

Barbara Campbell_____

John Allen_____

Frank DiFruscio_____

**Board Of Selectmen Meeting
June 22nd, 2021
UNOFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED**

Present: Barbara Campbell, Chairman; John Allen, Selectman, Frank DiFruscio, Selectman

Attendees: Hank Benesh, Julie Hoyt, Emily Benson, Chris Bridge, Fred Tompkins, and Joanne and Allen Brooks

Meeting held in town office with Zoom attendance optional. Audio/video recording to be made available on Jacksonflicks.com

1. Meeting called to order at 3:30 P.M.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the June 8th meeting were reviewed.
Selectman DiFruscio moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Selectman Allen. Motion approved unanimously.
Two sets of minutes from the June 8th non-public session were also reviewed.
Selectman Allen moved to seal both sets of non-public session minutes, seconded by Selectman DiFruscio. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **For Selectman Discussions and/or Motions:**
 - a. EMD Update: Emergency Management Director (EMD) Emily Benson was recognized to propose updates to safety guidelines for town employees. Chairman Campbell asked for confirmation that town employees could not be required to be vaccinated nor asked if they had or had not been vaccinated, and Emily gave her confirmation on both counts. She also confirmed that the policy would only apply to town buildings and that businesses in town would decide their own policies. **Selectman Allen moved to approve the updates to the town employee safety policy, seconded by Selectman DiFruscio. Motion approved unanimously.**

- b. Grey's Inn Garage and Friends of the Public Library: The Board held a discussion to determine how to clean the items stored in the Grey's Inn garage and who would be responsible for cleaning which areas of the space. Joanne Brooks, Member of the Friends of the Public Library, was recognized to comment on the group's recent activities. Joanne reported that the Friends were developing a plan for a book sale, possibly in 2022, to free up some space with which to cycle some of the Library's inventory of books. She also gave an account of some other uses of the building space and suggested repairing and restoring some parts of it. Building inspector Kevin Bennett stated his intent to discuss with Jackson Fire Chief Jay Henry about organizing items stored in the garage by the Fire Department. Chairman Campbell asserted that the owners of the individual items on the garage's inventory list would need to take responsibility for their respective items and remove them either for use or for disposal. The Board agreed to keep the item on the agenda for the next meeting to continue the discussion with updates.
- c. Stump Dump: The Board responded to input received on the subject of the prospective closing of the stump dump. Chairman Campbell noted that a great deal of respondents indicated that they or others still used the stump dump and that it ought to remain open. Chris Bridge was recognized to provide some input. Chris reported that the stump dump was still in use at time of meeting and was apparently being used as intended. Selectman DiFruscio mentioned that Japanese knotweed had previously been introduced to the dump area, which had prompted the local Forest Service and the Jackson Conservation Commission to close it temporarily. However, steps had been taken to control the outbreak of knotweed at the site. Some concern was raised about eventually running out of space at the dump site, but the Board chose to discuss possible solutions if/when available space became a critical issue. The Board decided to keep the stump dump open.
- d. Pole Tax Settlement: The item remained pending at time of meeting.
- e. Valley Cross Road Bridge: Chairman Campbell stated that Burr Phillips was in communication with the Connors family, owners of the house on Valley Cross Road abutting the bridge. Burr sent a draft of a letter regarding an easement to the Connors family for the Board's consideration. The Board agreed to read the draft and discuss it with Burr in order to make a decision on sending the letter at the next meeting.
- f. Trustees of the Trust Funds - Withdrawal: The Board considered a request to withdraw \$163 from the Wentworth Wildcat Fund 0029 (invoice 163118 with MegaPrint, Inc., dated June 7th, 2021) to purchase signage for Jackson

Falls. **Selectman Allen moved to approve the disbursement, seconded by Selectman DiFruscio. Motion approved unanimously.**

- g. Thank-you Letters: Chairman Campbell read into the minutes a letter of thanks to be sent to Dr. Gerry and Del Carrier (see Appendix A). The Carriers donated money to fund the yearly activation of the irrigation system for the Heritage Trail Garden in front of the town office. Chairman Campbell also read into the minutes a letter of thanks to be sent to Bill Wogisch (see Appendix B). Bill donated money to provide grave marker flags to be placed on gravestones in the Jackson and Dundee Cemeteries.
- h. Wentworth Golf Course: Chairman Campbell read into the minutes a letter of complaint sent by Diana Bell (see Appendix C). Diana's letter made a complaint regarding the handling of garbage on the Wentworth Golf Course, stating that it was creating a sanitation issue and attracting pests. Selectman DiFruscio stated he had reached out to Mike Mallett, owner of Wentworth Golf Course, and left a message with him encouraging action to remedy the problem.
- i. Old Library Reopening: The Board considered a request from the Old Library Management Committee to reopen the Old Library to groups who had previously made use of the building. The Board was not against reopening the Old Library but insisted that visitors adhere to safety guidelines for town buildings as discussed earlier in the meeting (see item 3A). **Selectman DiFruscio moved to reopen the Old Library, seconded by Selectman Allen. Motion approved unanimously.**

