

MINUTES OF HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 18, 2015

Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

Board Members Present: Wayne Fortier, Tom Friel, Lynn Wheeler, Rick Ladd and Robert Roudebush

Town Manager: Glenn English

Administrative Assistant/Finance Officer: Jo Lacaillade

Members of the Public Present: Nellie Dubois, Carrie Hughes, Tim Northcott, Assessor, Curtis Payne, Darwin Clogston and Ed Ballam – Journal Opinion

Call Meeting to Order:

Chairman Fortier called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval (additions/deletions completed by Board consent): Lynn Wheeler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Tom Friel and carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Rick Ladd made a motion to accept the consent agenda; seconded by Robert Roudebush and carried unanimously.

Public Appearance(s):

➤ **Nellie Dubois-Private Road issue:**

Ms. Dubois questioned the drainage work being done by an abutter of Barber Road and how it was affecting other abutters. TM English explained that the form cited by Ms. Dubois was a waiver of liability to the Town and did not control work done on a private road. The Board agreed that these issues were civil matters between abutters.

- **Curtis Payne-Trailer in Blackmount Acres** Mr. Payne was representing the park association and a member who was trying to obtain legal ownership of the Shute (blue) trailer. The owner of record has died intestate and the surviving family is not interested in the trailer. He asked if the Board was willing to abate the taxes and other costs if the ownership could be obtained by his client and the trailer was renovated to become habitable or removed. Right now it is taking up rentable space in the Park and no revenue is generated and taxes are owed to the Town. The Board discussed the advantages and disadvantages of abating the taxes. Lynn Wheeler felt strongly that the taxes need to be paid but maybe the Board could abate some interest and penalties. Rick Ladd preferred abating the taxes and getting an income producing property on the site. The Board asked Mr. Payne to provide a clear proposal, in writing, from his client for the June 15th meeting, before they would commit to any abatement of taxes. Evidence of his client obtaining ownership would be helpful.

➤ **Assessor Tim Norcott-Abatements**

The Board reviewed Mr. Northcott's recommendations on abatement requests and took the following action:

Map 208 Lot 45 Adams

Recommended \$52,100 reduction due to physical conditions; Motion to approve abatement by Lynn Wheeler, seconded by Robert Roudebush and all approved.

Map 409 Lot21 Ingle

Recommend denial; Motion to deny abatement by Tom Friel, seconded by Robert Roudebush and all approved.

Map 405 Lot 30 Graham

Land only, recommend \$4,800 reduction; Motion to approve abatement by Robert Roudebush, seconded by Rick Ladd and all approved.

Map 405 Lot 31 Graham

Recommend \$8,200 reduction physical condition; Motion to approve abatement by Robert Roudebush, seconded by Lynn Wheeler and all approved.

Map 201 Lot 229 Norwalk

Recommend denial; Motion to deny by Lynn, seconded by Tom and all approved.

Map 101 Lot 183 Pelligrini

Recommend reduction from \$171,500 to \$129,800 based on condition; Motion to approve by Robert, seconded by Lynn and all approved.

Map 404 Lot 12 Pollock

Recommend reduction from \$58,500 to \$52,500 due to condition; Motion to approve Lynn, seconded by Robert and all approved.

Map 203 Lot 123 Simboli

Recommend denial. Motion to deny by Robert seconded by Lynn and all approved.

Map 203 Lot 124 Simboli

Recommend denial. Motion to deny by Robert seconded by Rick and all approved

Map 201 Lot 035 Spinelli

Waterfront but unbuildable per surveyor; Recommend granting abatement. Motion to grant by Robert, seconded by Lynn all approved.

Map 205 Lot 14 River Meadow campground

Lynn Wheeler recused herself. Board discussed significant abatement request. Tim recommended a reduction but action tabled to next meeting on motion by Tom, seconded by Robert and all approved. Rick announced that in further discussion he would recuse himself as well.

Lynn Wheeler rejoined the Board

33 Hazen Drive – also tabled until next meeting.

Public Hearing: None

Town Manager's Report: deferred

Pending (Old) Business:

➤ **Advisory Highway Committee:**

Two applicants so far, Joe Maccini and Howard Hatch both with extensive experience. Board felt that these two persons and a Selectboard member could be a good committee. Chairman Fortier suggested that he further define a mission for the Committee to present at next meeting. The Board agreed.

New Business:**➤ Permission to Build on a Private Road:**

Permission to build on Benedict's Way for Mr. Pronovost was approved on a motion by Rick Ladd, seconded by Robert Roudebush.

➤ Resignation from Planning Board:

Rick Ladd made a motion to accept the resignation of Bill Daley from the Planning Board, seconded by Robert Roudebush and all approved.

➤ Reappointment to Local River Management Advisory Committee

Robert Roudebush made a motion to re-appoint William Harris to the Ammonoosuc River Advisory Committee seconded by Lynn Wheeler and all approved.

Commission/Committee Reports:

Lynn Wheeler reported that Paddle the Border was very successful.

Robert Roudebush reported that the Airport Commission met and Mr. Dion was not present to further discuss his proposal.

Wayne Fortier reported that Mike Dannehy is a new member of the Heritage Commission.

TM English reminded the Board that tire and electronics recycling day would be Saturday, June 6th from 8-12 at the Clifford Building.

Correspondence: None

Comments of the Public: None

Comments of the Town Manager/Administrative Assistant-Finance Officer:

Town Manager reported on the Gilmanton/NHEC case in Belknap Superior Court. A big win for the town and Mr. Sancoucy and a good indicator of our pending cases. The judge was very impressed with the assessment methods of Mr. Sansoucy and not those of Mr. Dickman or Lagassa. TM English will have two orders prepared for next meeting to address junk cars. Jo reminded the Board that a decision on any changes to the Health care plan and/or provider needed to be made soon for a July 1 change. TM English said he was interested in potential changes for the next budget cycle beginning on January 1, 2016. Several members of Board need to come in to the office to review the cost information with Jo.

Comments of Selectboard Members: Wayne asked if the Animal Control Officer was back on the job. TM English reported that she was, with a new p/t assistant who was doing well. Wayne asked about the Health Officer's inspection of Chapel St., TM English will follow up.

Adjourn Meeting: Rick Ladd made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Robert Roudebush and all approved. Chairman Fortier adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Glenn English