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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 31, 2016**

**Selectmen Present:** Susan Silverman, Nancy Carney, Chris Holman

Ms. Silverman called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

**PRIMARY:**

**\*\*\* APPROVE MINUTES**  
- **May 23, 2016**

The Selectmen would review at next week's meeting.

**\*\*\* APPROVE MANIFESTS**

Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the manifests. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

**\*\*\* REVIEW SIGNATURE FOLDER** – The Selectmen reviewed and signed.

**1:15 MEET WITH CAROL ANN ROCHELEAU**

Carol Ann Rocheleau, Health Officer, met with the Selectmen to give an update on the septic complaint at 53 Hemlock Drive and 5 Doyle Court.

Ms. Rocheleau reviewed the report of the cleanup that had been done at 53 Hemlock Drive on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The septic had been pumped and a plumber had been called in to do the repair work. There was an approved septic plan, which had expired because it wasn't used.

5 Doyle Court – Ms. Rocheleau reported that she had done an inspection on May 26<sup>th</sup> and all of the yard waste had been disposed of. It was understood that the amnesty period was done and the property owner wanted to thank the employees at the Transfer Station, Gene Cuomo and the Selectmen for helping him.

Mr. Holman asked if something should be sent to the neighbor to follow-up that progress has been made. Ms. Rocheleau stated the complaint didn't come from a neighbor and that she had noticed the yard waste. The neighbors had another complaint and the State should have notified them regarding their septic complaint.

Ms. Rocheleau shared that she had attended a webinar regarding well contaminates and how to get the word out to town residents by having an event. The Selectmen would like Ms. Favreau to draft a letter to the Conservation Commission from them and Ms. Rocheleau. The Selectmen would also like information put in the newsletter, noting a possible event scheduled for the fall. Ms. Silverman suggested having smaller events around town with a wrap up with DES at the end. Ms. Rocheleau would write up an article and e-mail it to Ms. Favreau for submission in the newsletter.

Ms. Rocheleau shared that a number of towns have a complaint form and asked the Selectmen to review the form as Ms. Rocheleau thought it would be helpful. The Selectmen agreed to review the complaint form to determine if it would be helpful or if there would be a downfall and to possibly put the form on the website.

Ms. Silverman suggested adding at the beginning or end of the Selectmen's report in the newsletter that residents look at our website.

Ms. Silverman shared that she had received another complaint regarding Webb Hill. Ms. Carney shared that she had looked into it and didn't find an issue. Ms. Rocheleau shared that she had been to that property with a police officer and determined that there wasn't an issue and all of the correct things have been done.

\*\*\* **DISCUSS LETTER FROM AMANDA SULLIVAN**  
**Re: Speeding on Angier Road**

Ms. Silverman reviewed the letter from Amanda Sullivan in regards to speeding on Angier Road. The Selectmen discussed and asked that this be passed along to the police department and the road agent. Ms. Carney suggested that it be turned into a one-lane road up to Columbia Road.

\*\*\* **REVIEW REVISED MOU**  
**- Eversource**

Ms. Silverman reviewed the revised MOU from Eversource. The revision takes into consideration the comments and suggestions from Planning Board members and property abutters at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Ms. Carney reported that they were still working on the process of planting. An enormous amount of water would be needed during the first year of planting and Eversource had asked if there was a pumping station.

\*\*\* **DISCUSS ABATMENT ON TAX LIEN PROPERTIES**  
**Map 27, Lot 21**  
**Map 04, Lot 40**

As requested by the Selectmen at last week's meeting, Ms. Favreau broke down the principal and interest for Map 27, Lot 21. Principal totaled \$30,534.72, plus interest of \$24,223.46 for a total due of \$54,758.18. Ms. Favreau stated that the Selectmen could abate the interest but in actuality the amount would be abated from the total owed, not the interest. Ms. Favreau suggested drafting a letter from the Selectmen stating that if you purchase the property we would abate x amount of money. Ms. Favreau shared that Andrea Heikkinen called last week to find out if the Selectmen had made a decision. Ms. Silverman suggested abating \$25,000 to make it more marketable. Ms. Favreau would draft a letter to Ms. Heikkinen stating what the Selectmen would be willing to do. The Selectmen agreed.

Jane Wright, Tax Collector, asked the Selectmen to look at Map 4, Lot 40: Principal totaled \$14,154.50, plus interest of \$19,068.41 for a total due of \$33,222.91. The Selectmen discussed the property. Ms. Favreau suggested it might be best to abate an amount.

Mr. Holman made a motion to abate \$20,000 for Map 4, Lot 40. Ms. Carney seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Discussion was held on the illegal dumping being done on this property, not by the homeowner. The Selectmen suggested possibly cleaning up the trash on the property and the question about liability was raised. Ms. Carney shared that she would talk with the homeowner to see what could be done.

