

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Chairman Penney.

Present: Chairman Paula Penney, Vice Chair Gary Madden, Board Member Edward Tasker and Board Member Priscilla Tiede; Town Administrator (TA) Karen Montgomery and Recording Secretary MaryJane Dascoli. **Absent:** Member Diane Beijer was unable to attend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Everyone present participated.

AGENDA REVIEW: The Town Administrator informed the Board that 1 fire dept. computer failed, as well as the Building Inspector's computer and K. Boswell's computer in the Selectmen's office. The new computers are part of the replacement plan and have been ordered. Town Administrator reported that the new Fire Rescue Truck chassis will be worked on in May, done in July, the aerial part will be ready in August and the body completed in November, with an anticipated delivery before the end of the year.

ACTION ITEMS: The Payroll and Manifest were signed; one Intent to Excavate, one Appointment Form regarding the E.M. Director position; letters to candidates and a letter to a homeowner relative to their dog were all signed.

NEW BUSINESS: A. The Board received a quote from Lakes Region Planning Commission for a Road Study Management project. TA Montgomery informed the Board that the study only includes paved roads not dirt. The Board is not moving forward at this time. B. A letter from a resident was put on hold until such time as the Assessor has a chance to look at it. The Assessor will be in Wednesday, 3/13/24, to review it.

APPOINTMENTS: **5:30pm** - Moderator Nancy Carr came in to speak with the Board relative to the upcoming Election at B.E.S. She stated they are allowed to enter the School at 4:30pm the day before for set-up. She was mindful and spoke of "No Electioneering" in or around the voting area at B.E.S. Chairman Penney added, per the Attorney Generals' Office, transmissions with electronic devices can also be considered a form of Electioneering. Ms. Penney added an update on the Voting Machines. She said "Voting Works" has met all the requirements whereas the Dominion company has not. Their voting machines are not available to purchase. Ms. Carr mentioned Old Home Day again this year, possibly on Sat. August 10th.

5:45pm - James S. Peters, property owner requested a meeting with the Board relative to a Road Agreement which he needs for his Sub-division located on Vail Road and John Brown Road. The Board advised Mr. Peters that before they can discuss a road agreement, there are several issues that must be addressed. Mr. Peters was handed a list of requirements. The Town

Administrator then advised Mr. Peters that his two pieces of property are in current use; he responded and said he didn't understand current use. She proceeded to explain it to him and gave him paperwork to further explain what he doesn't understand. He was also advised he needed to change his address because it is still listed as 119 Vail Road, which is the property that he has since sold. Mr. Peters was also advised to come in and meet with the Assessor on Wednesday, 3/13/24, at 11:00am to discuss the current use issue and his property. The Chairman then informed Mr. Peters that his building violations order from the Building Inspector/Code Enforcer need to be taken care of before they address a Road Agreement with him. The Building Inspector then spoke to Mr. Peters and asked him about a building he is constructing on his property without a permit. Mr. Peters stated that it was a barn. Fab stated that he had driven by and it is not a barn – it's a house, as Peters' has added dormers and a farmers porch. Mr. Peters replied that it's a nice barn because he didn't want it to look stupid. Fab mentioned the garbage and trash all around the area and Peters said that he was trying to clean up the yard. The Building Inspector asked what the structure is built on as he knows there isn't any foundation underneath. Mr. Peters told the group that it was some kind of big logs. Fab told Mr. Peters he has to stop building and clean up the trash per the deadline on the order. Fab further explained that when Mr. Peters applies for a building permit, Fab has to inspect everything and if it isn't done correctly it will be unsafe and further violations will apply. Fab commented that the structure was built in January and reiterated that Peters must stop building.

It was mentioned that the NH Department of Environmental Services has additional orders regarding violations on the property. Mr. Peters stated that he has submitted a plan to the State that for the issues of the culvert replacement and the removal of concrete. Mr. Peters was asked about the trailer and who is living there; Mr. Peters said no one is living there. Mr. Peters was then asked about the dogs on the property. He said he has one dog and his son has a dog. Fab asked if both dogs have had their rabies shots and if not, they need to be quarantined and the people who got bit would need to have shots for rabies as well. Peters' stated that he was bit by a stray dog on Rabbot Lane and has been going through shots needed to prevent rabies. Police Chief Poirier stated that Peters' son got bit by his dog at 2:30 in the morning and police responded. Mr. Peters told the group that he didn't know anything about that but would find out. The Police Chief commented that he, Peters was not bit by a stray dog on Rabbot Lane. A brief exchange took place and the Chief added that the place needs to be safe when Fab goes up to do inspections. Mr. Peters said he would stop in next Tuesday but was told the Board will not be meeting due to the Election. Mr. Peters will make an appointment with the Assessor.

Recording Secretary MaryJane was called away and TA Montgomery filled in for her.

PUBLIC INPUT: The Chairman opened public input at 6:12 pm and as there was none, closed public input at 6:13 pm.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/MISCELLANEOUS: E. Tasker stated that he would like to propose that Town Meeting start at 1:00 pm on Saturdays and that he would bring that up at Town Meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: On a motion by P. Tiede, seconded by G. Madden, the Board voted to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(c): P. Penney, yes; G. Madden, yes; E. Tasker, yes; and P. Tiede, yes. The Board came out of Non-Public session at 7:08 pm and on a motion by P. Tiede, seconded by G. Madden, the Board voted to seal the minutes: P. Penney, yes; G. Madden, yes; E. Tasker, yes; and P. Tiede, yes.

ACTION ITEMS: On a motion by E. Tasker, seconded by G. Madden the Board unanimously approved the minutes of Feb. 27, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by P. Tiede, seconded by G. Madden the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryJane Dascoli
Recording Secretary

Chairman Paula Penney

Vice-Chair Gary Madden

____absent_____
Diane Beijer

Edward Tasker

Priscilla Tiede

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