

**Minutes of Haverhill Selectboard Regular Meeting
Monday June 11, 2018
6:00 PM**

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Board Members Present: Wayne Fortier, Darwin Clogston, Tom Friel, and Fred Garofalo and Chris Luurtsema

Town Manager: Jo Lacaillade

Town Assessor: Tim Northcott

Members of the Public Present: Joseph Longacre, Margo Longacre, Vincent Sorrentino, Michael Bonanno, Michael Lavoie, Dawn Lavoie, Paul Kidder, Tina Hebert, Gary Hebert, Greg Mathieson, and Ed Ballam for the Journal Opinion.

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Fortier.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval: Fred Garofalo made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Tom Friel and it was approved unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Fred Garofalo made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Tom Friel seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Scheduled Public Appearances:

- **Sherri Sargent - Photo Voice Project:** Sherri was not in attendance so this will be rescheduled at a future date.

Town Manager's Report:

1. Attended a meeting with the PUC in Concord regarding Cell Service. At that meeting there were maps showing where different carriers state they have coverage. For Haverhill Verizon shows us with complete coverage; ATT and T-Mobile show a great deal of coverage in our Town. We will need to test each section of Haverhill (there are about 150) and run a specific test using each different carrier and specific phones. I will be reaching out to volunteers to help accomplish this. They have extended the deadline for obtaining the necessary information until November 27, 2018.

2. There was another Crime Watch meeting May 28th; there was only 2 in attendance. We are going to try one more month but if we aren't seeing participation, the meetings will be suspended until there is more interest.

3. The Haverhill Corner Library and the #wearehaverhill group received a grant of \$1000 from Eversource for the purchase of equipment to work on our oral history project. That money was awarded last week.
4. At their request I met with Mike and Dawn Lavoie to discuss options that could be done to free up the piece of property at 535 Dartmouth College Highway. I have run all suggestions from them and also from Selectman Clogston through the Town Attorney and there have been none suggested at this time that the Board has the authority to do.
5. #wearehaverhill met on the 7th of June for their monthly meeting. This group is highly motivated to promote Haverhill and develop a website that will highlight people, places and talent of those that reside here.
6. I attended the Haverhill Entrepreneur Encouragement Committee that is a result of the vision to action forum. They have taken on a huge project with much enthusiasm. They are building a pool of people with different skill sets and career history to have mentors for startup businesses. They plan on organizing different trainings to help other businesses with needs that they may have.
7. There will be a meeting with Chris Gamache from the NH Trails division on Tuesday, June 12 at 9 to discuss the ongoing issue of the railtrail to Woodsville and the rule change regarding the crossings if we were to be successful to get it reopened.
8. With regards to the issue of WMUR being removed completely from the Charter Cable line-up here, I have been in contact with the Federal Delegation, Joe Kenney and the Governor to seek assistance. I have heard back from Joe Kenney and Senator Shaheen's office that they are looking into the issue to see what can be done. I will also continue to pursue the issue.
9. The revised Powder House Survey bid request has been released.
10. The revised Seal and stripe of the JRM parking lot has been released.
11. Winter Sand screening bid has gone out.
12. Gravel Crushing Bid has gone out.
13. The small Tax Anticipation note that the Town had taken has been paid off due to the influx of property taxes.

Pending (Old) Business:

- **Revision to Town Owned Land Use Policy:** Dan Jolley sent copies of different licensing applications for the Board's viewing. Vin's Concessions has showed proof of insurance and has submitted an application to use Town Owned Land, as requested at the last meeting. The Board discussed the different applications they looked at and how they can implement them into Haverhill's revised policy to make it simpler. Chris Luurtsema will take the revised policy and "pare it down" before the next meeting. Chris Luurtsema made a motion to allow the Town Manager to approve applications for

used of Town-owned land. Tom Friel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Town Manager Lacaillade will approve Vin's Concessions application.

New Business:

- **Veteran Exemptions** - Tabled until next meeting.

