

TOWN OF HEBRON
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2019

PRESENT: John Dunklee, Patrick Moriarty, Paul Hazelton, and Karen Corliss, Town Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: John Black, Mitch Manseau, Margaret and Rick Duba, Richard James, Jan Collins, Beth Geever, Lin Westburg, Tom Hahn and Kevin Lemire (FORECO, LLC), Barbara Everett, Richard James

7:00 P.M. **PUBLIC HEARING – PROPERTY EASEMENT FROM HUGH AND NANCY SYCAMORE:**
Chair Dunklee opened the public hearing on the property easement from Hugh and Nancy Sycamore for 5 feet around 8 and 10 Church Lane in order for the town to perform maintenance on the buildings.

7:03 P.M. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- The Select Board signed the **accounting manifest**.
- The Select Board signed the **Notice of Intent to Cut Wood form** for Cheryl Esty to harvest timber off property located on Braley Road (Tax Map 17 Lot 005 and Tax Map 17 Lot 006). Mrs. Corliss informed the Board that a Driveway Application was completed for this timber harvest operation and discussed with the Board designing a temporary logging access permit. Chair Dunklee noted that then the temporary access could be closed off when the construction/logging was completed. Selectman Moriarty asked if it was required. Chair Dunklee discussed an incident from a few years back on a logging operation where the access was not closed which ended up causing issues with the road. The Board asked Mrs. Corliss to work on the form with the Highway Supervisor and Planning Board Chair.
- Vice-Chair Hazelton moved to authorize Chair Dunklee to sign the **Secure Member Portal Authorized Users Certification form** with HealthTrust, seconded by Selectman Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.

7:09 P.M. **UPDATE OF THE HEBRON TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN:** Tom Hahn and Kevin Lemire approached the Select Board to discuss the goals and future plans for the Hebron Town Forest. Mr. Hahn stated that FORECO prepared the forest stewardship plan for the Town Forest in 2010 and explained the process for updating the plan. Chair Dunklee stated that there are areas of the forest that need to be cut, some areas will remain old growth forest, and others that need maintenance performed to remove the dead “hazardous” trees. Mr. Hahn explained that the landowner’s goals and objectives will be discussed in the process and there will be a time for public input. Selectman Moriarty stated that preservation and protection goals were important. Vice-Chair Hazelton stated that harvesting alternating strips in the forest was a common practice, but did not feel that it was appropriate for the town forest. Mr. Hahn asked questions of the Board as part of the process for updating the plan. Recreation trails were discussed, various reports performed by the Conservation Commission were requested, maintenance of the existing fields, and a timeline for the project. Mr. Hahn inquired about the role of the Conservation Commission. Chair Dunklee stated that the Conservation Commission was to be kept in the loop, but the Select Board had the final word in the process. Selectman Moriarty reported to Mr. Hahn that Martha Twombly and Suzanne Smith had the most knowledge of the property. The Board thanked Mr. Hahn and Mr. Lemire for meeting with them.

7:20 P.M. **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING:** Chair Dunklee closed the public hearing as no comments were made. The Board asked Mrs. Corliss to send the document to Hugh and Nancy Sycamore for signature.

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7:21 P.M. **ACTION ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

- Vice-Chair Hazelton moved to **transfer the funds from the Police Special Detail** account for clerical time and expenses to reimburse the General Fund, seconded by Chair Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.
- The Select Board signed the **second cease and desist letter to Paul Sughrue and Nelson Blinn** insisting the Highway Supervisor be contacted to correct the violations with the driveway.

7:24 P.M. **HUNT ROAD - CLASS V SUMMER COTTAGE ROAD CLASSIFICATION:** Margaret Duba, Rick Duba, and Mitch Manseau approached the Select Board to discuss changing the status of Hunt Road which currently is a Class V Summer Cottage Road that is only maintained by the town from April 10 to December 10. Mrs. Duba informed the Board that she is a realtor that had been contracted by Phyllis Rockwell to sell her property on Hunt Road. The issue that potential buyers are encountering is that insurance companies want the owners to sign a waiver due to the classification of the road where fire trucks may not be able to access the property in an emergency. Chair Dunklee explained to Mrs. Duba the process for changing the status of the road and the property owner's responsibility. Mr. Duba clarified that there would be no changes until it could be put on the Town Meeting warrant in May 2020. Chair Dunklee replied yes. Chair Dunklee informed the Duba's and Mr. Manseau that the Board would follow-up with Ben Hall, Highway Supervisor to ensure that the current road conditions are ready for plowing. Selectman Moriarty stated that there are three towns involved in the maintenance of the road, not just Hebron. Mrs. Duba noted that it was her understanding that the previous owner had the classification of the road changed because she did not like the traffic up to her house. Chair Dunklee stated that Phyllis Rockwell purchased the property with the Class V Summer Cottage Road status and signed an agreement and release form which stated that the owner understands the town does not maintain the road year round and waives the town of certain responsibilities before any upgrades were made to the property. Mr. Manseau informed the Board that he met with Ben Hall, Highway Supervisor, about drainage issues and that Hebron was not preparing the road for winter by adding crown for run-off. Selectman Hazelton asked Mr. Manseau if he had complained at the time. Mr. Manseau replied yes, but not formally to the Board. John Black (resident of Hunt Road) stated that he was satisfied with the road conditions. Chair Dunklee stated that this was not a hardship as this road was a Class V Summer Cottage Road when purchased. The Board agreed to meet with Ben Hall to discuss the condition of the road.

