

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Selectmen
Approved Minutes for Meeting of May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Jim Jennison; Ray Leonard; Kathi Bradt

CALL TO ORDER: Jim called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Administrative Assistant; Mark McIntyre, Road Agent

OTHERS PRESENT: John & Tara Balla; Jennifer Bland; Conan Cook & Brenda Melius; Bill Cossaboon; Glenn Elsesser; Steve & Laurie Murray; Scott & Buffi Pike; David & Johanna Stone; Gregg Thibodeau

FLOOD RESPONSE: Kathi mentioned that she and Charlotte have been attending meetings with Jamie from Homeland Security each Monday. We are nearing the end of the emergency authorization wetland permits. Beginning June 1st, we need to put the project out to bid. Erin is working up a scope of work for Charlestown Rd. Kathi stated that we have a process to put things out to bid. There is a contractor email list that is wide spread in our area and we get better response from that than putting it in the newspaper. We will have the RFP ready for the next meeting for review and Charlotte can send it out on the 1st. Jamie and Erin are still working together to put together our smaller sites that are close together and being finished so we can submit for reimbursement.

MINUTES: Meeting and NPS minutes of May 2, May 6th and May 11th, 2022: on a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to approve as written. Motion passed.***

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

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Been doing a lot of grading and ditching. Graded Turkey Shoot Rd. Will be patching pot holes on Derry Hill and Charlestown Rd. Jim asked if Mark could take care of the pot holes on Luther Hill. Mark will speak with Josh about taking care of this.
- Someone put cones on the pot holes on Charlestown Rd. This is a dangerous situation and we need to find out who did this and let them know not to.
- Discussion on the email regarding dust control on Derry Hill. Kathi stated if we had opened the road due to construction then it would be the Town's responsibility to put in place a dust control program. Mark said this is normal traffic dust that happens when the farms start working the fields. He doesn't think it is in the Town's best interest to spend money to put chloride down on the dust that is coming out of the fields. Jim suggested to keep watch on this and asked about whether the two new sections and one old section that JP did be graded and chloride put down for the summer. Mark said it is on the plan but is currently working on roads that are involved with FEMA so we can submit for reimbursement.
- Reviewed the three RFPs for the top coating on Cold Pond Rd. The bidders were Pike, GMI and Bazin Brothers. It was noted that Bazin Brothers followed the RFP and had the overall lowest amount. After further discussion, on a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to accept Bazin Brother's bid of \$77,449.00.***

PUBLIC:

- The Board acknowledged Scott Pike. Scott is looking for a building permit for a 24x28 structure. Charlotte gave him a building permit application form.
- The Board acknowledged the Stones. David asked about an extension on their building permit. There was consensus that a new permit would be attached to their original permit.
- The Board acknowledged John Balla. John said the saw mill sold and questioned whether it could be residential property. Kathy asked if the buyer is purchasing the business? John said RL Balla is not for sale, only everything else. Kathi said it may be worth going to the Planning Board next week. If it is not a business anymore and it is being sold for the land and the new buyer comes in to apply for a residential building permit, we would talk to the assessors to change to residential. Kathi will put them on the PB agenda for further discussion.
- The Board acknowledged Bill Cossaboon. Bill said he received a letter from the town assessor in reference to a piece of property across the road they had done an annexation 19 years ago. The letter indicated the entire property is now considered waterfront property which will increase taxes. Bill asked why this hadn't been picked up before. Kathi said it was discovered in the reval. from last summer along with a sale with a similar situation. The assessor recommended we treat everyone the same. Bill will attend the Planning Board meeting to discuss if the annexation can be undone.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Building permits: Terry and John Mattson. Setbacks were not included on the application. Charlotte to inquire about setbacks and shoreland permit number. The Board will sign at next meeting.
- ZBA and ConCom Appointments: Brian St. Pierre; Brenda Melius for ZBA and Janet Slocum for ConCom. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and signed the appointments. Motion passed.***
- LUCT: Pike; Travers-On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to approve and signed. Motion passed.***
- Reports of Cut: Rhoades; Hurlburt-On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Ray; ***the Board voted to approve and signed. Motion passed.***
- Tax Warrant: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and signed. Motion passed***
- 911 Form: Changing contact to Charlotte. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and signed. Motion passed.***
- Compliance:
 - Relihan's junk yard. Ray is working with Shaun. He has removed a few more vehicles and a camper. Shaun is making and inventory list and Ray will try and meet with him this weekend.
 - Some discussion on follow-up with Sherry Simons property clean up by July 1st. Jim asked if we should send a reminder letter. Kathi asked Jennifer if she could look into some ideas on how to approach this from a Health Officer stand point. Jennifer will get back to the Board at the next meeting.
 - Consensus that the email response from Gerry Demuro did not address the removal of junk vehicles as requested. Charlotte to reply to Gerry's email and clarify this.

DISCUSSION:

- Upper Valley Regional Lake Sunapee: Gregg talked about the program UVRLS has called the Culvert Inventory Project. He explained the process and impact of the program. Kathi mentioned the breakdown of upfront costs is \$23,250. Consensus by the Board to run this by the Planning Board for further discussion.
- Small Roads Project: Gregg talked about the general guidance that was provided by the Board in March which was to research roads' histories and current policies/procedures and make recommendations to the Board by 12/31/22. They restated their goal: to determine if Class V roads that have only one resident are correctly classified as a Class V Road or should be redesignated as a Class VI Road or a private road and make recommendations on each road to the Board no later than 12/31/22. After some discussion, consensus was the Board was in agreement with the restated goal.
- Follow-up on equalization letter: Charlotte stated that Paul had indicated the increase amount was due to the reval.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (NPS): On a motion by Jim seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed.***

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvened public meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion passed.***

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau
Administrative Assistant

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 31, 2022, 7:00 at the Town Hall