

Bob Thompson



John Allen

Richard Bennett



### **Selectmen's Board Meeting**

December 14, 2017

**Present:** Bob Thompson, John Allen and Richard Bennett, Selectmen

**Visitors:** Town Office Administrator Julie Atwell, Town Administrative Assistant Julie Hoyt, Building Inspector Kevin Bennett, Management Director Tom Greig, Library Director Lichen Rancourt, Videographer Hank Benesh, Stan Weiss. Sarah Clemons, Bill Paulmann, Joyce Allen, Malysa Marcotte

Selectman Richard Bennett called the meeting to order at 4:06p.m.

#### **1. Amend & approve minutes**

- a. Selectmen's Meeting – November 30, 2017 The minutes were tabled

#### **2. Update on November 30, 2017 Action Items**

- a. Town Administrator Julie Atwell is still working with Chief Henry on gear replacement needs
- b. Upcoming Meetings
  - Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00pm – Selectmen's Meeting
  - Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm – Selectmen's Meeting
  - Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm – Selectmen's Meeting
    - Budget Hearing #1 – Directly following Selectmen's Meeting

#### **3. Public Comment** No public comment

#### **4. Building Inspector**

- a. Weekly Report - Kevin Bennett
- b. Building Permits
  - i. 2017-85/ V06 –L09/ Owner – Masiello/ 52 Mountain View Road/ New 3bdrm,4ba home
  - ii. 2017-86/ V08 – L58/ Owner – Maloney/ 26 Juniper Way/ Exterior log repair, replace box sill, frame in door opening

- iii. 2017-87/ V02 – L10/ Owner – Weiss/ 13B Chipper Point Rd/ replace masonry chimney
- iv. 2017-88 through 91/ V02 - Lots 10-3A, 3B, 3C, & 3D/ Owner – Wentworth Condo Assoc/ 29A – 29D Wentworth Hall Ave/ New Roof on Building #29
- v. 2017-92 through 95/ V02 - Lots 10-4A, 4B, 4C, & 4D/ Owner – Wentworth Condo Assoc/ 31A – 31D Wentworth Hall Ave/ New Roof on Building #31

## 5. New Business

- a. Green Hill Road Chairman Thompson started the discussion with the issue of speed limit and signage on Green Hill Road being brought up over a number of meetings and asked Chief Perley to weigh in on his thoughts. Chief Perley addressed the road issues and determined that there are no speed limit signs or children at play signs on Green Hill Rd. He identified the lawful speed limit on Green Hill Road as 35 mph according to statute: NHRSA 265:60 "Basic Rules and Maximum Limits establishes speed limits on roadways in NH. With regard to Green Hill Road, the speed limit would be set by virtue of RSA 265:60, II,(c) *35 miles per hour in any rural residence district as defined in RSA 259:93, and on any class V highway outside the compact part of any city or town.....*" In review of the RSA 259:93, Green Hill Road qualifies as a rural residence district as it is void of commercial property or urban district designation and for at least 1/2 mile of road frontage is primarily residential. Therefore, the speed limit would be 35 mph.

Chief Perley made 3 recommendations:

#1 post 2 – 35 mph speed limit signs on Green Hill Road. The first sign to be posted at the bottom section of Green Hill Rd going up and the second one on the 16 side of Patriot Way going down.

#2 – purchase 10 “child at play” signs (small green child with flag) which is a more flexible and dynamic sign to help with the situation. The town would house these signs and residents can sign them out.

#3 – Do the traffic study with is approximately \$12,000.

Questions & Comments:

Sarah Clemons stated it is not just children but people walking with dogs. She feels 35 mph is still too high.

Bill Paulmann asked if the equipment can be rented and not bought and the Sherriff's department has one. Chief Perley does not know if they have it. Bill stated this has been an ongoing issue for several years, awareness is a very good thing. He feels 35 mph is too high. Chief Perley stated the law demands that if we post a speed limit it must be 35mph. That is the law.

Chief Perley also reported that the police did not witness a lot of speeding on Green Hill Road but people tend to slow down when they see a police cruiser.

Selectman Bennett asked if there are any other Green Hill Road residents. Malysa Marcotte of 58 Green Hill Rd stated she has 3 children that do play outside. Selectman Bennett ask if the children at play signs would be effective. Ms. Marcotte replied that she believed they would, cars do go by very fast especially picking up speed going down the hill. She still feels 35mph is too high.

