

SELECTPERSONS MEETING

May 26, 2009

Present: Stan Judge, Lucy Evans, Heidi Behling, Jo Carpenter

Chairperson Stan Judge opened the meeting at 4:15 PM.

Minutes

Lucy Evans made a motion to accept the minutes of 3/2/09 as amended – various typos. This motion was seconded by Stan Judge and passed unanimously.

Lucy Evans made a motion to accept the 11/19/08 and the non public minutes of 11/19/08 as amended – various typos. This motion was seconded by Stan Judge and passed unanimously.

Lucy Evans made a motion to accept the 11/19/08 Public Hearing minutes as amended – various typos. This motion was seconded by Heidi Behling and passed unanimously.

Sign

1. Voucher #13 was signed.
2. The following PO's were signed:
 - Gorham Oil, Inc. - \$2,743.00 – pre-buy 1300 gal. of heating oil @ \$2.11/ gal.
 - FairPoint Communications - \$234.85 – May phone bills
 - PSNH - \$250.99 – May electric bills
 - Avitar - \$2,203.70 – contract and golf course
 - Northern Forest Heritage Park - \$300.00 – 2009 donation
3. An Intent to Cut for Bayroot – Map 8 Lot 25 was signed.
4. Timber Tax Warrant for 2009 was signed.
5. The Property Tax Warrant for the 1st half tax bills was signed.

Correspondence

1. Dept. of Revenue Administration – 2008 Equalized Valuation - \$76, 525,869 with utilities & 55,989,151 without utilities
2. American Council of Engineers – NH Membership Directory
3. Dept. of Revenue Administration – Ron Cote – Community Action Report – Monitoring in Town of Shelburne
4. NH DOT –Commissioner George Campbell – answer to letter sent on possible closing of State Rest Area in Shelburne
5. Avitar – Mike Vien leaving
6. Various workshops, conferences and newsletters

Old Business

1. Noise Issue – Work Session

Judge Wallace Ancil's Order date May 6, 2009 was discussed. Stan said the Judge was looking for a level of professionalism and our testing did not measure up in his mind. Stan said he feels that the Board and Code Enforcement Officer didn't do their homework relative to meter calibration and variance and did not follow our own ordinance when it comes to testing. Stan said that he feels that the equipment we have is adequate and our tests would be reliable if we more carefully followed the ordinance. The testimony of Charles Wallace, the Drouin's sound expert, is what really hurt the town as well as the fact that the meter had not been calibrated.

The Board decided to hire a sound expert – probably the Scott Lawson Group, to review the town's ordinance, our testing method, our sound meter, the court's decision etc. The Board suggested that perhaps we should send him all the information ahead of time for review and then have someone come to meet with the Board to discuss what we should change or do differently.

The Board also discussed a complaint about more containers being set up as a sound barrier on the property where the motocross track is located. It was suggested that the Drouin's be sent a letter about the revised Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act. After further discussion the Board felt this type of letter should be sent to all property owners along the river. Jo will work on this.

2. Bill Hastings Memorial Forest Dedication

The dedication will be held on Sunday May 31st at 1:00 PM. Jo will put a notice in the newspaper about the dedication.

Stan will make opening remarks and then introduce Lt. Doug Gralenski, NH Fish & Game for further remarks. Refreshments will be served at the town hall following the short ceremony. Jo, Lucy and Heidi will provide the refreshments.

Stan suggested that Jo contact Constable Jerry Baker and/or Troop F to provide some type of traffic control or at least slow cars down.

3. Dead Birches – Shelburne Memorial Forest

Jo said that she has not heard from NH DOT but that John Gralenski told her that he had called and spoken with Greg Placy about this issue. Stan said that he had called Gregg Placy and Greg had returned his call when Stan was out of town. Stan said he will call Greg again.

New Business

1. Building Permit Issue – Private or Class VI Roads – Work Session

This item was tabled.

2. Solar Exemption

An application for a Solar Hot Water Exemption for Donald And Donna Leveille was reviewed and approved. The Board instructed Jo to make the exemption active for the 2009 tax year though the application missed the deadline.

3. Fuel Bid

The Pre-buy Contract for #2 heating oil at \$2.11/gal was signed.

4. Abatements

Androscoggin Valley Country Club

The Androscoggin Valley Golf Course's abatement request was denied by consensus of the Board. This will actually be taken care of the by the Board of Land and Tax Appeals' decision.

Roger and Debra Gagnon

The recommendation to approve the request written by Avitar was reviewed. The Board suggested that Jo meet with David Woodward from Avitar to get a better explanation of the 1st land line on the lot 16A and also ask how 10% was determined on lots 16B & 16C.

Once the answers to these questions are received the Board will make its decision. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

5. Appointments

The Board made the following appointments:

- Raymond Halle – Zoning Board of Adjustment – Alternate for 3 years
- Joyce Carlisle – Zoning Board of Adjustment for 3 years

6. Set Meeting dates

The next meeting was set for Monday June 15th at 4:00 PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM