

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Selectmen
Approved Minutes for Meeting of March 21 at 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall, 13 Town Hall Rd, Acworth, NH 03601

SELECT BOARD PRESENT: Jim Jennison, Ray Leonard, Kathi Bradt

STAFF PRESENT: Charlie Bradt, Transfer Station Attendant; Charlotte Comeau, Select Board Administrative Assistant; Mark McIntyre, Highway Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Gary Baber; Jennifer Bland; Erin Darrow; Glenn Elsesser; Frank Emig; Mark Girard; Ann & Mike Kosa; Peter & Marci Maynard; Josh Perry; Gregg & Denise Stone; Gregg Thibodeau

CALL TO ORDER: Jim called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ELECT CHAIR & VICE CHAIR: On a motion by Kathi and seconded by Ray, *the Board voted to nominate Jim for Chair. The motion passed.* On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi, *the Board voted to nominate Ray for Vice Chair. The motion passed.*

DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVES: Ray will be the representative for the Planning Board, Jim will be the representative for the Budget Committee and Kathi will be the representative for the Conservation Commission. Ray will be a liaison for the Highway Dept.

FLOOD RESPONSE: Erin presented a detailed list of projects to be addressed in 2022. She said it will be some time before completing Crane Brook Rd. Jamie from HSEM is trying to schedule a FEMA site visit. He would like to see a plan for Forest Rd. Erin recommends looking a complete rehabilitation and replacement. She explained the difference between fixing what is there or replacing. Replacement could be \$300k with a life span of 50+ years. Rehab could be \$150k with a life span of 10 years. She thinks it's unlikely FEMA will want to spend the money on rehab for that amount of time. Erin said it's up to what the town wants to spend. Kathi stated that whatever FEMA will reimburse is what the town wants to spend. Kathi mentioned that we had an email from HSEM that we were at a turning point and moving from emergency work to permanent repairs and need to follow certain guidelines of a bidding process. Erin did not agree we were at that point. We are still under contract with certain roads. The Board asked Erin if she could respond to the email on our behalf. She agreed.

MINUTES: Minutes of March 7, 2022 meeting and nonpublic session - On a motion by Kathi and seconded by Ray, *the Board voted to approve both minutes. Motion passed.*

BILL MANIFEST: On a motion by Ray and seconded by Kathi, *the Board voted to approve. Motion passed, manifest signed.*

PAYROLL MANIFEST: On a motion by Kathi and seconded by Ray, *the Board voted to approve. Motion passed, manifest signed.*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mark stated that Josh took care of the bank stabilization on Beryl Mtn. road today. Working with Josh on Grange Hall Rd. waiting for parts to come in to complete. Been out on Heino Rd today taking care of mud holes. The 550 is down. Has a fuel leak in the fuel tank. New fuel tank is \$2k. Replaced coupler on the excavator.

PUBLIC: Marcie found Article 12 to be confusing in the way it was presented. Jim said the warrant article was to put a top coat on 1.1 miles of road from the library to the new section; nothing to do with the new section to Gove Rd. She felt that voters didn't understand what they were voting on. Kathi said that our paving contractor has asked to look at the old part and give us an estimate and we'll go from there.

TRANSFER STATION REPORT: Charlie said the compactor is low on pressure. After some discussion, Mark M. said he would look at it and see if he can repair it. Charlie asked about the burn permit usage. Mark M. said to schedule for the inspector to come back and he will be there and talk with him to see what can be worked out.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Building permits: Krivoshik (addition) On a motion by Kathi and seconded by Ray *the Board voted to approve. Motion passed.*
2. Intents: Intent to Excavate: Balla On a motion by Kathi and seconded by Ray *the Board voted to approve. Motion passed.*
3. DRA MS-535: Review and Sign for uploading: On a motion by Ray and seconded by Kathi, *the Board voted to approve. Motion passed.*

4. LUCT: Sign corrected version: Kathi mentioned that 50% of this is given to ConCom once it's paid. ***This was signed.***
5. Compliance: Revisit Tallman: Discussion took place on the March 31st deadline. Jennifer said they will need an extension due to the roads and suggested to extend to the second meeting in April. On a motion by Kathi and seconded by Ray ***the Board voted to extend the deadline to April 18th. Motion passed.***
6. Sign Deputy Tax Collector appointment (Loretta Meserve): On a motion by Kathi and seconded by Ray the ***Board approved. Motion passed and appointment signed.***

DISCUSSION:

1. Anonymous complaint about a junk yard on Heino Road: Jennifer said you can see junk from both Heino and Beech Rd. On a motion by Jim and seconded by Kathi the ***Board voted to have a letter sent to the owners along with a copy of the ordinance. Motion passed.***
2. Upcoming auctions: May 14th. Received a list from Greg T. The Stones wanted to know if the property by them (Champney) could be offered to the abutters. Kathi mentioned that we haven't given anything to the auctioneers yet. There is a total of four abutters. On a motion by Kathi and seconded by Ray, ***the Board voted to have the abutters bid on this and not go to auction. Motion passed.***

Jim asked Greg T. if he had time to look at the property for sale that Helen Frink emailed about. After some discussion from Greg and Mark G., Charlotte asked if we could bring this up at the next meeting as she has it on the agenda for April 4th when Helen and other interested parties will be attending.

Discussion took place on the annual contract for the Fire Company. Gary said there were no changes. Charlotte will update contract so it can be signed for the next meeting and a check will be issued for the first payment.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: On a motion by Jim seconded by Ray ***the Board voted by roll call vote to enter into NPS pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and RSA 91-A:3 II (d) at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed.***

On a motion by Kathi, seconded by Jim; ***the Board voted to exit NPS and reconvened public meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion passed.***

Mark asked about the Board how they would like him to proceed with repairing the truck. After some discussion, he will get more quotes.

Kathi suggested that if we have any nonpublic sessions pertaining to Mark that we begin the meeting earlier and have them before so that Mark doesn't have to stay for the entire meeting. All were in agreement.

On a motion by Jim, seconded by Kathi; ***the Board voted to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau
BOS Administrative Assistant

The next Selectmen meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2022, 7:00 at the Town Hall