Stan Weiss asked if speed bumps could be put in. Chief Perley replied he is not the road agent but there is a reason speed bumps are not used in New England.

Selectman Allen stated that the other possibility is to hire a company to come in and do the traffic study.

Tom Greig asked if the people living on the road are speeding or is it out of towners. Chief Perley stated complaints of speeding in a certain area are often times someone who lives in the area.

Bill Paulmann voiced his concerns about someone getting hurt.

Chairman Thompson stated this is designed to increase awareness and asked the selectmen their opinions.

Selectman Allen stated he is fine with the speed limit signs but does not think we should by the child at play signs. People can by their own signs.

Selectmen Bennett stated he feels we should buy the 2 speed limit signs, he thinks the portable signs could be effective maybe have 5 signs people can sign out.

Selectman Allen is not in favor of purchasing any portable signs.

Sarah Clemons stated the town has put there are children at play signs on Sugar Hill Road. She said the town put up 2 children at play signs on Green Hill Rd and then took them down. She is requesting the town put those signs bac. up

Library Director, Lichen Rancourt stated that the town could use the Library to circulated the portable signs but would have to store them at Grey's Inn.

Malysa Marcotte asked if there are any exceptions to lower the speed limit without doing the traffic study.

Chief Perley responded no, not according to the law.

Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectmen Allen, made the motion to speak with the road agent to get 2 speed signs up at 35mph and incorporate the child at play signs. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Proposed 2018 Carroll County Budget and Estimated Revenue FYI
- c. Library Update Library Director Lichen Rancourt reported that the Library is collaborating with Jackson Ski Touring and Storyland to display permanent 'Story Walk' signs on the trails behind the Library. Selectman Allen asked if the trail goes to the school and Lichen stated that it does not. Lichen also reported that the library now has downloadable books.
- d. Safety Committee Recommendation - Generator Emergency Management Director Tom Greig discussed the Safety Committee recommendation of a warrant article for 2 standby generators for the Town Office and Fire Department. The warrant article would not exceed \$20,000 of which \$10,000 would be matched by a 50/50 grant from Homeland Security. Tom recommends starting the grant pending town approval. **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made the motion to create a warrant article for \$20,000 and to authorize the application of a grant. The motion passed unanimously.**
- e. TAN – Tax Anticipation Note – Renewal for 2018 Signed by Selectmen
- f. Health Insurance Rates and Renewal Update Chairman Thompson reported that every year the town looks at plan rates and plan options. They introduced plans with deductibles a few years ago (prior to that all plans had zero deductibles) because of the potential tax impact of the "Cadillac tax". At this time, the town does not know if the "Cadillac Tax" will ever come to fruition. The town tries to compare the current plan against new plan options with either higher deductibles or higher copays. The higher deductible plans that were compared this year, were similar in cost to the plans that we currently have, so we decided not to make any changes this year. Both the employer and employee costs increased by 13%, as was mentioned in the letter from Interlocal Trust. We do keep the employer cost consistent with every plan offered.

## 6. Old Business

- a. Transfer Station updates – Selectman Allen reported that the sorting table is up and there are samples to show what goes in what bin. Glass

and paper will always be there. Chairman Thompson stated that next year is the final phase of the Transfer Station.

**7. Public Comment**

Stan Weiss stated his concern with the waste and smell from the horse drawn carriage rides on the main street. He has asked if the town would consider a law that requires an attachment to catch the horse waste. Selectman Allen stated that he thought they were supposed to clean up after themselves.

Sarah Clemons asked if the town can produce the same report the town of Bartlett uses for employee salaries and health and dental insurance at the budget hearing. Chairman Thompson stated they have not finalized the format of the budget hearing yet and will consider it. Sarah asked if she could go to Julie with a right to know request to have it done this way. Selectman Bennett stated that the right to know is the right to know and it is not the right to control. Selectman Thompson stated that the document was received 2 weeks ago and they have questions and comments. They will be looking into it. Sarah stated the document was in the Bartlett yearly report last year.

Stan Weiss asked about the non-response to his previous comment regarding the carriage rides. Chairman Thompson stated that it's the first they are hearing of this and they do not make decisions in citizen comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:09pm

Respectfully submitted by:

*Julie Hoyt*