

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Selectmen
Approved Minutes for Meeting of October 3, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Ray Leonard; Kathi Bradt

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Administrative Assistant; Collin Crosby, Highway Foreman; Marianne Nevelson, Tax Collector

OTHERS PRESENT: Gregg Bascom; Roger Belliveau; Jennifer Bland, Health Officer/EMD; Hope Damon, State Rep Candidate; Glenn Elsesser; Mark Girard; Sue Metsack; Gregg Thibodeau; John Tuthill

CALL TO ORDER FOR MEETING: Ray called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

FLOOD RESPONSE:

- Email from G. Bascom/Erin regarding tree removal on Derry Hill. Gregg said he hadn't received it. Charlotte gave him a copy. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board vote to accept the recommendations from Erin. Motion passed.***
- Charlestown Rd pot holes: Collin said Josh graded the road and pot holes have been taken care of. Paving to begin on the 5th.

FLOOD LOAN:

- Kathi mentioned that we were informed by town counsel it is not necessary to have a town meeting vote in order to extend the same loan for the same purpose. We have advised the budget committee.

MINUTES: Meeting and NPS minutes of 9/26 & 9/29: on a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to approve minutes as written. Motion passed.***

BILL MANIFEST: Charlotte indicated additions to the manifest. On a motion by Ray, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to approve with additions and sign. Motion passed.***

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Collin stated they are still doing winter prep.
- Charlotte mentioned that she selected the cell phone through Cellular One because it was a good deal. It hasn't been activated yet. The phone including two different chargers and an "Otterbox" case was one penny, the monthly fee is \$39.99/month and there is no contract. She mentioned that she knows that they have good customer service as she has dealt with them before and this is a significant benefit. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to go with this plan. Motion passed.***
- Glenn mentioned that the auction on Municibid ended today. We received \$210 for the bucket and \$3,600 for the truck. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to accept these bids. Motion passed.***

PUBLIC: The Board acknowledged candidate Hope Damon who is running for State Rep in District 8. District 8 is a new district representing Acworth, Claremont, Croydon, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, Springfield, Sunapee & Washington. She gave a brief overview of herself and her plans if she were to be elected.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Tax Deeds (Marianne): Review of eleven properties that are scheduled for tax deeding. Kathi recommends we follow the tax collectors recommendation and not issue tax deeds this year on primary residences. This would be contingent on the property owners entering into a payment agreement by year end. Marianne said if we are going to do this then she would like the agreement to be from the Selectmen's office so there is some separation between depts. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***The Board voted to not issue tax deeds this year on primary residences contingent on the property owners entering into a payment agreement by year end. Motion passed.***
- 2nd Vote on policy update: Policy to update purchasing amount from \$1,000 to \$2,000. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***The Board voted to approve the amount to \$2,000. Motion passed.***
- Intent to excavate: Charlotte mentioned there was no template to provide for a reclamation plan but DRA referred us to RSA 155-E:5 which has guidelines. Kathi mentioned that because it was grandfathered, we have never had a reclamation plan on file. DRA said that even though it is grandfathered, they would recommend a new reclamation plan as it would protect the town from unwanted consequences of having to pay for the cost of reclamation at a time in the future.

- Building Permit: D. McShane, M229 L15: On a motion by Ray, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.*** R. Belliveau, M258 L14: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to approve and sign. Motion passed.***
- Compliance:
 - Charlotte told the Board Bell has cleared a ton and a half of scrap metal and sixty tires. He has three other cars he is trying to sell and if he doesn't sell he would come in and register or scrap. He asked about having an inspection station and she told him he would need to contact the planning board.
 - Simons: The Fire Dept. is planning on having a drill to have a contained burn on the wood pile sometime this month.
 - Land Trust; DeMuro: Had until 9/30 and haven't heard back. Consensus was for Charlotte to reach out and ask for an update in response to the letter.

DISCUSSION:

- Prouty property M250 L2: Gregg said this is adjacent to Honey Brook State Park and ConCom is talking about the possibility of adding it to the State Park. It would be the town gifting it to them and the State would manage it. Mark G said the property is landlocked. John T said you could get access on a landlocked piece. He thinks this is a valuable asset and thinks the town should hang on to it. Glenn mentioned that this may be something that would need a town vote.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (NPS): On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 7:30 p.m. Motion passed.***

On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvened public meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion passed.***

Some discussion took place on the current building permit for Pike and that they hadn't started building which means they would be living in the RV this winter. It was noted that there has been talk that they have no money to build. No decision was made.

On a motion by Kathi, seconded Ray; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau
Administrative Assistant