selectmen's meeting, Mr. Olenski, requested permission to acquire computers for repair which have been discarded at the Recycling Center. After thoughtful consideration the Selectmen unanimously agreed to deny the request. Their decision was based on the expectation of privacy of residents who take their used computers to the Recycling Center for disposal as well as any potential liability the Town might incur. Mr. Olenski will be notified.

Several personnel matters were discussed including the time of contracts and the need to review wages in the upcoming budget discussions. The 2 new police officers are working out well. The Recycling Center is in need of additional help, temporary but perhaps permanent.

George Fisher has recently purchased the property on Province Road that was formerly known as Sheila's Deli. He was in attendance to request an extension of time for the operation of a business (non-conforming use) on that property. Sheila's Deli closed nearly a year ago, and according to zoning ordinances, a new applicant/owner has a year from the date of closure to reopen. Mr. Fisher and Mr. DeGroot outlined some of their plans and visions for the property and seem to be aware of the obstacles they may face, including issues with the septic system. The Selectmen were willing to grant the extension until November 2017, providing Mr. Fisher is working with the Building Department and progress is visible. He would like to have something open for business by Spring 2017. The Board asked Mr. Fisher to write a letter requesting an extension, and they will respond with a more formal approval of his request. They expressed enthusiasm for the revitalization of the property.

The Selectmen are planning to begin budget discussions the first week of December. Department heads and board chairmen will be asked to present preliminary budget outlines on or before December 5<sup>th</sup> for review by the Selectmen on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The Selectmen's Office will check to see if any major changes in insurance costs are expected.

John and Tom Dupere will meet with the Selectmen on October 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss their plans to address fire and safety concerns on the property on Parker Mountain Road. Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse, Police Chief Mike Richards and Building Inspector Bill Booth will also be in attendance. Chief Whitehouse will visit the property prior to the meeting and file a report with the Selectmen and the property owner.

Bill Booth reported on the status of a property of concern on Parsons Hill Road. He reviewed with the

Board members the steps toward compliance that have been taken and the hindrances that remain. Mr. Booth has attempted to make contact with the attorney representing the resident and will communicate with the land owner via letter as he continues to monitor the situation.

Mr. Booth also reported to the Board about 2 situations involving zoning violations that he has addressed. The situation Terri Court has been resolved. There was some discussion about the other violation on Water Street and how to best proceed. Mr. Booth will contact the homeowner and abutter by certified mail.

The construction activity at the NH Army National Guard was also noted. They are some renovations to the dining hall and building an outdoor rifle range.

Liz Evans reported to the Board that a committee to update the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan is being formed. Bill Booth, Lynn Sweet and Scott Young have volunteered to serve on the committee along with others previously enlisted.

Judy Dupré, Tax Collector, updated the Selectmen on the status of tax lien payments being made.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:08PM.