

# MINUTES *approved minutes*

**Board of Selectmen Meeting:** September 17, 2018

**Present:** Rob DeValk, Frank Emig, Jim Jennison, Ed Babneau, Dave Bascom, Glenn Elsesser, Ben Holt, Norm Bernaiche, Paul and Joyann Mahaffy, Chester Thibault, Jennifer and David Bland, Lillie LeBlanc, Shawn Bowman, Joann Blodget, Alex Hancock, Tom Fuller, Chris Bowman, John Luther

**Open meeting:** 7:00PM, RD.

**Approve minutes:** BOS meeting September 4, Motion FE/JJ to approve, passed.

**Sign bill manifest:** Motion JJ/FE to approve with addition, passed.

**Sign payroll manifest:** Motion FE/JJ to approve, passed.

## **Recognition of Visitors/Public Input:**

1. Ben Holt inquired about a locked gate and sap lines across C6 Stebbins Road which borders Bascom Maple Farm property. Dave Bascom will look into this.

## **Highway Department Report:**

1. Work update/plan: EB noted work done on vehicles, grading Campbell and Quarrier, ditching on Beryl Mountain and plans to work on Charlestown Road and for pot hole patching and crack sealing.
2. Charlestown Road: Culvert installation should be complete this week with line painting by end September.
3. Town Hall and Cold Pond Roads shimming: EB noted recommendation to shim CPR this year to remedy surface deterioration and estimates \$57,000 for 1.5" shim which should hold 8-10 years. RD suggested getting firm numbers.
4. Duncan Road: Dave Bascom and Greg Adamovich submitted applications to work on the road with gravel supplied by Town. EB estimated 1-2 days. Motion FE/JJ to go forward with proposal, passed.
5. School zone signs requested by local parents. EB will check stock and State sources.
6. 2019 CIP: EB proposed beginning some Beryl Mountain drainage this fall. Need to revisit October 1 when most current work invoices will have been received.
7. Black North sign request: Some signs are in place. EB will review.

## **Transfer Station Report:**

1. Stickers: Ready; request shipping.

## **ConCom Report:**

September 12 meeting heard from Regional Planning Commission on a proposal to study culvert crossings with more information coming.

Posting of Roy Farm land on which the Town holds a conservation easement and attendance by State conservation representatives drew many to 9/12 meeting. Chair Shawn Bowman noted the response was unexpected and produced information new to ConCom which has been the Town's designated representative for oversight of the easement.

ConCom had previously supported owner posting of the property due to reports of damage and trash left. At the end of the 9/12 meeting ConCom voted that the posting signs should be changed from No Trespassing to No Wheeled Vehicles. SB noted, however, that the property owner is unwilling to complete the new sign request and reported engaging legal counsel. SB indicated the prospect of legal proceedings exceeded the capacity of ConCom which serves as a voluntary advisor to the Board of Selectmen and declined further involvement. David Bland spoke as a land agent for property owner, Chester Thibault, noting that the property was posted in response to trash and damage to fields by vehicles, that with Game Warden support some individuals were denied access completely and that an environmental attorney had been engaged to defend protective actions by the owner.

Rob DeValk described the Town's responsibility to uphold the easement which was purchased from Raymond Roy to implement his intention of preserving the property for the enjoyment of all the public noting that sale of an easement diminishes some owner rights. RD noted State advice to follow what is written in the easement and to use law enforcement to deter those who abuse the property.

Frank Emig motioned to allow ConCom to continue as negotiator in this matter without a second.

David Bland questioned how hard the Town will pursue the matter. Selectmen will review the form for obtaining State signs banning vehicles.

**PB Report:** Next meeting September 24: Public hearings scenic road tree work.

**Action items:**

1. Building permits: None.
2. Intents to Cut: Chester Thibault, Sugar House Road: Motion FE/JJ to sign, passed.
3. Pistol permit: Motion JJ/FE to accept Chief Connors recommendation to sign, passed.
4. Compliance: Tallman and Relihan: Pending.
5. Timber Tax Warrants: Motion FE/JJ to sign, passed.
6. AVFR fall payment: JJ reported progress on certification issues; consensus to make payment.
7. NHEC pole licenses: John Luther questioned inconsistent pole spacing which could cause more poles than needed in Derry Hill fields. David Bascom will inquire with NHEC.

**Discussion:** None

**Other items:**

1. Nonpublic: Motion FE/JJ to move to nonpublic per RSA 91-A:3IIa, passed: FE, JJ, RD 9:00PM.  
Returned to public session 9:30PM.
2. Next meeting October 1.

**Meeting adjourned:** 9:30PM; Respectfully, Kathi Bradt.