

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting June 7, 2016

Selectmen in attendance: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott and Scott Young
In attendance: Don Clifford, Eric Rowe, Judy Dupré

The Selectmen's Meeting commenced at 5:35PM.

The Board reviewed and approved payroll, payment of bills and Town Clerk's report. They reviewed and approved minutes from May 24, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting. The Board members reviewed the report of lien payments from the Tax Collector.

Eric Rowe, Evans Mountain Road, discussed several matters with the Board members. He expressed disappointment that the trail grant for the Conservation land on Evans Mountain did not gain any momentum. Mr. Rowe related his plans to proceed with the upgrade of Evans Mountain Road and will draft a proposed cooperative road agreement with the Town; he will send it to the Selectmen's Office for review by the Board and the Town attorney. Mr. Clifford, Tasker Hill Road, expressed his support for some type of agreement; he feels that Evans Mountain Road is used by residents and visitors to the Town, and Mr. Rowe should not bear the entire burden of maintenance. There was also a short discussion about the snowmobile trail on Evans Mountain. Mr. Rowe would like to see more oversight by the Conservation Commission of their resources and perhaps make their meetings more publically available.

Don Clifford also had several matters to discuss with the Board members. He commended Road Agent Greg Messenger for the repair of Tasker Hill Road. He expressed serious concern over the condition of the some of the State maintained roads in Town. The Board members shared with Mr. Clifford the information they have received from NHDOT concerning the proposed timeline for repair of State roads in Strafford. They pointed out, however, that funds for last year's scheduled repair of Rte 126 were diverted due to some emergency elsewhere, so the report is not a guarantee of work.

Mr. Clifford also pointed to a growing number of advertising signs around Town once again. Mr. Young remarked that he had noticed them as well and had already spoken with Chief Richards about enforcing the sign ordinance.

Mr. Clifford also voiced some concern for an issue relating to a home business that he has previously discussed. He will recommend that the Planning Board handle it as it is within the scope of their authority. It was suggested that the Planning Board begin with a letter to the homeowner outlining the specific violations and/or concerns along with accompanying RSAs.

The Selectmen discussed how best to address the condition of a business site located on Parker Mountain Road. A polite verbal request to the land owner has been made and has been seemingly disregarded. The Selectmen's office will send a letter via certified mail informing the landowner of the violations noted and potential consequences if the situation is not remedied. If results are not forthcoming, the Board will seek the advice and/or the assistance of NHDOT.

Several matters pertaining to Bow Lake Beach operations were discussed. The Selectmen's Office will secure someone to remove debris from the shoreline of the beach prior to its opening on June 19th. The Board clarified the policy concerning use of the beach during normal beach hours by large groups, such as daycares or summer camps. Ideally, the Town should be notified prior to the arrival of any group to insure adequate life guard coverage. The cost for groups with less than 7 children will be \$5.00 per child (no charge for chaperones). The cost for groups with 7 children or more will be \$30.00 for the group. Cash or in-town checks only will be accepted. No seasonal passes will be issued to camps or groups. The Board would like the lifeguards to keep track of large group use of the beach area.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.