John Allen

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Selectmen's Board Meeting

April 28, 2016

Present:

Bob Thompson, Chairman; John Allen, Selectmen

Visitors:

Town Administrative Assistant Julie Hoyt, Police Chief Doug Jette, Road Agent Pat Kelley, Videographer Hank Benesh, Bea Davis, George Howard, Kevin McKinnon, Gene Chandler, George Howard, Sarah Clemons, Dan Layton, James Gleason, Scott Badger

Chairman Bob Thompson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Amend & approve minutes

- a. <u>Selectmen's Meeting March 24, 2016 (corrected minutes)</u> There was an error in the Minutes that were previously approved; Paul Keane didn't contact the Eagle Mountain House; it was Chairman Thompson. The minutes were approved as corrected.
- b. <u>Selectmen's Meeting April 14, 2016</u> The minutes were approved as written.
- c. Non-Public April 14, 2016 sign minutes envelope RSA 91-A:2, II(c) The envelope was signed.

2. Update on April 14, 2016 Action Items

- a. Upcoming Selectmen's Meetings The May meetings will be May 12^{th} and 26^{th} ; June's meetings will be the 9^{th} and 23^{rd} .
- 3. State Representative Gene Chandler Gene joined the Board; he wondered if there were any concerns after the meeting with DOT about the bridge work. Chairman Thompson noted the meeting was packed and there were very few questions; it was a very clear presentation. Selectman Allen will get in touch with Gene regarding setting up a meeting. Gene noted he'd like to see a list of two or three different times the Board can meet to discuss the Transfer Station; Bartlett is ready to go. Administrative Assistant Hoyt will coordinate this. George Howard asked if the budget was contested or did it sail through; Gene noted the budget passed but there are some attempts to open the budget. It is good when there's some surplus but there's never any shortage of people who what to spend it. He expects the next month to be pretty contentious; there's a fairly sizable surplus. Gene also noted for the first year in a long time there is an actual ten year highway plan which has funding; it's a true ten year plan; everything is funded. It includes work on eleven thousand miles of secondary roads like East Conway

Road in Conway and Route 16A and 16B; some of those roads will get some attention now.

- 4. Kevin McKinnon North Country Council Transportation Planner Kevin McKinnon joined the Board; he provided information about what the NCC can provide for Jackson. The NCC itself doesn't have a representative from Jackson; it meets quarterly. The Council was formed by all the towns and it is each town's chance to voice concerns and ask for guidance. Chairman Thompson noted the Board will get the word out about getting a representative to the NCC. Kevin noted the NCC is a service provider for all these towns. It's been a while since there's been a representative on the NCC from Jackson. Kevin started six months ago; he does a lot of grant writing; in the past six weeks he's written three different grants. He wants the Board to know that help is out there if it needs something. Gene already touched on the bridges, which is a big thing for this town. The packet provided by Kevin will be available in the Office for anyone that may have interest.
- 5. **Police Report** There is no report this week; it's been relatively quiet. There were no questions for the Chief.
- 6. **Public Comment** George Howard would like to know what the status is at the Transfer Station; there's been a turnover of staff and he'd like to know what's going on. Chairman Thompson asked George to let the Office know if he has an agenda length item rather than have the Board try to deal with it during Public Comments. He reminded George that he was at the Town Meeting this year; the voters approved an article for upgrades and that's what the Board intends to do.

7. Highway

- a. Truck Bids There were five bids received; these were opened and read into the record in no particular order. Joseph Aiello emailed a bid for fifteen thousand nine hundred fifty dollars. Norris Bennett from Lovell Maine submitted a bid of eight thousand three hundred sixty dollars; Scott Grant bid ten thousand two hundred eighty four dollars; Ray Sanborn emailed a bit of five thousand two hundred fifty two dollars and LADrew submitted a bit of twenty thousand one hundred dollars. Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to accept the high bid from LADrew for the 2006 GMC 550 4x4. Road Agent Kelley noted this was a good move; it was worth only about eight thousand for a trade-in; these funds will go back into the General Fund. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Road Agent Road Agent Kelley noted the truck has been ordered; it will be delivered to Crest in late May. The truck body is from the Midwest; it's been ordered and should be delivered to New Hampshire in mid-June. The body company has an opening in July so it should be done by mid-July. The Highway Department is geared up for summer work; the road sweeping is done; he hopes to be able to take the plow frames off the trucks. Jackson did really well with the snow on Tuesday; most of the state had no plows; Route 113 in Madison was a disaster. Road Agent

