

John Allen

Richard Bennett

Selectmen's Board Meeting
November 9, 2017

Present: John Allen and Richard Bennett, Selectmen

Visitors: Town Office Administrator Julie Atwell, Town Administrative Assistant Julie Hoyt, Building Inspector Kevin Bennett, Videographer Hank Benesh, Bea Davis, Bob Davis, Sarah Clemons, George Howard, Joyce Allen, Priscilla Protasowicki,

Selectman Richard Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Amend & approve minutes

- a. Selectmen's Meeting – October 26, 2017 The minutes were approved as written.
- b. Non-Public – RSA 91-A:3, II(c) – Signatures Required **Selectman Allen, seconded by Richard Bennett, made a motion to seal the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.**

2. Update on October 26, 2017 Action Items

Upcoming Selectmen's Meeting dates The upcoming meeting dates are:
Thursday November 30th at 4:00pm
Thursday December 14th at 4:00pm
Thursday December 21st at 4:00pm

3. **Public Comment** Sarah Clemons asked if anything was done in regards to the speed limit sign and child at play sign on Green Hill Rd. Selectman Bennett said he would talk with Chief Perley and look into it. Priscilla Protasowicki, read the attached letter into public comment. Bea Davis said that she spoke with Bartlett, Conway and Albany and they are not giving 3% increases as Mr. Thompson stated in the last meeting. Julie Atwell confirmed that the conversation on increases started in the office and not with DRA. Selectman Allen noted that we can always vote to amend the bottom line of the budget. Selectman Bennett stated that this will be discussed at the budget hearing. Sarah Clemons asked that the town find out what other town are doing with increases and can it be made public. Selectman Allen noted that Julie Atwell needs hard numbers to put in the budget and it is a negotiation process. Sarah Clemons stated the cost of living increase should be what the government follows 1.2%. Joyce Allen asked why does everyone get a

raise each year. Selectman Bennett stated the merit of raises should be discussed at the budget hearing. Sarah Clemons would like the budget hearing to be more transparent. Selectman Bennett stated that it is getting better and better each year.

4. Building Inspector

- a. Weekly Report – Kevin Bennett Inspector Bennett reviewed the permits below.
 - i. 2017-74/ R18-L22/ Owner – Olejnik/19 Spring Street / Enclose existing deck, add storage room above existing roof line.
 - ii. 2017-75/ V07-L127/ Owner – Rotundo/ 62 North Hampshire Ridge / Replace existing deck
 - iii. 2017-76/ R18-L11/ Owner – Weeder/ 776 Carter Notch Rd / Demolition permit to remove asbestos siding on house
 - iv. 2017-77/ R12-L151/ Owner – Chapman/ 41 Pine Brook Rd / 24x24 addition, new kitchen and dining room, remodel first floor
 - v. 2017-78/ V06-L09/ Owner – Masiella/ 52 Mountain View Rd/ Demolition permit – demo house and garage, plan to build new home

Selectman Bennett asked about the progress on Mike Chapman's house at Town Hall Road. Kevin confirmed that all work is within the existing building permit. Bob Davis asked Kevin about the cease and desist on Iron Mountain Rd and why there isn't one on East Field Rd. since the town said there wasn't going to building on it until the road was up to code. Kevin stated the house in Iron Mountain Rd was denied a building permit because of zoning and the owner has to go before the ZBA. Kevin stated that he was up there recently with John and Burr Phillips and they all agreed what is there is approved. Bea Davis stated that you cannot get a fire truck up there. Selectman Allen stated the road is not finished. Kevin believes you can get a fire truck turned around with not problem.

5. New Business

- a. DRA – Equalization Certificate – Signatures Required The certificate was signed by Selectmen Allen and Bennett.
- b. 2018 Health Insurance Update Selectman Bennett reported that the health insurance plan being offered for 2018 is the same as last year. The overall average increase was 17.49%. The final overall renewal for Jackson is 13.77% with an effective rate of 12.73%. Julie Atwell noted that she will have comparison rates in the next few weeks. Sarah Clemons said she spoke with Mackenzie the representative for Harvard Pilgrim and asked why the increase if the policy is not changing and she was told it was due to the high claims. Sarah would like a consumer review done to get the most out of our insurance. She would like to see a meeting of municipal

employees with the representative. Dick confirm that Sarah would like an informational meeting. Julie Atwell explained that our town does a good job at reducing the costs since our percentage is below average but we can always have a meeting.

