

**TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OFFICE  
NEW HAMPTON, NH 03256**

May 2, 2019

**MEMBERS**

Mr. Irvine, Mr. Denoncour, and Mr. Mertz were present.

**PRESENT:**

**OTHERS**

Town Administrator Mrs. Lucas

**PRESENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Irvine called the meeting of the Board to order at 6:30 p.m.

**WORK SESSION**

Manifests, bills, requisitions, purchase orders and leave request forms.

The board approved purchase requisitions for Fire Dept (repair to ice/water rescue suits), Hwy Dept. (spare tire & rim - 2013 Intl).

The board approved the following Building permit:

1. Ron and Brenda Olson, Tax Map R-10, Lot 1
2. Kevin and Victoria Lang, Tax Map U-9, Lot 4
3. Michael & Catherine Rand, Tax Map R-41, Lot 4-I

The board approved the following Occupancy Permit:

1. Sean & Paul Stanley (New Hampton Rt 104 LLC), Tax Map R4, Lot 90K.

**APPOINTMENTS**

*6:45 PM*

*Fire Chief Drake*

Chief Drake and department member Matt O'Neill were present. Chief Drake said the current radio communication system is getting progressively worse and reviewed new simulcast systems being proposed Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid (LRMFA) which can broadcast several sites at once and will be easier to troubleshoot when a site is failing. The proposals provided to the LRMFA were Motorola with a cost of approximately \$1,175,000 or Harris/Tait at \$859,024 which would be spread across all towns in LRMFA and be part of their capital improvement program. The board expressed their support for the Harris/Tait proposal. Mr. Irvine said LRMFA should include civilian members on their board, especially as they are asking municipalities for money.

*7:15 PM*

*Robert Curry*

Mr. and Mrs. Curry were present in response to a letter received inquiring about a possible 2<sup>nd</sup> dwelling on their property. Mr. Irvine said it appeared there may be facilities in the cabin which make it a dwelling unit, which would not be allowed.

Mr. Curry advised his son built the small cabin, which has a stove and fridge, electricity, a composting toilet, but isn't insulated, no plumbing, and is only being used as a retreat. He said there are only 4 bedrooms, which is being misrepresented as 5 in the listing. Mr. Denoncour advised the septic system is only for 4 bedrooms. Mr. Irvine recommended removing the cooking facilities would ensure it is not a dwelling unit and Mr. Curry agreed to remove it.

*7:30 PM*

*Chris Simmons*

Mr. Simmons and Michael Merchant, neighbors on Old Bristol Road, were present. Mr. Simmons expressed concerns with the water in the Village Precinct and said he has spoken with precinct commissioners who are not giving satisfactory answers. He showed the board photos of water in bathtub and said that as of 4/10/19 no longer feels comfortable putting his child in the tub water. Mr. Mertz, who is a nearby resident, said his wife pointed out a blue color coming from the water. Mr. Merchant said the blue color is

indicating low pH which eats at copper pipes, creating a health issue, and has tested it at home, with results below 5 pH. Mr. Simmons said he has sent his water sample to NHDES. Mr. Denoncour, nearby neighbor, said he has not experienced the same issue. Mr. Denoncour advised that the Precinct has recently created an underground pipeline for the water traveling from Mountain Pond into the Precinct's water tank for distribution. Mr. Simmons expressed concern with the lack of communication on the part of the Precinct Commissioners. Mr. Irvine said that the Town Offices and Public Safety Buildings are also on the same water supply and have an interest in solving this problem. Mrs. Lucas spoke with the Fire Dept and NHS who have discovered similar coloration in the water in recent days. Mr. Irvine suggested more NHDES water testing should be done in several Precinct locations. The board pointed out that NHDES has strict regulations on notification and disclosure if standards are exceeded. Mr. Simmons expressed concern with Commissioner Joel Powers being the only one with all the knowledge of the system and Mrs. Lucas suggested bring this concern to a Precinct meeting. It was noted that the Precinct takes water samples at various locations, but no one present knew where those are being taken, or what the results are. Mr. Irvine said it appears this issue may require a special meeting involving the Precinct Commissioners which the Selectmen could facilitate.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Board reviewed the following:

