

# MINUTES *approved minutes*

**Board of Selectmen Meeting:** July 20, 2020 **Present:** Rob DeValk, Jim Jennison, Frank Emig, Earl Kathan, Scott Sanchas, Greg Bascom, Glenn Elsesser, Sheryl Pierce, TomTonioli, Mary Lord, Sharon Symonds, Judy and Mike Aron, Gregg Thibodeau, Jennifer Bland

**Approve minutes:** BOS meetings June 29, 2020: Motion FE/JJ to approve, passed. **Sign bill manifest:** Motion JJ/FE to approve with additions, passed. **Sign payroll manifest:** Motion FE/JJ to approve, passed.

## **Public Input:**

1. Tom Tonioli spoke in support of a petition from South Acworth residents with concerns about the increase in and speed of traffic through the village. Options suggested were borrowing a radar sign to alert drivers and hiring a traffic officer. Mary Lord also noted traffic speed. Sheryl Pierce asked that the petition be forwarded to State Police. Judy Aron will relay concerns to DOT and Sharon Symonds encouraged Selectmen to contact DOT. RD noted the Town can contact State Police and DOT and request traffic data from Regional Planning.
2. Gregg Thibodeau noted current efforts to strengthen broadband in our area including Consolidated Communications' participation in coronavirus grant funding and the joining of small communities to fund fiber installation. It was noted the Planning Board has been following this. GT also relayed Conservation Commission concerns with ATV traffic over Keyes Hollow Road and noted Lempster currently faces ATV club interest in roads leading into Acworth. RD cautioned against closing roads to ATVs citing the original intent of the Acworth Wetlands which was enjoyment by all people. He also noted the importance of preserving access for emergency, particularly fire, equipment. There was discussion about correcting drainage issues in the Wetlands area of Keyes Hollow Road to make passage safer. RD asked if the Board had a recommendation. FE suggested ConCom continue to follow. JJ expressed concern with out of Town traffic.

## **Highway Department Report:**

1. Beryl Mountain paving status: Paving completed under budget.
2. Work update/plan: EK noted equipment repairs and grading as conditions allow(ed).
3. Budget review: Motion FE/JJ to engage roadside mowing per contractor quote, passed. EK to survey roads for crack sealing and treework; revisit August 3.
4. Culverts and sap lines: Waiting for input from Regional Planning office.
5. 2021 Projects: estimates for Derry Hill (\$87,000) and Cold Pond (\$171,000) received. Informal estimate for shimming Charlestown Road is \$100,000. Those would fulfil the annual capital budget.

## **Action items:**

1. Building permits: Simmons barn demo/rebuild and extension of temporary storage, NH 123A: Motion JJ/FE to approve, passed. Lord extension of temporary storage container, NH 123A: Motion FE/JJ to approve, passed. Sanville: Permanent storage: Motion FE/JJ to sign letter to complete screening, passed.
2. Intents: None.
3. Junkyard license, Relihan: Updated owner permission needed.
4. Cleanups: Stone: Draft Notice of Violation; Tallman: Consensus project is complete; Rullo: Request update; Morris: Motion FE/JJ to draft letter regarding junkyard conditions, passed.
5. Pistol permits (3): Motion JJ/FE to accept Chief Connors recommendation and sign, passed.
6. DRA PA-28 and 16: Motion FE/JJ to sign, passed.
7. Conservation Commission appointment: Motion FE/JJ to appoint Gregg Thibodeau as full member, passed.
8. DES drought regulation: Consensus to post simple notice advising residents against lawn watering.
9. Gove Road septic question: Health Officer Jennifer Bland to inquire.
10. Road Improvement application: Mike Aron, off Forest Road: Motion FE/RD to approve, passed.

## **Other items:**

1. Nonpublic per RSA 91-A:3.IIb,e: Motion JJ/FE to move to nonpublic, passed: JJ, FE, RD, 8:50PM; Returned to public session 9:30PM
2. Ongoing exchange with DRA concerning virus impact on State funding noted.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:30PM; Next meeting August 3; Respectfully submitted, Kathi Bradt.