

Robert Thompson 

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Richard Bennett 

**Selectmen's Meeting  
February 27, 2018**

**Present:** Bob Thompson, Chairman; Richard Bennett, Selectmen

**Visitors:** Fire Chief Jay Henry, Building Inspector Kevin Bennett, Town Administrator Julie Atwell, videographer Hank Benesh, Sarah Clemons, George Howard, Norman Maclean, Becky Armstrong, David Armstrong, Bea Davis, Bob Davis, Betsey Harding, Breanne Torrey, Scott Badger.

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm

1. **Public Hearing** – Ordinance for the inspection of Hotels, Rooming and Lodging Establishments – **The ordinance was approved, seconded and passed as written.**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Selectmen's Meeting – February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.**
  - b. Budget Hearing #2 – February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. **Upcoming Meeting Dates:**
  - Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - Town Election - polls are open 8am – 7pm, voting at the Whitney Center
  - Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - Town Meeting- 7:00pm at the Whitney Center
  - Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> - Selectmen's Meeting, 3:30pm
  - Tuesday, April 10 – Selectmen's Meeting, 3:30 pm
  - Tuesday, April 24 – Selectmen's Meeting, 3:30 pm
4. **Public Comment-** Sarah Clemons would like to know why the town negotiated a \$32,000 reimbursement for employees who opted out of the town benefit package. In comparing to other towns, Conway employees who opt out and waive insurance get \$1,200 stipend and Bartlett employees get a \$1,800 stipend. She would like to know prior to Town Meeting why Jackson negotiated the \$16,000 per person to waive their insurance. **Chairman Thompson said it would be put on as an agenda item for an upcoming meeting.**

Sarah also presented information from Mr Holmes the Conway Town Manager showing that Conway gives merit raises anywhere from 0 – 3% based on performance.

Bea inquired about the CDL that shows in the policy handbook. Chairman Thompson said Joe is working on getting his CDL.
5. **Building Inspector**
  - a. Weekly Report - Kevin Bennett

Kevin responded to an inquiry about work needed at the log cabin across from

MountainView Road. NH Electric Cooperative had put their electrical wire too close to an egress window and too low to the ground but they have since fixed that. An electrician is scheduled to finish up the project.

b. Building Permits

1. 2018-06/ R17 -L30, Sub Lot 1/ Owner – Clark/ 63 East Field Rd/Install solar panels on roof
2. 2018-07/ R12-L100A/ Owner – Kudrick/ 7 Meserve Rd./Install solar panels on roof
3. 2018-08/ R09-L27D/ Owner – Harrington/ 86 Partridge Rd./Permit renewal for new home construction 4 brm/4ba 3500 sq ft.
4. 2018-09/ V07-L50B/ Owner – Beesley/ 36 Sarah Hill Rd/Permit renewal for basement remodel and addition of mudroom.

6. New Business

- a. Ski Touring Parking- Selectman Bennett had fielded a number of complaints regarding parking alongside Carter Notch Road where the cross country trailhead is. He asked Breanne to explore future options to expand parking or start a shuttle service. Breanne mentioned parking is a problem for large events and on busy weeks. Most of their parking areas are landlocked and a shuttle service isn't really feasible. For now Chief Perley has curbed the parking issue by posting signage and patrolling the area more frequently. Betsey wondered if the turnaround at the end of Carter Notch Rd, by Prospect Farm could become additional parking. Patrick responded that due to safety issues that area needs to remain a turnaround spot for emergency vehicles.  
Sarah wanted to know approximately how many skiers utilize the Ellis River trail and if signage could be put up for skiers to cross quickly. Breanne mentioned they estimate 30-35,000 skiers visit annually but have no idea how many use the Ellis River trail. She stated all road crossings are posted with Caution Road Crossing signs but would encourage additional signage from the State / Town in high traffic areas.
- b. Housing Group Update – Betsey Harding and Scott Badger provided an update on the Affordable Housing Grant that is being sought. They have met with a consultant who they hope to hire to help strategize what the group can do. They will have a public information gathering meeting at the Old Library on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
- c. Liquor License Request – Yesterday's Restaurant – **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Chairman Thompson, made a motion to support the request to have a liquor license. The motion passed unanimously.**
- d. Whitney Hill Property Owners Association – Norman McLean takes care of the well system that was built in 1960 and serves 7 houses in the association. It has had numerous leaks and he would like to explore getting a grant to replace the system but hoped to get permission/ advice from the town since much of the piping runs parallel to, and some under the road. Chairman Thompson recalled that Mountain View association did a similar project using grant money and could be approached as a resource for information on how to proceed.
- e. Nonpartisan March – Betsey is proposing a non partisan march to seek solutions against continued gun violence to coincide with marches occurring nationwide on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Perley has granted approval. **Chairman Thompson stated that if logistics and permissions were granted they also approved it.**

## **7. Old Business**

- a. Transfer Station updates - It is time to look at the scrap metal contract coming up in the spring.  
Pat made the comment that it would be nice to have the scrap metal somehow containerized. George would like to see the pothole on the transfer station road filled in. Pat responded they hope to fill the pothole soon.
- b. Roger Labbe – Selectman Bennett responded to a misunderstanding regarding a letter involving Mr Labbe. The letter was misattributed to coming from Mr Labbe but was actually written by Don, the Transfer Station Manager. Selectman Bennett wishes to apologize for that misunderstanding and set the record straight.

8. **Public Comment-** George expressed his concern with the fact that budgetary line items can not be changed at town meeting but that the place to address problems and make changes are at budget hearings which are poorly attended. He would like the town to give monthly budget updates from each department, provided in a format compatible to the current budget format (not a profit and loss statement). He would like to see the proposed budget; show appropriations, dollars spent and the % of budget. He felt this would help the townspeople get a better understanding of where we are at and can address issues earlier, and may encourage better participation at future meetings. **Chairman Thompson stated we currently do provide an overall look at the budget on a monthly basis and it is posted quarterly by department. His recommendation will be taken into consideration.**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Gloria Hutchings