

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Selectmen
Approved Minutes for Business Meeting of June 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Kathi Bradt; Jim Jennison; Ryanne Schoonover

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Town Administrator; Jennifer Bland, Hwy Admin/EMD/HO, Melinda Loiselle, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Joshua Beaupre; James LeBlond; Raymond LeBlond; N LeBlond; Lori & Steve Murray

CALL TO ORDER: Kathi called the meeting to order at 6:30

ALTERNATE PROJECT UPDATE: The state has endorsed the project with FEMA. It is now going back to FEMA for release of funds. Kathi asked about Sam Putnam Rd, Lynn Hill Rd and Underwood Rd. Jennifer said these are subject to mitigation. Due to this, EHP is involved and before we can move forward with repairs, we have to make sure everything is acceptable with EHP. These are still FEMA funded projects and the highway dept will be doing the repairs.

- RFP CPR culverts: On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne, ***the Board voted to accept the RFP with a change to the completion date to November 30th. Passed.***

MINUTES: On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***

BILL MANIFEST: On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***

PAYROLL MANIFEST: On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

- Work report/work plan:
 - The crew has been working on CLR. They plan to replace five culverts. There will be a fee to the town for applying for shoreland permits. The other list of culverts which will require replacement are not budgeted for this year.
 - Still working on a plan for Thayer Brook Rd repairs. There is a lot more to it than originally thought.
 - Jim asked Jennifer to relay his compliments to the crew for the good work they did on CBR and DHR.
 - They are going to place another traffic study for CLR sometime in July. Kathi suggested to place one on Charlestown Rd. too.
- **PLANNING BOARD UPDATE:** Ryanne: The PB wants to invite Collin and Jennifer to the next PB meeting.
 - They have been reviewing the changes to the driveway permit form and putting together a packet of information on how culverts should be installed.
 - They are discussing the acceptance of the option of going with Community Power. This is not a supplier but rather a delivery option and should be cheaper.
 - They reviewed possibly zoning ordinance changes. Discussed an ordinance on short-term rentals on Crescent Lake pertaining to parking and loose dogs.
- **CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPDATE:** None

PUBLIC: None

ACTION ITEMS:

- Building Permits:
 - J Beaupre M236 L12: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve this contingent on the verbiage from the state. Passed.***
 - J Leblond M210 L6: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***
- Letter to Troian: On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***
- Chief Connors Recommendation: On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Passed.***
- MRI Preliminary Value Summary Report: The Board reviewed, and consensus was to accept MRI's report.

COMPLIANCE: None

DISCUSSION:

- Email from Attorney re: tax deeded property: On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to table this until the next meeting when Gregg can attend and vote on it then. Passed.***
- Fall Mountain withdrawal study update: Ryanne: Langdon subcommittee met on the 24th. They are still trying to evaluate budgets. If Langdon leaves it will be more expensive for Acworth. If Walpole leaves it will be a lot more expensive for Acworth. They would like to have a public hearing on August 11th at the Langdon municipal building to go over the report.
- Jim brought up the email from Jennifer regarding the FEMA preliminary damage assessment tool-ESRI/ArcGIS Online software-pilot test opportunity was discussed. Acworth was selected for this opportunity. The Board was in support of this. There will be a training session to learn how to use new software to collect PDA or damage information held in town.

On a motion by Ryanne and seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted
Charlotte Comeau,
Town Administrator