

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Selectmen
Approved Minutes for Business Meeting of July 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

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

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Town Administrator; Collin Crosby, Road Agent; Melinda Loiselle, Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Bascom; David Clark; Mark Girard; Bill & Mary Hildreth; Steve & Lori Murray; David Smith; Robin Ungeheuer

CALL TO ORDER: Jim called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m.

2021 FLOOD RESPONSE:

- There was no meeting this week. The interest and administration cost reimbursements are still pending.
- Collin is getting estimated costs of repairing and paving Derry Hill Rd. Considering using money from the alternate project to fix that.

2023 FLOOD RESPONSE:

- We have been notified of two projects that have been approved for payment which we should receive this week.

MINUTES: Meeting of 7/15/24: On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Kathi; *the Board voted to approve. Motion passed.*

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

PAYROLL MANIFEST: 7/15/24: On a motion by Ryanne, seconded by Kathi; *the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

- Highway Report:
 - The crew has been out raking and ditching roads.
 - Collin called around about mowing. Talked to Todd Porter in Langdon about using their mower and them using our roller but their Selectmen are not on board with that. Todd in Langdon suggested we call their Selectman. This would save both towns a lot of money. Consensus was for Charlotte will check into the procedure and reach out to Langdon.
 - Kathi asked Collin if he had seen the pole license they are planning to sign. He had not. Charlotte will send to Collin and bring it back to the next meeting.
 - Collin will be meeting with Fuzzy Brothers. They have an opening in August where they will process 3,000 yards of gravel at the shop and then move to the quarry in September to process the stone.

PLANNING BOARD UPDATE:

- There was a driveway permit where the applicant is a Charlestown property owner and looking to us for a driveway permit into his property across our border. The PB denied it. There is question on whether the road actually exists. There is information from the state archives that the road was discontinued in 1898. Charlestown provided us with information regarding the revocation of his permits. It's yet to be seen if there will be any repercussions from that.
- The other item they spent time on is working on updates to sections to the Master Plan.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION UPDATE: None

PUBLIC:

ACTION ITEMS:

- Building permit:
 - Bassinne M238 L1 (Yurt): The proposed area is in a flood zone; Charlotte has reached out to the state to get guidance on this. Kathi motioned to sign contingent on two things, needs a state driveway permit and documentation of the base flood elevation, seconded by Ryanne; *the Board voted to approve and sign.*

- Thalin M222 L18: Kathi pointed out the setback information was not on the application and the size of the deck is different. On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to table until next meeting. Motion passed.***
- Lubberman M201 L16: On a motion by Jim, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***
- UVLSRPC-Phase II Culvert Contract: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***
- AoT 5-year update: Kathi asked about #6 concerning the reclaim referenced to be done in the fall. She asked if it is to be done in house or by a Contractor and what the cost will be. Charlotte will find out and bring it back to the next meeting.
- Pole License: This was tabled until next meeting after Collin reviews.
- Public participation during Selectboard meetings policy: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ryanne; ***the Board voted to approve with the change and sign. Motion passed with Jim opposing.***

DISCUSSION:

- Updated road improvement application: Consensus was in agreement with the change.
- Compliance:
 - Kelin: After much discussion, consensus was for Charlotte to update the dates on the contract of our expectations and send to Kelin.
 - Simons: Consensus was for Charlotte to reach out by email and ask for a date.
- Email from NHMA re meeting: Consensus was not to meet at a Selectboard meeting.
- Email from NHDOT re: temporary closure of 123A for culvert replacement in 2025: "Preliminarily, NHDOT has identified the window between July 7, 2025 and August 22, 2025 as potential weeks for the NH Route 123A closure that avoid summer 2024-2025 dismissal, Independence Day, and the first day of school for the 2025-2026 calendar year." There were no objections from the Board.
- Email from G DeMuro: Consensus was that his request in sending a letter is outside their purview.

On a motion by Ryanne and seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,
Charlotte Comeau
Town Administrator