

# SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 17, 2012

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

Others Attending: Dennis Dellagrecia, Maureen Lord, Barry Tolman, Karen Tolman, Loretta Simonds, Priscilla Walter, Bert Wingerson

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM by Chair David Upton.

David noted that approval of the minutes would be addressed first as they may be used as a reference during the meeting.

The Board each read the drafts of both the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting and the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Maury made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Susan seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

Maury then made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

David seconded the motion.

The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

A brief time was then offered by David for audience questions or comments.

Karen Tolman asked if her report of the Traffic Study Coordinators had been read.

Edie noted that it had not been received electronically but noted that the paper copy presented at last week's meeting was attached to the minutes and a copy was in the waiting room "Selectmen's Meeting Minutes" binder for viewing.

A brief discussion followed about the early stages of the road study and clarification of the term for the coordinators. The appointment term had previously been stated as one year running March to March. The organization period would fall short of a year so this will be more clearly defined by the Board.

Maureen Lord asked for clarification of the email address for the Selectmen.

Edie noted that she had previously asked for this information via email and it was sent to her immediately.

Maureen acknowledged this to be so.

Maureen noted that the website titled "Town of Nelson" has an old email address.

It was noted that this website does not belong to the Town of Nelson. The website belongs to the Library. Edie reported that their web master, Gordon Peery, had been notified of this problem and he was addressing it.

David reported that the Board met with Rich Pratt on Monday evening to begin working on the Police budget for 2013. David went on to report that next Monday evening budget work will continue with the Planning Board, Zoning Board. Maury asked if the Conservation Commission will also be presenting that evening. Edie indicated that Planning and Zoning have both confirmed but there was no word yet from the Conservation Commission.

David reported that Edie and Joanne Tramontozzi from the DRA met to review the Mednick abatement

request for 2010. Edie reported that a review of the file was completed in detail with Joanne. Terry came in to meet with Joanne but would not consider her findings. Joanne reviewed two subject properties that Terry had presented and also reviewed abutting property. She found no inconsistency in the base rate for any of the property including Terry's. She further found that Terry's appeal to the BTLA received a ruling of no further action needed. Terry felt that his first acre building lot should not be assessed as the other but rather as back acreage at \$2500.00. No settlement could be reached so Joanne advised to let him take it to court. The Board agreed that no further action was needed at this time.

The next item was consideration of a new date for the Town Office Open House. Teri will not be available on the date that had previously been chosen. (November 3, 2012) After a brief discussion the Board settled on November 10, 2012 from 9 AM-11:00 AM. David made a motion to approve the Open House change of date from November 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 10<sup>th</sup>. Maury seconded the motion. The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

A report of the "Panic Alarm" installation was next on the agenda. Edie reported that Allan was here to meet with the installer. After determining that the alarm system could use the dedicated fax line the installation began without the need to add a new phone line. The installation went smoothly; the system has been tested, and is now in service.

The next item was an inquiry from KJK wireless regarding a cell tower owned by US Cellular and located on land owned by Ethan Tolman. The property is on the Old Stoddard Road. The tower has whip antennas in need of maintenance and as part of that process new antennas will be replacing the old whip style. They wondered if a building permit is needed for this type of maintenance. No drawings were submitted for this project and Maury requested that Ethan Tolman be notified of this request. The Board agreed that not enough information was presented to make any decision and so no action will be taken until more is presented including drawings of the new antennas.

David presented a suggestion that a community liaison to the Highway department be considered. The need for communication with land owners on matters such as the tree cutting project or temporary road closings call for notice to land owners in advance. With the busy schedule of the Road Agent it would be helpful to have someone who could personally deliver and discuss these notices. David asked if Maury would take on this responsibility. Maury agreed and said he will meet with Mike Tarr to discuss this further.

Paperwork was then presented for review and signatures.

An abatement recommendation was reviewed on property owned By Dan Prawdzik. David made a motion to approve the abatement as presented by Cross Country Appraisal Services. Maury seconded the motion. The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0.

An information notice was briefly review by Susan on Grant Availability from Homeland Security. It seemed to be focused on larger cities but Susan agreed to study the information further.

The Keene School District is working on a Grant and has sent out a letter and outline to all Mayors, or Boards of Selectmen. They are seeking comment or support for this project and request a written response. Maury made a motion to send a letter of approval and support to the School District.

Susan seconded the motion  
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0

A letter from LGC outlining a Premium Holiday for the coming year was reviewed. Credits will be applied to member accounts thus reducing the new premiums for the coming year. The exact amounts will vary for each type of insurance provided by LGC.

Next, three filings with the BTLA on appeals for denial of abatements required a signature of the Chair. David signed all three forms.

Susan made a motion to approve the manifest as presented.  
Maury seconded the motion.  
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0

Maureen Lord asked to view the manifest.  
She was offered a chair at the Board table.

Before closing, Maury noted that he still needs to notify Earl Cresy that the sidewalk project will not go forward until the spring.

Maury made a motion to adjourn.  
Susan seconded the motion.  
The motion then carried by a vote of 3-0

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David Upton, Chair

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Maury Collins, Selectman

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Susan Hansel, Selectman