4. Short-Term Rentals (STRs):

- a. New:
 - i. Breen, Kevin M. and Catherine O. - 95 Whitney Hill Loop: **Approved.**
 - ii. Dormer, Matthew Hardy - 61U02 East Field Road: **Not approved;** the submitted application was incomplete.
 - iii. Finan, Anita M. - 91 Jackson Highlands Road: **Approved.**
 - iv. Haley, Hallory H. - 20 Adams Road: **Approved.**
 - v. Thigpen, Matthew Collin - 18 Iron Mountain Road: **Not approved;** egress windows did not conform to safety regulations. Building inspector Kevin Bennett also stated the property did not have sufficient smoke detectors.
 - vi. White, Michael B. - 551 Black Mountain Road: **Not approved;** property advertised in excess of maximum advertised bedrooms.

- b. Pending:
 - i. Nunes - 19U01 High Pastures West: The advertisement for the property was updated to conform with regulations. **Selectman DiFruscio moved to approve the application, seconded by Selectman Allen. Motion approved unanimously.**
 - ii. Purdy, Dale: The Board was in discussion with the property owners about the intended use of the property in question. The issue was placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
 - iii. 58 Dana Place Realty Trust, 58 Dana Place: The Board had received no response from the property owner at time of meeting.
 - iv. Andersen, Richard - 540 Carter Notch Road: The property owner contacted the town office and informed them of his intent to file an application.
 - v. McDonald, John - 288 NH Route 16: The property owner contacted the town office and informed them that he was no longer renting and had taken down the advertisement of his property.
- c. Complaints: The Board received a complaint for the Board of Ellis River Village Association reporting a property in violation of Amendment 9 of the Association's regulations, which prohibited short-term rentals of less than 30 days within an association. The Board decided that, in that instance, the Association's regulations took precedence over the Town of Jackson's STR ordinance and agreed to inform the complainant to direct their complaint to the Board of Ellis River Village Association.

5. **Public Comment:** Public attendees did not express any public comments for non-agenda discussion.

6. **Upcoming Meetings:** The Board intended to continue meeting in person for upcoming meetings. The Zoom platform would not be used regularly in upcoming meetings. However, in cases where individuals needed to attend remotely for business on the meeting's agenda, a Zoom call could be scheduled. The Board would need to be given sufficient notice by the individual(s) prior to the meeting.

The Board confirmed the following dates and times for their upcoming meetings:

- a. July 13th at 3:30 P.M.
- b. July 27th at 3:30 P.M.
- c. August 10th at 3:30 P.M.
- d. August 24th at 3:30 P.M.

- 7. Other Business: Selectman DiFruscio moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Selectman Allen. Motion approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Will Reisig

Appendix A: Letter of Thanks from the Board of Selectmen to Dr. Gerry and Del Carrier

“Dear Gerry and Del:

The Board of Selectmen would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your donation of \$65.00 which pays for the irrigation system to be turned on yearly. This system provides the water to the Heritage Trail Garden in front of the Town Office building which is maintained by the Mountain Garden Club.

Again, we can’t thank you enough for your thoughtfulness. It is people like you that make Jackson such a wonderful town.”

Appendix B: Letter of Thanks from the Board of Selectmen to Bill Wogisch

“The Board of Selectmen would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your donation of \$90.00 to the Bartlett Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5386. Your donation provided 60 Grave Marker Flags placed on the Jackson and Dundee Cemeteries this spring. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated by the families of the Servicemen and women whose graves these Flags will be placed on.

The Town greatly appreciates your continued donation to cover the cost of this important recognition of our War Veterans.”

Appendix C: Letter from Diana Bell to the Board of Selectmen re: Wentworth Golf Course Complaint

“To the Selectmen:

Thank you for reading and thank you for all the you do for our town!

Wentworth Golf Course is breaking numerous code enforcement violations by having open wastebaskets for food containers at all 18 holes. The food waste is left for multiple days and nights.

This food waste attracts rodents and animals to the condos, to downtown and it is not permitted under law.

The food waste must be picked up every evening.

Code enforcement for the Town of Jackson, for the State of NH, and for all business operating with a business license mandates proper trash storage and removal

At no time is a business operating with a business license anywhere in the US is allowed to have open waste containers with food waste and food containers left out at anytime.

They cannot have food waste and food containers out in the open. It must be contained properly and secured against rodents and animals.

The Golf Course is causing a sanitation problem with its practices. It is attracting rats, mice, and animals to the Wentworth Condo area and to downtown.

The Golf Course must operate according to the law or its license to operate can be suspended.

Thank for reading.

Diana Bell”