

Selectmen's Meeting

August 5, 2015

Executive Board Attending: David Upton, Susan Hansel, Maury Collins, Edie Drinkwater, Admin. Assist.

Others attending: Carol Raynor, Karen Hersey, Mary Dellagrecia, Jayne Alexander, Anne Ames, Mike Tarr

The meeting was opened at 3:00 PM by Select Board Chair David Upton.

Anne Ames came before the Board to discuss the status of the Bailey Brook Bridge repair project and concerns that additional DES requirements will jeopardize the repair and substantially impact the cost. Anne presented her abutter's letter to DES requesting their approval of the project plan as submitted. The Board supported all elements of her letter to DES and it was agreed that other letters of support would be collected from the Conservation Commission, a select Board member emphasizing financial hardship on the town, and recommendations from the engineer and plan designer.

On another matter, Anne requested that two speed limits signs be placed on Old Stoddard Road to address the speeding traffic in that area.

Mike Tarr came before the Board to report a situation occurring on private property within the Town's right-of-way. The Stone/rubble foundation of a barn owned by Dorothy Iselin is failing and poses a risk of large falling rocks toppling into the roadway. The Board agreed to send a letter inviting the landowner to a meeting to discuss the danger and possible steps to mitigate the hazard.

Mike informed the Board of brake failure on the backhoe. The repair costs will be approximately \$4,000. Mike submitted a Purchase Request for the repair. David made a motion to approve the Purchase Request in the amount of \$4,000 for brake repairs on the backhoe. Susan seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Concerned residents on Nubanusit Road (Carol Raynor, Jayne Alexander, Karen Hersey, and Mary Dellagrecia) came before the Board to request limiting parking to one side of the road in the area near the dam. Heavy recreational use along this waterfront area results in excessive and unsafe parking which has often prohibited some vehicle passage and would restrict clear passage for Fire or emergency equipment. Several ideas for signage and location were discussed at length. Mike Tarr suggested 6 signs be placed to clearly identify the restricted area. Parking would be allowed on the water side and No Parking allowed on the opposite side of the road. David made a motion to approve the purchase and placement of 6 "No Parking this side" signs to be suitably placed by Mike Tarr. Maury seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

David made a motion to approve a Road Race permit for Linda's Closet for their annual charity run/walk. Susan seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Susan submitted the nomination of Judith Putzel for membership on the Conservation Commission to fill a vacancy.

David seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3-0.

Following a brief discussion regarding bids for the 1968 Fire Truck, David made a motion to accept a bid of \$800.00 from Jason Duffy of Swanzey.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3-0.

David made a motion to approve both the Public and Non-Public minutes for July 29, 2015.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3-0.

Edie reported that Richard Houck stopped in and will be submitting details of the small utilitarian structures he has constructed on his property on Nubanusit Lake.

A complaint had been filed concerning the building and the placement of a dock.

Proper application was made to DES and approved. Documentation is on file.

Susan made a motion to approve the manifest as presented.

David seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3-0.

Following a brief discussion and review of providers, David made a motion to approve a Request for Bid for a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment of the Gilsum Gravel Pit.

Maury seconded the motion.

The motion carried 3-0.

With nothing further, Maury made a motion to adjourn.

Susan seconded.

The motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 PM

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David Upton, Chair

Maury Collins

Susan Hansel