

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes May 15, 2017

7:00 pm Meeting called to order by Board Chair, John Quinlan. Also in attendance was Selectman Kim Roberge. Selectman Esposito joined the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Board:

- Reviewed and signed checks and manifest.
- Reviewed minutes of 5/8. Roberge motioned, seconded by Quinlan to accept the minutes of May 8, 2017 as written. All in favor.
- Reviewed and signed a petition for a new/replacement telephone pole.
- Reviewed and signed 4 new Intent to Cut Timber forms.
- Reviewed and signed 6 Timber Tax Bills.
- Reviewed and signed 1 Abatement for a property that was liened in error.

Roberge relayed some information regarding the Historic District Commission meeting with Frank Chadwick. Chadwick is redoing 6 Frankestown Turnpike, and must come before the Commission for a decision on any change that is not "in kind" visible from the street. He will be bringing some samples of the siding he would like to use to the next meeting for the Commission to OK.

7:30 pm Matthew Arel, owner of Old Mill Estates, and Kevin Anderson of Meridian Land Services came before the Board to discuss their road project. Anderson explained that the State does not want to grant approval of the road construction until the drainage easements and deeds are in place.

Chip Spalding, representing the Planning Board, explained that the challenge is that the Town has very limited resources. We cannot be doing off-road maintenance. He asked Anderson how the common waterlines will be taken care of – if there will be a Homeowner's Association.

Arel said that there will indeed be a Homeowner's Association, and we could write in the drainage improvements and maintenance into the association paperwork, as there is no guarantee that the Town will accept these roads unless the Board is behind the Warrant Article.

Anderson stated they would then have a public road partially maintained by a private entity. He concerned with the sale of these lots/homes.

Roberge asked Anderson if he thought the State would approve if the BMP's were written into the Homeowners Association paperwork. Anderson said that if he could get a letter from the Board endorsing this, it might do the trick.

Quinlan said that the Board would be willing to sign a letter to that effect.

Board agreed to perform routine maintenance 25' on either side of the center line except for the catch basins.

Spaulding then expressed his concern that there was no mechanism for the water collecting in the infiltration basins within the two cul-de-sacs to drain, and that would erode and ruin the new roads.

Anderson said that this is the way the State wants it.

Roberge asked for Anderson to come up with a compromise that would pass State scrutiny.

After some discussion, Anderson agreed that he could run "under drain" around the inside and outside of the cul-de-sac between the high-water mark and the select materials of the road. The underdrain would drop any water that overfills the basins into an existing catch basin. He felt that this would be acceptable to the State.

Board agreed and thanked the men for working with them to come up with a solution.

8:39 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Esposito motioned, seconded by Roberge to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie M. Brown