- Mr. Denoncour made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mertz to sign a Payroll Change Form – Eric Potter for Fire Dept. Vote was unanimous.
- Board reviewed and revised a draft payroll check policy to address lost or damaged checks.
- Board re-signed lot merger application from NH Community Church to include appropriate signatures and documentation to reflect individuals authorized to sign the application.
- Memo from Regina Adams, dated 5/2 requesting authorization for abatement of \$31.67, as there was an error with a property owner's bank and the automated on-line payment system. Mr. Irvine made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour to approve the abatement. Vote was unanimous.
- Letter to Shamrock Auto Brokers, Inc., dated 4/29; re: unpermitted sign on building. Mr. O'Sullivan responded by phone on 5/2, placing blame on the town for delays with state permits. Mrs. Lucas to call the state to find out the permit status.
- Review of NHS as a Charitable Organization and partial exemption. No action was taken until final values are set by CNP and a spreadsheet is provided with the final exemption values.
- Discussion on replacing the sidewalk & curbing on Main Street in front 53/55 Main Street. The board agreed to the proposal of \$2,500 from CAP Paving who will also be doing the NHS campus. The board to discuss enforcement of parking in "no parking" areas by PD.
- Letter from NHDRA, 4/26/19, 2018 Total Equalized Valuation \$322,780,095.

- Atty. Spector-Morgan's letter to Mr. Robert Wells, re: unpermitted second dwelling unit, was just sent.
- Copy of letter to Alfred & Carey Chute & Diane Ford regarding compliance with building permit and conditions, dated 5/1.
- Copy of a letter to Mr. Benjamin Durack, dated 5/1, regarding use of his property and requesting a meeting.
- Copy of a letter to Jason & Dara Ahlquist, dated 4/29 re: junk yard/unregistered vehicles.
- Copy of a letter to Susan and William Vachon, dated 4/29, regarding renewal of building permit, occupancy permit or new permit application if not 75% complete.
- Solid Waste Ordinance amendments – Public Hearing scheduled for 5/16/19 at 7pm.
- Submission of nomination for Kim Ayers Award.
- Letter from Atty. Matthew J. Pimentel, Esq, dated 4/30, re: request for copies of appraisals for all public utilities and DirecTV, dated 4/30. Assistance from Atty. Boldt with responding to the letter will be requested.
- Flag pole for Veterans Park just delivered. PWD will take down the pole, fabricate the new plate and have it back up in 2-3 days.
- Mrs. Lucas contacted Arnold Gratton who will look at foundation in the rear of the Town House relative to repair and will provide an evaluation in writing in the next few days.
- The board agreed to perform a site visit on 5/6 at 2:30 pm to view wash out on old NH Route 104 by Pemi outlet to discuss possible solutions with PWD Mr. Boucher and the Fire Chief. Immediately following there will be a work session on the Personnel Policy will take place at the town office.
- Police Chief scheduled appointment for 5/9 at 6:45pm.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Mrs. Lucas said NHS Facilities Manager Ms. Tripp spoke with Fire Chief Drake about future use of the barn that was burned, and some other plans. Ms. Tripp has requested a meeting with various town representatives and Mrs. Lucas said she would meet with Ms. Lyn Tripp (NHS) and Chief Drake, but any meeting with a Planning Board representative would be as an informational with their entire board.
- Request to have a discussion with NHS Campus Safety Chuck George and future events and bicentennial celebrations.
- May 15 deadline for 1<sup>st</sup> bill Warrant. CNP finishing data input for 1<sup>st</sup> bill, with some additional expected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> bill.
- The board agreed to have Mrs. Lucas develop an RFP for remodeling of Town Office with the help of a recommended contractor.
- Mrs. Lucas getting quote for replacement of side windows on Town Office.
- Mr. Mertz disclosed to the board that he was asked by Andy Moore to meet with NHS, to discuss fabricating displays for memorabilia and art. Mr. Irvine and Mr.

Denoncour said they had no issues with that.

- Northern Pass going before Supreme Court on 5/15 in their appeal of the SEC's decision. Mr. Irvine said seats in court are limited but the audio will be streamed.
- Mr. Irvine asked about the status of hiring a Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Mrs. Lucas to remind Ms. Adams again.
- Mr. Denoncour said he and Mrs. Lucas looked at what town documents remain in the Gordon-Nash Library safe as it will need to be removed.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

There was none.

**NON PUBLIC  
SESSION**

At 9:23 pm Mr. Irvine made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour, to go into Non-Public Session, according to RSA 91A:3 II (e) Litigation. Vote passed. Roll call was taken, Mr. Irvine - Y, Mr. Denoncour – Y, Mr. Mertz –Y.

**PRESENT**

Mr. Irvine, Mr. Denoncour, Mr. Mertz, and Mrs. Lucas

**RETURN TO  
PUBLIC SESSION**

At 9:27 pm, Mr. Irvine made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour, to come out of Non-Public Session and seal the minutes for 5 years. Votes were unanimous.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Mertz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denoncour, to adjourn at 9:28 pm. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Vose