7:37 P.M. **40 MPH SEASONAL SPEED LIMIT ON ROUTE 3-A:** Jan Collins, Beth Geever, and Lin Westburg approached the Select Board to give input on the 40 MPH Seasonal Speed limit on Route 3-A this past summer. They stated that the speed of the vehicles was safer for pedestrians to walk, run, or bike along Route 3-A and cars were able to stop to allow people to cross the road. Mrs. Corliss handed the Board emails received supporting the reduced speed limit and requesting that this continue. Rick James requested that the speed be lowered year round as the vehicle noise was reduced tremendously. Chair Dunklee stated that it was a State Highway which the town would have to petition the state to change the speed limit. Ms. Geever stated that she would not like to lose the opportunity to be granted the "Seasonal Speed Limit". Mrs. Collins requested that the Board make the request to the State for the "Seasonal Speed Limit" next year. Chief Austin noted that he had more positive comments on the reduced speed and the people questioning the reduced speed understood the reason and had no issues. Chair Dunklee thanked Chief Austin for staying on top of the reduced speed limit and the additional monitoring in this area. Barbara (Hillside) commented that this crossover is utilized year round by the Hillside residents and this was the first summer that cars were going at a rate of speed in which they could stop to allow people to cross. Chair Dunklee stated that the Town of Bridgewater had to reduce the speed limit on Route 3-A year round due to the Bridgewater-Hebron Village School being located on Route 3-A. Selectman Moriarty stated that he would vote in favor of the reduced speed limit year round. Vice-Chair Hazelton commented that he voted for the seasonal speed limit, but does not know if he would support the reduced speed limit year round due to the commercial vehicles that travel the road as they are important to the area as well. A gentleman from the audience commented that the road would be safer for other vehicles if the commercial trucks were traveling at a lower rate of speed.

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Chair Dunklee agreed that the Board would apply for a seasonal reduced speed limit and look into a reduced speed year round.

7:49 P.M. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Mrs. Corliss informed the Board that Ian Stevelman requested to meet with the Select Board to discuss offering an **alternative internet provider to Hebron**. Mr. Stevelman discovered funds available to communities to upgrade internet with fiber optics at a lower rate. The Board asked Mrs. Corliss to invite Mr. Stevelman to the first meeting in November.
- Mrs. Corliss informed the Board that Robert Barry (Primex representative) met with John Dunklee to **review the Public Safety Building and Highway Garage to address any potential fire hazards**. Chair Dunklee reported to the Board on the review of the buildings and noted some of the areas in each building that should be addressed. Chair Dunklee stated the most serious issue noted was that all flammable chemicals should be stored in a locked enclosed container.

7:55 P.M. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Town of Holderness Planning Board – Public Hearing Notice** – install a cell tower in Holderness
- Mrs. Corliss reviewed with the Board the **letter from NH Department of Revenue Administration (NH DRA)** regarding the 2018 Cyclical Monitoring performed by a representative from NH DRA of the Hebron properties on work collected by a representatives of Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.

8:02 P.M. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Selectman Moriarty moved to keep the **private driveway snow plow fees** for the 2019-2020 Season the same as last year, seconded by Vice-Chair Hazelton. The vote was unanimous.
- Selectman Hazelton informed the Board that he would be meeting with Miles Sinclair (Groton resident) to go over the **boundary survey information provided to them from FORECO** (property managers for Green Acre Woodlands Inc.) as Green Acre Woodlands Inc. owns much of the land along the Hebron/Groton town line boundary. This is part of the perambulation of the Hebron/Groton town line.
- Chair Dunklee and Selectman Moriarty updated Vice-Chair Hazelton on the **Planning Board Meeting**. A developer has come forward interested in purchasing a large section of the Kill Mountain Road and Skyline Drive subdivision sections of the Hebron Country Estates subdivision. The developer is looking to change the subdivision which would result in long driveways and some of the lots would end up landlocked. Chair Dunklee stated that no changes to the subdivision are planned at this time. Selectman Moriarty noted that in the original subdivision, Roger Larochelle (Planning Board Chair) allowed for non-conforming lots due to the amount of green space. Selectman Moriarty reported that Camp Wicosuta was at the Planning Board for a new building and Camp Onaway will be coming in to an upcoming meeting for a new building.
- Selectman Moriarty discussed with the Board the recent **correspondence from NH Department of Environmental Services on testing issues with the Hebron-Bridgewater Refuse Disposal Facility**. Selectman Moriarty would like to make sure that Hebron is not a part of the current issues. Selectman Moriarty asked Mrs. Corliss to follow-up on this with town counsel. Selectman Moriarty would like to post a bond with the State of NH for any remediation costs with the ash pit.

8:14 P.M. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The Select Board reviewed the Select Board Meeting minutes of September 19, 2019 and made the following changes: page 1, under Public Hearing – Property Easement From Hugh and Nancy Sycamore, second sentence – change “which” to “and”. Vice-Chair

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Hazelton moved to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of September 19, 2019 as amended, seconded by Selectman Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.

The Select Board reviewed the Select Board Non-Public Session minutes of September 19, 2019. The Board discussed the recommendation of town counsel based on the structural and architectural reports for 8 and 10 Church Lane buildings. Selectman Moriarty moved to approve the Select Board Non-Public Session minutes of September 19, 2019 as submitted, seconded by Vice-Chair Hazelton. The vote was unanimous.

Chair Dunklee moved to table the request for an estimate until it was absolutely mandatory, seconded by Vice-Chair Hazelton. The vote was unanimous.

8:20 P.M. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** Selectman Moriarty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M., seconded by Vice-Chair Hazelton. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Corliss
Town Administrator

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