- c. Intent to Cut– Signatures Required **Selectman Allen, seconded by Selectman Bennett, made a motion to sign the Intent to Cut. The motion passed unanimously.**

6. **Old Business**

- a. Posting the Budget – George Howard would like the Selectmen to keep people apprised of how things are going by providing a monthly update on the budget. The School Board does it monthly and he would like to see the town do the same. Selectman Bennett suggested that the budget would be by department what has been appropriated, what has been spent and percentages. George asked if other departments provide information monthly. He suggested the department heads report each month to let the townspeople know what is going in. Selectmen Bennett stated they are not asking the department heads to come in each month. Sarah Clemons asked that the Selectmen, as the department liaisons, update the town as to what is going on.
- b. Transfer Station updates – Selectman Allen reported the discussion at the last meeting was that the sorting table is in and one coat of paint will be put on building before winter and the other coat in the spring. There are still issues with people sorting but once the table is up it should be better. People are still putting things that don't belong at the dumps store. Selectman Bennett stated it is because we don't have the staff to man it. Selectman Allen noted they are contemplating moving it or shutting it down if it continues to be a problem. Joyce Allen asked if a notice can go in Enews. Selectman Allen said they are not ready yet for that yet as soon as the sorting table goes up and there is an education process. Sarah Clemons asked if we will be making some money once it is ready. Selectman Allen stated ideally it will offset the costs and it's also about the goodness of the environment as well. Selectman Allen volunteered for the hazardous waste day in Conway and reported it was great turnout. George Howard asked about construction. Selectman Allen noted there is going to be a second building for the cardboard so there is less traffic in the middle.

- 7. **Public Comment** Bea Davis asked if the ambulance tone has been straightened out. Kevin Bennett said the headphones used are Bluetooth and it does happen a lot but they are aware of the issue and working on it. Bob Davis asked if anyone is looking after the condo development at East Pasture. Selectmen Bennett stated it is being tracked by the building inspector and Burr Phillips has been up there.

Selectmen Allen said he has been up there. Bob is concerned about the potholes in hot top and it's not very good construction.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Julie Hoyt
Town Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectman Meeting Nov 9th, 2017

Thursday, November 9, 2017 9:00 AM

At the last meeting, we had decided to have a private meeting due to privacy concerns. However, this will not happen any longer. At the meeting I was rudely silenced at times when I asked why Chief Perley was there and I was rudely asked by the Chairman how long would I take to read aloud my written speech. I had not agreed to meet with Chief Perley, and with good reason. As I was hurried to read the two pages of my speech, it occurred to me that what the Selectmen are doing is trying to silence me and trying to safeguard Chief Perley's public image and thus blocking public transparency. Under the law, Police Officers have no constitutional right of privacy in records of their official misconduct. The New Hampshire Open Meetings Law's purpose is to open public scrutiny of any electorate or other public officials such as the Police. This act prohibits secret meetings. The Chairman told me, once everyone was gone, that Chief Perley has a right to know what is being said about him. If that is the case, why arrange a private meeting? With Chief Perley being a public official, the entire town of Jackson and beyond has a right to know! And, it is my 1st Amendment right to free speech!

The Selectmen and Public Officials of this Town take pride in bringing businesses and other entities up to code, however our governing body of this town needs to be brought up to code. Public officials do not have a Constitutional Right of Privacy, however individual citizens such as myself do! Again, my Constitutional Right of Privacy was violated and not the Mr. Chief Perley's. He is very unprofessional. I never gave him consent to share confidential information with the Conway PD. Instead of having us fill out a proper consent form as to who he would be sharing my personal info with, he went ahead and put it out to several people without my proper consent against my wishes and also against our original verbal agreement to have my case of assault reviewed by a reputable police agency and not the Conway PD.

The reason we needed to have my case reviewed was because he found there to be a conflict preventing him from doing his job correctly. He and I have bad blood between us, ever since he was removed from his job at the Conway PD. He says that he is well experienced, but has the mannerisms of a rookie cop. My personal information is not to be spread and gossiped about by several police agencies, but he did gossip about me to several police agencies. This is a violation of my right to privacy, not his privacy. He has no right to privacy for official matters. At the meeting I also informed the selectmen that Chief Perley's conduct will be officially reviewed by the Commissioner of the Department of Justice. Chief Perley is not a reputable officer and I personally would like him removed as Police Chief of our Town. I don't feel safe and my family doesn't feel safe with a man like that conducting official police matters, especially seeing as he had already unprofessionally handled his first case within his first year on the job. I will be working closely with the State Attorney office, and as a matter of fact I got a phone call from the Governors office today and they are taking this matter very seriously. We cannot allow officers to behave like this and to remain as public officials if they cannot do their jobs.

I swear this is all considered truth or the best to my knowledge as fact.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Protasowicki