

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting April 28, 2015

Members present: Jim Andersen, Chairman, Lynn Sweet, and Bryant Scott

In attendance: Greg Messenger

The meeting was called to order at 6:07PM.

Bills and payroll were reviewed and payment was approved. The Selectmen reviewed and discussed correspondence as necessary. The Selectmen reviewed correspondence from the Library which shared the results of the survey conducted this spring. The survey was a use/needs assessment for the Hill Library.

Minutes from the April 14th Selectmen's Meeting were read and approved.

Greg Messenger discussed several matters with the members of the Board. First was a request by a resident for assistance from the Town to address a drainage issue on her road. No decision as to how to assist was made; Greg will investigate the matter, but believes it should be addressed in some fashion. The poison ivy along the fences at the beach was discussed and will be taken care of as soon as possible. Greg will see that the fence along the Water Street beach area will be repaired. Finally, Greg and the Board discussed the paving of the Police Department and decided to proceed with 1 coat of asphalt as was originally planned.

A request was made for the Selectmen to approve the Conservation Commission accepting a piece of land on Pig Lane near the bridge. A motion was made and seconded to grant approval for the acceptance of the land by the Conservation Commission. A vote was taken:

Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

The Selectmen reviewed the Town's Equalization Ratio Study prepared by NHDRA as well as the assessor's comments and recommendations. The median ratio for property valuations is 99.9%. However, the ratio for properties with water access is 119%; this statistic was derived from a small, yet acceptable number of sales. The assessor's accompanying letter stated that he was willing to make adjustments in the valuation of properties with water access. A motion was made and seconded to request that he make those adjustments. A vote was taken:

Jim Andersen – Aye, Lynn Sweet – Aye, Bryant Scott – Aye

Further discussion followed about the valuation of back land; no decision was made.

James St. Jean Auctioneers will be contacted to make all the necessary arrangements for auctioning two pieces of Town owned/tax deeded property. No date has yet been established for the auction.

The Selectmen briefly discussed and approved funds for power washing the Town Hall and minor electrical repairs to the building.

The Selectmen reviewed an assessing contract for General Assessing as well as a proposal for the 2016 Revaluation. The Board will seek other proposals for that work.

EMF, the Town Office's technology resource, has set up the VPN, so that the Town Clerk's Office is compliant with the State's September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Details for the opening of Bow Lake beach for the summer season were discussed. Two lifeguards have been secured; an ad in the Community Calendar will, hopefully, assist in securing the additional lifeguards needed. The mowing of the beach area has been addressed.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.