Kelley has pricing from one paving company with more expected to come in soon. The summer time work will include reclaiming Valley Cross Road and top coating what was reclaimed last year. Dundee is getting a topcoat, too. They will be doing ditching and other summertime work. Chairman Thompson asked about that one place on Dundee where there's a culvert that is sinking; Road Agent Kelley noted he's been working on the road; there was a bunch of water coming in so they put in a drainage pipe in which either sank or the road heaved up; either way the road didn't hold up well. Water comes down that whole bank to the right. They patched it last year and it was better. The transition between Fire Chief Henry leaving and Road Agent Kelley coming in has progressed smoothly; Fire Chief Henry's been available to help and pops in to make sure Road Agent Kelley is all set. He'd also like to say that "the Julies" in the Office are amazing; the guys that work for the town couldn't do what they're doing without their help. Dundee will be opened up tomorrow.

8. Building Inspector

- a. Weekly Report Kevin Bennett Inspector Bennett is not in attendance tonight; he left the approved Permits for the Board to review; the Board also has to sign off on item 8e.
- b. <u>Building Permit 2016-18, 19, 20 and 21/Map R04 Lot 07/Owner Wildcat Townhouse Resort</u>
- c. <u>Building Permit 2016-22/Map V04 Lot 34 Sub Lot 11/Owner Keenan/18U01 Checkerberry Lane/Install new deck and replace 6 roof windows</u>
- d. <u>Building Permit 2016-23/Map V07 Lot 67/Owner Brown/22 N. Hampshire Ridge/Extend Building Permit 2015-07</u>
- e. <u>Building Permit 2016-24/Map R14 Lot 8/Owner Town of Jackson/54 Main St./Install new A/C units in Town Office building</u> The Selectmen signed this permit as representatives of the town. James asked if the Air Conditioners are window units. These are not; these are mini-splits that go through the wall.

9. New Business

- a. MWV Economic Council Scott Badger has asked for your recommendation Chairman Thompson noted the MWCEC is another Council the town has not had a representative to. Scott Badger has agreed to serve should the Board choose to appoint him. The Board appreciates his stepping up to serve. Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to appoint Scott Badger as Jackson's representative to the MWVEC for a one year term. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. <u>Charitable Exemption Requests</u> These are received each year with recommendations from Assessor Jason Call. The first is for the New

England Forestry Foundation, which has been denied for the last several years. Selectman Allen noted the Board usually goes with what the recommendation is. This will be denied. NHPR was denied in the past but this year Assessor Call suggests the town enter into a proposal to have them do a Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to approve a Payment in Lieu of Taxes for NHPR with the two entities to determine the amount. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. <u>Intent to Cut</u> Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to approve the Intent to Cut for Map R24 Lot 1. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. <u>Planning Board Notice (added)</u> The town received notice as an abutter for an application for a subdivision of the former Nestlenook property. The plans are on file for review. This will be discussed at their May 12th meeting at 7 p.m. Selectman Allen will be in attendance.

10. Old Business

- a. <u>Bartlett/Jackson Transfer Station (added)</u> Chairman Thompson did want to bring up that the work at the Transfer Station was put on hold until both towns held their Town Meetings. Now that both towns have approved the funding the projects will move forward. Selectman Allen will be the Board representative to the Transfer Station and will report as things progress.
- 11. **Public Comment** Chairman Thompson issued congratulations to George Howard's daughter, General Lori Robinson on her new appointment.
- 12. Non-Public Session Selectman Allen, seconded by Chairman Thompson Lockard, made a motion to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(c) at 4:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.
 - a. RSA 91-A:3, II(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

The Board returned to Public Session at ****

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at ****

Respectfully submitted by:

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Recording Secretary