



Monday, January 22, 2024

Board of Selectmen Minutes – FINAL APPROVED

In attendance: Derek Tremblay (Selectmen), Alicea Bursey (Selectmen), Shae Simino, Melissa Salinardi

CALL TO ORDER

The Board called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROAD AGENT UPDATE

- **Transfer Station:** Shae reported that he has ordered a new sign for the Transfer Station. The sign is available at no expense to the Town through the New Hampshire the Beautiful organization.
- **Tree Removal:** Shae stated that he had been notified that a tree had come down partially on the Rands Pond beach access and partially on a resident's property. He mentioned that he did not want to trespass on the resident's property but was planning to address the issue. Alicea Bursey suggested sending a letter or email to the resident to make them aware that the Highway Department was planning to be on their property. Shae will follow-up with the land owner and work on getting the tree removed.
- **Rands Pond Road Turn Around:** Shae gave a summary of what was discussed at the last meeting and shared that he received an estimated cost for removal of three trees from the property owner. The estimated cost would be \$1,200.00. He also stated that he spoke with Ryan Hall, Fire Chief, and Mr. Hall mentioned that the Fire Department also has issues turning around in this location and that a wider turn around would be beneficial to the department.

Alicea Bursey mentioned that she drove down Rands Pond Road to look at the area and she stated that she believes that if the Town assists in financing the removal of the trees then an easement should be added to the property owners deed to issue the Town the rights of the new, wider turn around. She further mentioned that the removal of the trees should not be done until an easement has been added to the deed ensuring that this issue does not recur in the future. Derek Tremblay thought that asking the property owner to put an easement in their deed was a "big ask" and did not think it was necessary for the Town to ask this of the property owner. Alicea Bursey again mentioned that if nothing was written into the deed, the Town would have no guarantee that in the future this would not become an issue again. She also asked Shae if the maintenance of the area had been discussed with the property owner. Shae responded that the maintenance would be minimal. Derek Tremblay further stated that he did not have a problem with the Town paying for half of the expense and again stated that he did not think the easement was necessary but concluded by saying that whatever approach the Road Agent thought was best would be fine with him.

- **Lempster Coach Bridge:** Shae reported that he received an answer from Lempster regarding the Lempster Coach Road. Lempster responded that the road has not been made into an emergency lane and that they will not be declaring it an emergency lane in the future. He also mentioned that Lempster has given Goshen permission to put material on the Lempster side of the road and build the road up to be able to bring

equipment in when needed for bridge repairs. Alicea Bursey asked if Lemspter had responded to Goshen's email. Shae Simino shared that a meeting would be occurring tomorrow. Alicea Bursey asked to wait for Lempster's email response following that meeting. And to follow up if one was not received.

- **Road Agent Interviews:** Alicea Bursey asked if Shae had any updates on potential applicants for the Highway Assistant position. Shae responded that he had no new updates.

APPOINTMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Minutes of January 8, 2024:**

These minutes have been postponed until a future meeting.

- **Minutes of the Public Hearing, January 8, 2024:**

These minutes have been postponed until a future meeting.

- **Minutes of the Working Session, January 15, 2024:**

These minutes have been postponed until a future meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT UPDATE

- **Assessing Service Contract:** The Board reviewed the assessing service contract and decided to wait until all members had time to review.

NEW BUSINESS

None

BOARD OF SELECTMEN UPDATES

- **FEMA:** No new updates at the moment.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Backpack Program:** Alicea Bursey shared that she has sent the information regarding the backpack program to the SAU for them to review. She also added that the Town Hall has been discussed as a drop box location.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Handbook:** Will be discussed during a future work session.
- **Performance Reviews:** Will be discussed during a future work session.
- **Property Concern/ZBA Inquiry:** Alicea Bursey shared that an email was sent to the Zoning Board of Adjustments explaining the next steps. She has asked the ZBA to draft a formal opinion and once the ZBA responds, legal counsel may be needed. No actions were made at this time.
- **Property Concern (Cease and Desist):** This item is on hold.

STANDING ITEMS

- **Veterans Monument Repair** – No updates at this time.
- **Planning Board Update:** Alicea Bursey gave a Planning Board update stating that they have closed the discussion on the Pheasant Runn Road. She suggested that the Planning Board review the Class VI Road Waiver and possibly make edits to include private roads.

Shae Simino informed the Board that during the last snow storm a resident plowed some of the roads ahead of the Highway Department. He stated that he has reached out to the resident informing them that they could not plow the roads in the future.

Alicea Bursey motioned to adjourn. Derek Tremblay seconded the motion. All were in favor-yes; motion carried, 2-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Melissa Salinardi