- **Abatements:** Tim Northcott began with Map 208-46-0 on 115 Court Street in Haverhill, NH and recommends denying the abatement. Darwin Clogston made a motion to follow the Town Assessor's recommendation and deny the abatement. Fred Garofalo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
The next property discussed was Map 208-85-0 which is in disrepair and recommends changing the value from \$294,000 to \$267,300. Darwin Clogston made a motion to grant the abatement as recommended by the Town Assessor. Fred Garofalo seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 4-1. Abstaining from the vote was Chris Luurtsema, as he was not present for the entirety of the conversation.
Map 208-34-0 located on 140 School Street is in disrepair and Tim recommends lowering the assessed value from \$303,900 to \$256,500. Darwin Clogston made a motion to grant the abatement as recommended by the Town Assessor. Fred Garofalo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
Map 402-63-0 at 103 Swiftwater Road, an exempt property, is assessed at an appropriate value per Tim and he recommends denying the abatement. Chris Luurtsema made a motion to deny the abatement. Tom Friel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
Map 201-114 located at 78 Strafford Drive had an assessed value of \$122,700 in 2017 and the tax payer offered a value of \$116,000-\$118,000. Because both figures are reasonably close to each other, Tim recommended denying the abatement. Fred Garofalo made a motion to deny the abatement and Tom Friel seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
Map 413-2-2 located at 71 French Pond Road was assessed at \$163,400 in 2017 and the owner supplied an opinioned value at \$124,000. It was purchased by auction for \$60,000 in 2017. Tim recommends lowering the assessed value from \$163,400 to \$155,400. Darwin Clogston made a motion to grant the small abatement. Tom Friel seconded the motion and it carried by a vote of 4-1. Chris Luurtsema abstained from the vote as he used to live in the dwelling.
Map 205-14 is a two-parcel dwelling and is known as River Meadow Campground. The opinioned value of the tax representative is \$1,000,000 for both parcels combined and the Town currently has them listed as a combined value of \$1,383,173. Abatements have been denied in previous years. Tom Friel made a motion to accept the appraiser's report and deny the abatement request. Chris Luurtsema seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
Map 206-128 is under the same appeal as the above-mentioned property known as River Meadow Campground. Chris Luurtsema made a motion to deny the abatement request. Tom Friel seconded the request and it carried unanimously.

- **Mike Lavoie – Land:** Mike Lavoie expressed his concerns regarding how the Powderhouse Hill issue has been conducted; specifically, locating the right-of-way that

could potentially be on his property. He reminded the Board that he was willing to “sit down” and discuss the matter with the Board until it’s resolved.

Commission/Committee Reports: The Airport Committee will now be holding their next meeting on 6/27/18. Fred Garofalo stated that the Rec Committee has done a lot of work at the Town Pool and have removed all chemicals from the electrical room and created a second emergency exit. An open house for the pool will take place on June 17th.

Chairman Fortier requested that the Board not act on Mr. Sawyer’s letter of resignation to the Heritage Commission, as he has now re-thought the resignation. The caboose has been moved and the Heritage Commission would like to have it painted this summer.

Correspondence: None

Comments of the Public: It was suggested that the Board meeting packets be made available for members of the public. An idea of charging all businesses in Haverhill an annual \$25 charge was mentioned as a means of making money for the Town.

Comments of the Town Manager: TM Lacaillade stated that they had received 3 quotes for the tree removal on Lily Pond Road; others had looked at the project but not submitted a quote. The 3 quotes were as follows: Thomson Timber \$22,450; Longto Tree Service \$21,000 and Chief Excavation \$12,443. TM Lacaillade will advise Chief on Tuesday that he is approved to move forward.

TM Lacaillade reminded the Board that the tax deeded property auction is coming up and that there will be an open house for 9 properties the night before and she is looking for volunteers from the Board to be present at some of the properties. She has gotten volunteers from other staff members but not enough. Wayne and Fred said they would help. Chris, Tom and Darwin will not be available.

TM Lacaillade provided the Board documentation of a heating study at the Municipal building to assist in the purchase/installation of a new furnace. They will attend a meeting in July to discuss details.

Comments of the Finance Officer/Administrative Asst.: None as she was not in attendance.

Comments of Selectboard Members: Chris Luurtsema apologized to the Lavoie family if he delayed any progress in the Powderhouse Hill issue and it was not his intension to do so. Darwin Clogston stated he will not be present at the next Selectboard Meeting. Chris Luurtsema stated he would not be available for the next meeting also.

Tom Friel made the motion to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:30 PM. Darwin Clogston seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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