

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Selectmen
Approved Minutes for Meeting of May 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Jim Jennison, Kathi Bradt

CALL TO ORDER: Jim called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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 (e) at 6:00 p.m. Motion passed.*

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; *the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvened public meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion passed.*

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 6:37 p.m. Motion passed.*

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; *the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvened public meeting at 6:53 p.m. Motion passed.*

STAFF PRESENT: Charlotte Comeau, Administrative Assistant; Mark McIntyre, Highway Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Baber; Gregg Bascom; Jennifer Bland; Beverly Buxton; Conan Cook & Brenda Melius; Tom Corrigan; Rob DeValk; Steve & Laurie Murray; Erin Darrow; Glenn Elsesser; Frank Emig; Mark Girard; Barbara Richards; Gregg Thibodeau

FLOOD RESPONSE: Erin said there has been discussion on St Pierre section of the road, should start tomorrow. Will work on cleaning out the stream and removing accumulated material from the culverts. Still discussions taking place on tree cutting and wants to focus on work around the road to keep costs under control and comply with environmental requirements. She's hoping it will all be done by June 1st or we would have to request an additional emergency authorization (EA) and there is no guarantee it will be granted. She pointed out the faster it's done, the faster we can submit for reimbursement.

Jim asked about when the competitive bidding will begin. Kathi said that it would start June 1st once the EA has expired, anything over \$10k will need to go out to bid. Erin will look at the templates we currently have for the bidding and get back to us. Kathi asked Erin if she could look over and put groups of road areas together to make it easier for FEMA visits, Erin agreed.

Erin received one of the signed emails for the easement agreement and said she would send it to Charlotte so Jim could sign it.

Beverly Buxton stated the construction workers knocked down the mailboxes and wanted to know what was going to be done about it. Kathi said we would look into it. Jim asked Mark if he would check it out.

MINUTES: Meeting and NPS minutes of April 18, 2022: on a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; *the Board voted to approve as corrected for clarity. Motion passed.*

BILL MANIFEST: Kathi asked about the gas bill and though it was too high. Charlotte said she would check on it and let them know. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; *the Board voted to approve with additions. Motion passed.*

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

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- Mark said someone had a question on a culvert on Luther Hill that water is coming out at the end of the road. They are aware of it and not sure what is causing it yet.
- Did pot hole patching on River Rd. Road is pretty rough and asked how much time and money they want to put into it. Asked if they would take a ride down there and check it out. Jim said he would.
- Concentrating 90% of their time on Lynn and Grout to get that taken care of for FEMA.
- Talking to a few different people on snow plow and wing that came with the Dodge when we got it. It is too big and heavy for the truck. Waiting for estimate on what it would cost to replace with a lighter weight plow and wing.
- Also, will find out what they will give for a trade in for the big plow on the Western Star and plow on the Dodge.
- Glenn asked if Mark will check out the pot holes on Derry Hill.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Building permits: Bishop ADU letter stating it is on wheels. Kathi recommended the planning board take a look at this as the PB didn't include tiny houses on wheels in the ADU discussion. On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted the Planning Board to look at this. Motion passed.*** Tom & Kelly Corrigan M202 L4.2-on a motion by Kathi and seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve. Motion passed***
- Intents to Cut: Barbara Richards; David Bascom; Elenora Rhoades, Gretchen Hurlburt; Peter & Deborah Rhoades on a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and signed. Motion passed.*** Charlotte stated that Peter wanted her to ask if the Board was still okay with him assessing his own cuts. The Board was in agreement.
- Reports of Cut: Robert Cunniff; Bascom Maple Farms; Jeffrey & Alisa Wright-on a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to approve and signed. Motion passed.***
- Deputy Forest Fire Warden Appointment: Ezra Degraff. On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and sign.***
- Credit/Exemptions: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to approve and signed. Motion passed.***
- Compliance: Relihan's junk yard. Recommended to wait until Ray is in attendance as he has been handling this.

DISCUSSION:

- Town Land Policy: Kathi said this policy was adopted by the Board in 2002 and is a little outdated. Thought it may be a good idea to get ConCom's input on this and bring it back to the Board. Gregg said he would do this. Frank expressed his concerns about one of the properties for auction. Rob also expressed the board at one time this to be a non-buildable lot. Kathi stated the notion of buildable lot does not exist in our zoning ordinance. There are set backs, septic and water requirements. She stated that we have asked legal services about this. The only lots that would be defensible for an abutter sale would be property that is landlocked. Brenda stated based on the conversations the past few meetings it was determined that we are not selling buildable lots rather parcels of land and it is up to the buyer to determine if they can build on it.
- Hiring a Town Forester: Greg has been talking with Peter Rhoades as he will be retiring. Gregg asked about the process of hiring a Town Forester. Kathi stated ConCom can recommend and Select Board would do the hiring. She stated that we need to look at job descriptions and qualifications. Gregg will come back in a couple weeks with more information.
- Halls Pond Rd Auction: Gregg stated that there was a gate that is padlocked. Kathi stated there is an email to David Trujillo. We could email him and ask about the gate.
- Repaying TAN: Email from Melinda about paying back the TAN as we get close to the time we send out tax bill. All in agreement.
- Meeting for Monday Memorial Day: On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to move the meeting to Tuesday, May 31st. Motion passed.***

Kathi asked Charlotte about the DRA inventory adjustment on the equalized value letter from DRA. She asked Charlotte to compare it to last years and if it was much different if she could find out why.

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau
Administrative Assistant

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022, 7:00 at the Town Hall