



Monday, May 8, 2023

Board of Selectmen Minutes

In attendance: Dianne Craig (Selectmen), Derek Tremblay (Selectmen), Alicea Bursey (Selectmen), Shae Simino, Melissa Salinardi, Bruce Nadeau, Kirsten Hershey, Aaron Simpson, Mark Stadtmiller, Carolyn Stiles, Bonnie Belden

CALL TO ORDER

The Board called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROAD AGENT UPDATE

- **Road Maintenance:** Shae Simino gave an update and stated that he received the roller rental from Equipment East and grading has begun on Old Province Road and Province Road.
- **Transfer Station:** Shae asked if the summer schedule could be changed if it was not needed. He mentioned that, after speaking to the employees, in the past the summer hours have not been taken advantage of and the later afternoon hours have been slower. Dianne Craig mentioned that the summer hours offer more availability for people who are working a regular scheduled job. Alicea Bursey added that it gives people more opportunity to stop in after work and gives them the opportunity to come during the week if they do not want to sacrifice their weekend time. Dianne and Alicea suggested having the employees monitor the traffic during the summer months and if further discussion to adjust hours is needed, it can be brought to the attention of the Town during the next Town Meeting.

Shae mentioned that he ordered a new sign for the Transfer Station as the old one had the incorrect permit number and had been slightly damaged. The new sign will show the updated permit number.

Alicea asked whose responsibility it was to open the Gunnison Lake gate. Shae mentioned that he was unaware of whose responsibility it was. Dianne thought that it was maintained by the state and mentioned that Melissa could reach out to the state to see when they would be opening it.

Bruce Nadeau asked if the Road Agent was going to clear the Rand Pond boat ramp to make it accessible for use. He suggested some possible solutions for clearing the area. Bonnie Belden mentioned that she had learned that it was the Town's responsibility to maintain the access. Bruce suggested that the area be back-tracked and regraded. Shae will look at the area and determine the best course of action for cleaning the area.

Derek Tremblay circled back to the Gunnison Lake gate opening discussion and read from minutes regarding the previous years discussion of the gate opening and closing. In the minutes it was mentioned that the Goshen Road Agent/Highway Department was given permission to open and close the gate and that it was not a state decision. Dianne asked the Road Agent to inspect the road to make sure it is passible and if he thinks it is safe, the gate can remain open for the season. It was also noted that the state does maintain the road although they do not maintain the gate access.

APPOINTMENTS:

- **Bruce Nadeau (Brook Road Property Concern)**

Bruce Nadeau requested to go into non-public session to discuss a property concern on Brook Road.

Alicea Bursey motioned to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c), "matters that, if discussed in public, would adversely affect the reputation of someone other than a member of the public body...". Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; all were in favor; motion carried (3-0).

The Board entered non-public session at 6:44 p.m.

A property matter was discussed.

Alicea Bursey motioned to come out of the Non-Public Session at 7:19 p.m. Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; all were in favor; motion carried (3-0).

Derek Tremblay motioned to seal the minutes indefinitely as it would adversely affect the reputation of any person other than a member of this board and it would render a proposed action ineffective. Alicea Bursey seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Dianne Craig-yes; Alicea Bursey-yes; Derek Tremblay-yes; all were in favor; motion carried (3-0).

- **Mark Stadtmiller (Tax Concern)**

Mark Stadtmiller was asked if he would like to request a non-public session to discuss his tax concerns. He denied the request and the Board remained in public session.

Dianne Craig asked Mark Stadtmiller to explain and address his concerns regarding his taxes. Mr. Stadtmiller began by stating and asking that Bruce Nadeau be removed from the room as he believed Bruce had a biased towards him and he felt that there was a conflict of interest. Without waiting for an action from the Board, Mr. Stadtmiller continued by explaining what he felt was the issue. He stated that according to what he knows as his squatter rights, he should not have been charged taxes and he feels that the Town owes him money for back taxes.

Dianne Craig explained that a resident has the ability to ask the assessing department for an abatement on their current tax bill for the current tax year. However, the Town does not and has never given back taxes to a resident. Mr. Stadtmiller argued that he only should be paying taxes on one structure and that the Town should give back what he believes was inaccurately collected.

Kirsten Hershey stated that the structure continues to remain on her property. Bruce Nadeau stated that Mr. Stadtmiller was paying taxes on the building and not on the land. Mr. Stadtmiller interrupted and stated that he has been denied building permits by Bruce Nadeau who is the building inspector and the notice he received regarding the sewage disposal was inaccurate.

Dianne Craig asked Mr. Stadtmiller to only address the tax concerns as that was the issue that he had requested to discuss with the Board. Mark asked again if the Town was going to amend his taxes and give him the money back. Dianne Craig again stated that he has the option to abate the taxes of the current year, however, that no back tax money could be returned to him. She added that the other concern of the Board is that Mr. Stadtmiller is three years behind in his taxes. Mr. Stadtmiller argued that he was trying to take care of this during the August 22, 2022 meeting when he came before the Board to discuss his taxes at that time.

Mr. Stadtmiller continued by stating that as he is a squatter, he shouldn't receive taxes and he shouldn't receive taxes on a camper. Dianne suggested that he could register the camper and no taxes would be

assessed. Mr. Stadtmiller continued to disagree with the Board and talk over Dianne Craig's suggestions. Mr. Stadtmiller recognized that the Board's answer was no and continued expressing his frustration by speaking over the Board and angrily stating that he has not been treated fairly.

Derek Tremblay motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alicea Burse seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried (3-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Dianne Craig apologized to the rest of the attendees and explained that no additional business could be discussed.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **May 22, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Salinardi