

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

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Present: Margaret Schillemat, Chair, Warren Hammack, Winston O. French, Edie Drinkwater

Others Present: Betsy Church, Terry Mednick, Rick Lothrop, Dennis Dellagrecia, Brian Lord, Chief Pratt, Pamela Hammack

On Tuesday February 7, 2012 Chair Margaret Schillemat called the board to order and opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Betsy Church was first on the agenda to discuss what the supervisors of the checklist would like to have set up on a laptop intended for their use. Margaret informed the group that Tom Rup had examined an old laptop that had been given to the Town Clerk. He felt this was no longer a useful piece of equipment. Tom was asked to research a new laptop at a reasonable price that could accommodate the supervisors of the checklist. Betsy presented a list of required tasks and what would be needed including the ability to hook up to the Town Clerk's printer as well as the main office printer.

Betsy suggested the laptop be shared by other committees by password access.

Margaret told Betsy that quotes should be in next week and when everything was set she would be called.

Terry Mednick was next to present.

Margaret thanked him for coming in and told him the board had a question about the use of his property. The land, previously in current use, now has structures and Terry is claiming residency in a small shed like structure without power or water. Cross Country appraisers have visited the property and suggest that current use should not apply to a part of the land due to the structures. The board wants clarification of Terry's residency there so the information can be given to Cross Country and the land be taxed as a residence.

Terry said although most people would not consider this a residence, he does. He further stated that he has an apartment in Swanzey that he uses sometimes.

In a change of subject, Terry indicated he had asked Edie, earlier in the day, why she thought he was not allowed full computer access. He stated she told him of a concern that he would alter information. He said a number of people have been in QuickBooks since its first use approximately 3 years ago. He said he had no intention of changing anything.

Bud quoted Terry's statement at the December 6, 2011 public Selectmen's meeting, "I can do anything and you will never know."

Terry stated "I wouldn't have said that."

Margaret replied "You said that we would not be able to even see you take things."

Terry then stated that he was never asked to be on the town computers.

Margaret replied, you keep stating you want only electronic access but when we offered a computer to use here in the office you declined.

Terry - What I want is electronic data. I can't understand why you won't do this. You are not disobeying the RSA but I don't see why you won't comply with my request. As for confidentially, the law says I am

allowed to look at all information. I'm sworn to uphold the law.

Margaret - It was not this Board that made the rule but we intend to uphold it. We're tired of the dissemination of gossip around town being considered the truth with total disregard for the facts.

Terry - I'm hopeful that the new people will provide some organization.

Bud - Don't forget, it was this board that hired Edie and Anita to clean this up.

Margaret - Back to your property. In reading over the property card from Cross Country their data shows you don't live on this property.

Terry - I do live there and I have an apartment in Swanzey. Normally I shower at my apartment so that is not a problem.

Margaret - So there is not a habitable house on this property. Cross Country will be given all of your information for another review.

The discussion went back to the audit with Terry still requesting electronic data.

Margaret then instructed him not to send personal emails to individual board members. If you have anything to express you should come before the entire board.

Terry then requested a copy of the policy and procedures for the town.

Margaret told him it was in the hands of Town Counsel and the Local Government Center for review. When it returns copies will be made and distributed.

Terry then indicated he left a request letter for the selectmen for audit information. The letter was not present at the table at that moment. With that Terry left.

Since no one was waiting, the letter was retrieved from the office and reviewed by the board. They considered it a general alert of what would be needed for the audit. Terry has made no attempt to schedule a time or outlined specifically which documents he wants compiled or in what sequence. His only repeated request was for electronic transfer to his thumb drive.

Bud said that in view of his previous statement at the Dec. 6, 2011 meeting regarding his ability to change data without our knowledge I make a motion to refuse electronic data transfer to any device provided by Terry Mednick or anyone else. Margaret seconded the motion and a unanimous vote carried the motion.

Rick Lothrop came before the board in response to a claim at Cheshire Hospital for worker's comp injuries. Rick indicated that he followed up with the patient. Edie responded that she followed up with the hospital. Based on the information given to each it was determined that the hospital made a reporting error. There is no claim.

Rick stated that he has reviewed the procedure for reporting injuries with all firemen numerous times. Rick then questioned the Safety Audit by the NH Department of Labor. He asked who will take care of the problem and when.

Warren replied that Bob Jones is expected to begin this work within the coming days. Warren also complimented Rick on his Fire Safety Inspection for the Town Hall.

Rick hasn't completed his formal report for the Town Office Building but informed the board that the window upstairs at the rear of the building near the fire escape is absolutely not to be considered an egress. The board then thanked Rick for coming in.

In other matters there was some discussion of the dedications for this year's town report with Bud sharing pleasant stories about Ray Huber.

A request from Fast Friends for information to organize a walk around Granite Lake was presented. It was determined that a police officer will be required.

Judi Lang presented a request by phone for more information on the restricted use of the Town Office for meetings.

A question came in regarding property located at Map 006 Lot 71 Sub 003 which is being sold by the bank. The potential buyer wanted to know if it is possible to subdivide the property. Her financing requires no subdivision be allowed. However, upon review the board agreed that a subdivision may be

possible for this property. The buyer will be informed of the board's conclusion.

Dennis Dellagreca came before the board with a request and statements.

1. He requested a meet the candidates' night before the town elections

2. He stated that he and others would like to know the motive or agenda for some people running for selectman who never even come to meetings but now think they should take over. "Do they even know the issues or are they responding to gossip?"

Dennis stated he is not alone in thinking a negative agenda is being organized by people who want it their way and all others should just shut up.

Discussion continued briefly of a general nature then Dennis left.

All paperwork was then presented, reviewed, and signed.

Warren made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Margaret and a unanimous vote carried the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 PM.

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