

Minutes of Select Board Meeting
September 4, 2018

Members Present: David Leavitt, Philip Hilton, Keith Swett, Tom Saviello and Rhonda Irish (Town Manager) absent: Tiffany Maiuri

Also Present: Amber Kapiloff, Charlie Lavin, Dee Menear

Item #1 Minutes of the Meeting August 21, 2018

Keith would like a clarification under Other Business after the Executive Sessions to say that "Keith would like to see a map created"

David/Philip m/m/s to accept the minutes with the correction; vote: 3-0 Tom abstained

Item #2 Public Comment – None Received

Item #3 Proposal for a Select Board Rules and Responsibilities Policy
Tabled until a later date

Item #4 Consideration of Planning Board Appointments

There are two positions on the Planning Board, one is for a full-time member and one is for an alternate member.

People who have requested to be on the Planning Board are: Janice Sabin, William McCrillis and Maxine Collins.

Charlie Lavin (CEO) recommended that Janice Sabin and Bill McCrillis be appointed to the Planning Board. Maxine Collins is currently on the Appeals Board and Charlie would like for her to remain on that Board because of her experience on the Planning Board.

Tom/Philip m/m/s to accept as Charlie recommended **Amended** to Janice Sabin for full time member and William McCrillis as alternate member; ** Amended** to be made an open-ended motion so that Charlie may change roles if needed; vote: unan

Item # 5 Manger's Report

- A. Update of Fire Truck Committee: They have opened the bids and they are currently being put into spreadsheet form. This will be for a utility body not for a full quick attack truck. The Committee will review these on September 17 and will hopefully have a recommendation to bring back to the Board. David is on the Committee and he said that there have been some lively discussions, but he believes they will do what is in the best interest of the Town.

B. Update of Property Maintenance Issues:

The property at 710 Main St owned by Freeway Investments: Burstein Shur was asked as of August 10 to get back to them and get the items fixed that needed to be fixed.

Mike Hudson (Freeway Investments) was supposed to come up with something better than plywood for the windows.

Questions/Comments from the Board included:

Tom: Is there any recourse? The Judge will go out because of the consensus agreement and the fact that they have not come back to the property since they signed the agreement. Right now, everything is at the attorney's office.

David: If it was good up to December they would have had the complaint dismissed, they have done nothing so we need to go forward legally.

Tom/David m/m/s to pursue legal arrangements; vote: unan

Thompson Street: Charlie has received complaints about rats coming from the property at the end of Thompson Street. The property is owned by Teresa Jones; he has sent her a letter asking her to clean up the property within thirty days. We need to allow her the thirty days and if there is no action at that time the Board can act.

Keith: What about the D & L location they were supposed to clean up last year? They had said they didn't want a junkyard permit what now? Charlie will follow up with them. In East Dixfield and in Dryden there are houses that are half torn down Charlie had said that they stopped because it was winter what is happening with those? Charlie explained that he has spoken to the people who own the property on More Acres Rd in East Dixfield and there have been several reasons why they haven't finished yet. It is definitely an unsafe building and Charlie can let them know that the Select Board is starting a fact-finding process. The property on Dept St. the owner has been suffering from carpal tunnel and has said that he will get back on cleaning up the property.

Charlie will also send him a letter letting him know that he has thirty days to do cleanup.

Tom/David m/m/s to follow the Property Maintenance Ordinance and to take the steps as outlined in the Ordinance for these properties; vote: unan

C. Stream Bank and Dam Infrastructure Maintenance Issues:

There is an EMA process for rain event damage to the stream bank in back of our parking lot, we will take the information that we get from the Army Core of Engineers and from FEMA and they will let us know what we need for permits. That area has not had any work done for a while, and this falls back on us because this is our property. We will need to find out what needs to be done and address it.

The Dam is considered a hazardous Dam because if it breaches people could get hurt. All of the maintenance in the past has been done in house but we needed some extra help for the inspection this year. We will need to start a Capital Project fund for this.

Tom explained that there really is no map for a flood if a dam breaks, the sensitive areas are identified by aerial photos.

D. Forster Mill Update: There may be one person putting in a proposal. AVCOG will be taking applications in October, they are looking for projects that are ready to hit the ground. This would be money that was part grant/part loan.

E. Public Hearing for Junkyard Renewals September 18, 2018: The junkyards would be: Collins Enterprises, Haggan Enterprises and Michael Stickney.

Questions/Comments from the Board included:

Keith: Last year you mentioned D & L and Daggett's Garage? There are also other properties in Wilton that are potential junkyards (Kimball Farrington and Edward Herrin) would they qualify for State guidelines is the question.

We shouldn't be going after them to give them permits, we should be giving them a violation.

- F. Household Hazardous Waste Day September 8, 2018: This is being done in conjunction with the Towns of Farmington and Weld. They will also be sharing the set-up costs. It will be from 9 am to noon.

Item #6 Other Business

Tom: Have we put together an inventory of the Fire Department equipment yet? Rhonda will email out an updated list.

Not a witch hunt, we just want to know what they have.

Keith: Would like a list of personnel and their qualifications also.

Item# 7 Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F) Poverty Tax Abatement;

Tom/David m/m/s to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F)

Poverty Tax Abatement; vote: unan

Entered at 6:34 pm Out at 6:50 pm

Tom/David m/m/s to deny the application, will send a twenty-one-day letter to the homeowner; vote: unan

Item #10 Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F) Poverty Tax Abatement;

1 MRSA § 405(6)(E) Legal

Tom/David m/m/s to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C)

Economic Development; vote: unan

Entered at 6:51 pm Out at 7:07pm

Tom/Phil m/m/s to adjourn 7:07 pm