

TOWN OF HEBRON
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2020

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard James, Ivan Quinchia, Martha Twombly, Don Musial, George Bolln

7:00 P.M. – **OPENED MEETING:** Chair Dunklee opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

7:00 P.M. **23 HOBART HILL ROAD (TAX MAP 17 LOT SM.002) – DRIVEWAY MODIFICATION:** Martha Twombly approached the Select Board to review the proposed changes to the driveway located at 23 Hobart Hill Road due to the amount of silt coming from the upper portions of Hobart Hill during the rain storms. Ms. Twombly informed the Board that she was proposing to install a culvert and deeper ditches as there is a significant amount of water coming down the road. Chair Dunklee informed Ms. Twombly that he and Ben Hall, Highway Supervisor, reviewed the current driveway situation and felt that adding a culvert would not address the issue as deeper ditches would have to be dug on both sides of the driveway in order for the culvert to drain. Ms. Twombly felt that was unrealistic as all the culverts above this driveway were plugged resulting in water traveling down the hill and recommended hiring a specialist in storm water drainage. Don Musial informed the Board that he believed the driveway needed a culvert and that he had planned on ditching the edge of the road when installing the culvert. Mr. Musial stated that installing a swale would only divert the silt onto the property. The property owner is looking to improve drainage issues on the road at their expense. Ivan Quinchia commented that during the heavy storms debris makes it to West Shore Road (end of Hobart Hill Road). Selectman Moriarty would not be in favor of the property installing something that would need to be continually maintained by the town in the future. Mr. Quinchia stated that a swale with rocks would catch debris and reduce sediment run-off. Mr. Musial assured the Board that the proposed project that he had planned for the installation of the culvert in the driveway should not have any standing water issues, less sediment on the landowner's property, and give the place for the water to go. Mr. Quinchia stated that the proposed project should handle the water better than the current situation. Ms. Twombly stated that the town road is the issue and they are just trying to mitigate the issue by paving the driveway. Chair Dunklee informed Ms. Twombly that the Highway Department budget does not have the funds to address the drainage issues on Hobart Hill Road and would have to wait until the 2020/2021 Budget. Ms. Twombly requested that it be included in the Capital Improvements Plan. Selectman Moriarty commented that he was happy with Mr. Musial's plan to address the issues.

7:16 P.M. **INDIAN POINT DRAINAGE ISSUES:** George Bolln approached the Board as he had heard there was a warrant article proposed to raise funds to pave Indian Point Road. Mr. Bolln expressed concerns to the Board about the poor drainage that exists and would hope that the town budgets to address the drainage issues before paving. Mr. Bolln stated that the ditches are constantly clogged with sand and leaves. During the storms, it appears that one more culvert is needed to handle the water. Chair Dunklee informed Mr. Bolln that the Board sent a letter to a resident on Indian Point Road that due to the construction work at the property and lack of proper silt fencing resulted in plugging a catch basin and washing silt and debris into the road. Selectman Moriarty informed Mr. Bolln that Ben Hall, Highway Supervisor, should have a chance to look at the situation to determine how to address the issue. The Board asked Ms. Sanborn to discuss the concerns with Mr. Hall and recommend he meet with Mr. Bolln.

7:24 P.M. **PROPOSED ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGES:** Ivan Quinchia approached the Board to review the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes that the Planning Board discussed. Mr. Quinchia reviewed the areas of the ordinance with the recommended changes as follows: removing marinas from being allowed in the Lake District, ground mounted solar arrays remove cluster developments, and solar arrays to be allowed by special exception in the Watershed Overlay District. Vice-Chair Hazelton

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noted that many taxpayers are not in favor of taking away land usage. Chair Dunklee informed Mr. Quinchia that changes to the Zoning Ordinance need to be voted on at an Annual Town Meeting.

7:34 P.M. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- The Select Board signed the **accounting manifest**.
- The Select Board signed the **Yield Tax Warrant for the tax year April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020**. The Board signed the Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed for each completed timber harvest operation to be sent to NH Department of Revenue Administration.
- The Select Board signed a **letter to each of the Hebron students graduating from Newfound Regional High School** acknowledging their achievement – Oceanne Skoog, Aiden O'Donnell, and Nick Comeau.
- The Select Board signed the **letter to Eversource Energy** on behalf of Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. requesting a detailed asset report on all transmission assets located in Hebron.

7:40 P.M. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Ms. Sanborn discussed with the Board **opening the Hebron Memorial Beach** as there have been many questions from residents since Governor Sununu had opened many of the state parks and beaches. Ms. Sanborn inquired about having the portable toilet delivered to the beach as it would not be able to be cleaned on a daily basis. Surrounding towns are posting signs at the portable toilets to "Use at your own risk" due to the inability to clean frequently. The Board felt that since Governor Sununu had opened the beaches, Hebron could as well expecting that the patrons would practice social distancing and respect the space of others. Selectman Moriarty moved to open the Hebron Memorial Beach with the provisions discussed on social distancing and using the portable toilets at their own risk, seconded by Vice-Chair Hazelton. The vote was unanimous.
- The Board discussed the **process for cleaning out the leaves from the shore of the Hebron Memorial Beach** and the unnecessary amount of confusion with hiring a contractor to do the job. Vice-Chair Hazelton asked the Board if the breakwater was ever installed. Chair Dunklee replied that it had not been done, but asked Ms. Sanborn to speak to Ben Hall, Highway Supervisor about getting it done in the fall.
- Ms. Sanborn informed the Board of the **fixed pricing for #2 Heating Oil = \$1.899/gallon and for Propane = \$1.159/gallon through Pemi Fuels**. Chair Dunklee informed the Board that the town receives great service from Pemi Fuels and has been fortunate enough not to run out of #2 fuel or propane at any of the town buildings. Chair Dunklee moved to accept the fixed pricing from Pemi Fuels, seconded by Selectman Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.

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7:48 P.M. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Notice from the Holderness Planning Board** for a public hearing on an application to install a cell tower on property located off US Rout 3.
- **Grafton County Proposed Budget** for the Fiscal Year 2021

7:50 P.M. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- The Select Board reviewed the **warrant articles to be presented at the 2020 Town Meeting** and designated a Board member to present each article.
- Vice-Chair Hazelton updated the Select Board on the **Space Needs Committee Meeting**. Vice-Chair Hazelton informed the Board that the committee does not want to invest in the current buildings as nothing would be gained, but are looking at the Old Fire Station lot for a future building.

8:15 P.M. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The Select Board reviewed the Select Board Meeting minutes of May 21, 2020 and made the following correction: page 2, fourth bullet – change "from" to "form" in

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the first sentence. Chair Dunklee moved to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of May 21, 2020 as amended, seconded by Selectman Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.

8:17 P.M. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** Selectman Moriarty moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 P.M., seconded by Vice-Chair Hazelton. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sanborn
Town Administrator

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