

Town of Chatham New Hampshire

Minutes of July 6, 2017

Selectmen's meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:00

Present

Selectmen: Wayne Infinger Jason Eastman, Micah Voter

Public: Ron Briggs, Bill Briggs, Alan Eastman, Mel Cherry, Lisa Lewis, Sue Crowley, Bonnie Arbogast, Doug McPherson.

Mail reviewed and vouchers signed

Selectmen agreed to appoint a Citizens advisory committee. The sole purpose of the committee is to help the Selectmen obtain taxpayer input on Town concerns regarding the use of the Town beach, Use of Town property and buildings, best long term use of the school house building and a group gathering permitting process. There might be other requests from the Selectmen. The group has been asked to publicly advertise meetings to get input from the citizens and report back to the Selectmen. The initial appointed members are: Jason Eastman, Ron Briggs, Lisa Lewis, Steve Eastman, Bill Briggs, Sue Crowley and Ellie Eastman.

The building project was discussed and the Selectmen decided to go with 1 handicap access uni sex bathroom. Even though in the strictest interpretation of building codes it might require 2 handicapped accessible bathrooms, the selectmen felt that this would be "overkill" considering what the Town has had for restroom alternatives at the Town house. Wayne Infinger will ask Peter Malia to look into to this matter to see if a formal waiver is necessary or can be obtained. Wayne will report back at the August selectmen's meeting. Wayne is also going to check on the cost of electric heat for the new addition and bathroom. The well location was also discussed about the possibility of obtaining an excavation permit from the State so that the Town can bury conduit under the road until we are ready to have the well drilled and installed. The selectmen are also researching the feasibility of having the septic system installed this year. More information on the building project will be discussed at the August meeting.

Doug McPherson was asked to mark the location of the Veteran's memorial to be moved across the street and the Selectmen will try to see if the contractor will move the monument across the street.

Mel Cherry pointed out that the Cemetery trust funds cannot be used to maintain or improve the cemeteries and that they are in need of repair and fencing should be constructed where needed. The Selectmen will get advice on this and report back at our next meeting. Mel pointed out that the ditches on Butter hill road need to be cleaned and the road commissioner will go look at. Mel wanted a private drive sign put at the end of Hunt Brook Camp road and the road commissioner will look into this as well.

The Selectmen voted to notify the Saco Valley Fire Association that our Government license plate needs to be removed from the Fire truck that is owned by the fire association. Wayne Infinger will write the letter.

Discussion on the large pine tree across the street that needs to be removed was tabled as Jason is going to contact the State and see if they will remove the tree and save the Town the money. Jason will report back at our next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted
Wayne Infinger, Selectmen