\*\*\* **REVIEW LETTER FROM BILL WATSON - NHDOT**

The Selectmen reviewed the e-mail from Bill Watson regarding complete streets 119 & 12 plus rails to trails. Discussion was held on the intersection of Rt 12 and 119 and DOT determining how the traffic would flow into Mr. Mike's, adding an island or a rotary and the affect it might have on the entrances to the businesses. The Selectmen noted they were open to all solutions and also making sure how the businesses would be affected.

Mr. Holman asked if Gene Cuomo was the town's second TAC representative. Ms. Favreau shared that Mr. Cuomo was the town's representative on SWRPC.

\*\*\* **REQUEST FOR DOG WASTE STATION - COMMON**

Ms. Favreau shared that Skip Hagstrom had received complaints about the dog waste on the common and requested that a dog waste station be purchased for the common. Ms. Silverman suggested that an ordinance was needed. Ms. Favreau thought there was something about this and would research.

\*\*\* **DISCUSS ABATEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**- Map 20, Lot 02**  
**- Map 42, Lot 01-43**  
**- Map 7, Lot 07-23**

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the abatement recommendations of Jonathan Rice, Assessor with Avitar, on the following abatement requests:

**Map 20, Lot 02** – Mr. Rice recommended reducing the assessment to \$221,800 and abate \$10,800. Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the recommendation of Jonathan Rice. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

**Map 42, Lot 01-43** – Mr. Rice recommended the request for abatement be denied as the property was fairly and equitably assessed. Mr. Holman made a motion to deny the abatement request as recommended by Jonathan Rice. Ms. Carney seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

**Map 7, Lot 07-23** – Mr. Rice made the following recommendation: reduce the assessment to \$38,400 and abate \$3,800. Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the recommendation of Jonathan Rice. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**E-mail from Lisa Jacobs regarding the Transfer Station** – The Selectmen reviewed and discussed. Ms. Favreau shared that she had forwarded the e-mail to Gene Cuomo. Mr. Cuomo was going to follow-up on the containers being full on Saturday morning. Mr. Cuomo shared with Ms. Favreau that this was the first he had heard of it. The Selectmen asked Ms. Favreau to draft a letter to Ms. Jacobs, thanking her for her letter and stating that the Selectmen were addressing the issue.

Ms. Silverman suggested adding a reminder about recycling in the July newsletter and including a feature of the Transfer Station employees.

**Complete Streets Policy Development Workshop – June 24<sup>th</sup> – SWRPC** - The Selectmen reviewed. Ms. Favreau asked Mr. Holman if he was attending the June 14<sup>th</sup> event. Mr. Holman would get back with Ms. Favreau. Mr. Holman asked that this information be forwarded to Frank Bequaert.

Mr. Holman asked that an article on the need for a shore lands permit be included in the newsletter.

Ms. Favreau reported that the State had asked that we host an election training here. The Selectmen agreed.

Ms. Favreau shared that West Rindge Builders came Friday to look at the steeple and McMillan would be coming today. Ms. Favreau also shared that she had only heard from one landscaper, who had called to say he had retired.

Ms. Silverman shared that the town didn't sign up for the street light program and had only done the town buildings.

Ms. Silverman also shared that she would like to work with Ms. Favreau on a municipal project on the Transfer Station property. The property goes all of the way down to Bowker Pond and it would be a good location for a municipal solar project. It would be a way to cut the town's electric bill, as it could run back into the grid for net metering. Ms. Silverman suggested looking at obtaining a grant for the project.

Ms. Carney asked about Ranger Solar and mentioned they were meeting with the Planning Board in June.

Ms. Silverman shared that she was thinking about the Keilig property, which was valued at \$325,000. Ms. Silverman thought that the property could be used as a community center.

#### **PIPELINE**

**Update on Coalition** – Ms. Silverman reported that the Coalition decided to stay together for political outreach issues. Some towns may be out depending upon their warrant language. Ms. Silverman shared that Attorney Arthur Cunningham would follow up on SEC and it would be 4-5 hours of work. Discussion was held on the Eversource tariff and it being a state-wide issue and not a Coalition issue. Mr. Holman asked if the Selectmen should write a letter regarding the tariff. Ms. Silverman suggested asking Attorney Cunningham to draft a letter on behalf of the Selectmen that they object to the tariff. The Selectmen agreed.

#### **ON-GOING BUSINESS**

**Prime Wetlands Study** – Ms. Silverman shared that she had met with Rick Van de Poll on Saturday and he had done some site work. Mr. Van de Poll would finish the site work and in late July/August would have a report. Mr. Van de Poll would then meet with the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board. Ms. Silverman asked Mr. Van de Poll if he would do a presentation to reach out to the property owners and Mr. Van de Poll was willing to do the presentation. Ms. Silverman suggested that the first year we pick 3-4 wetlands that have been identified, to be pretty sure we could get the voters to approve as Mr. Van de Poll had mentioned in one of his presentations that some towns tried to do all of the wetlands they identified and they failed to get approval and they never tried to do it again.

Ms. Carney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. Mr. Holman seconded and the motion passed. 3-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White  
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

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Susan Silverman, Chairman

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Nancy Carney, Vice Chairman

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Chris Holman  
Board of Selectmen