



Select Board Minutes
Tuesday, March 27, 2018

Attendance: Gloria Dyer, Larry Dyer Jr, Casey Tarbox, Bob Burnham, Nick Santangelo, Beverly Cressey, Norman Hutchins,

- 6:00 - Call to Order by Chair, Shelly Gobeille
- Open meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

NEW BUSINESS

- Nick came in to discuss the upcoming warrant article and to discuss the vote from the Annual Town Meeting. Shelly wanted to "clear the air" with how the vote went at Town Meeting and let them know that the BoS did not know that the Finance Committee was planning on making a motion to table to article. It was explained that the Finance Committee simply did not feel that they had received the numbers from calls last year to be able to make an informed decision. They wished to have more time for Rescue to gather the figures and then have a vote in June during primaries. The BoS would like to work with Rescue with the wording of the article and also assessing where the need is. Nichole will email BoS and Rescue with regard to when the warrant article needs to be received by the Town Clerk to be added for a referendum question. BoS would like to tentatively schedule Rescue to be in next Tuesday.
- Beverly Cressey; RE: Plowing at Rocky Dundee Road. Beverly came in to discuss an issue she has been having with the plowing at the home she owns on Rocky Dundee Road. She indicated that she has been dealing with this issue for 3 years and her daughter is the only one that lives on that road in the winter. Beverly explained that when it is plowed the wing blade is put down and asked if we had received the pictures. She indicated that if he did not put the wing plow down and just went straight in it would be better-the other side of the road does not look like her side. Shelly indicated yes, they had received the email and pictures. Beverly explained that with this last storm he only went a third of the way up the road before getting to her house and left everything there. She couldn't even get in there or out of there. So she had to call BooBoo. She tried to catch or flag down the plow guy but he was gone. Shelly explained that all the BoS are familiar with the area and have looked at the area. She explained that it is a hard situation due to there only being one house on the road. The plow guy can't back in or come from the other end. That storm in particular was difficult; after BooBoo had plowed, he contacted Nichole and Nichole contacted me (Shelly) and she went out and looked at the situation- and there was a lot of snow that time. Shelly indicated that whether or not the wing was down or not, because it is such a short span and the house is right there you would get a huge snow bank no matter what. Beverly indicated that if he didn't put that wing down then it would be like the other side of the road with no snow. Shelly asked Casey...do you put the wing down every time or do you put it down to push back the snow. Casey explained that you need to keep the wing down to allow themselves room to get in and out and the way he comes on that road in the plow route and he plows when he goes by, he explained they really are pinched in there with the mailbox and dish tv on one side and culvert on the other. The problem arises when you get a lot of snow in a short period of time- everyone gets "plugged up". The problem with this past storm is he struggled and started to get stuck so rather than have a stuck truck he backed out. Jim explained that if the wing on the truck were up the snow would still go that way as the blade on the truck is fixed at a certain angle- unlike BooBoo's truck where he can angle the blade any way. Shelly explained that she lives on Stone Road and dealt with the same very high snow banks that she could barely get through too. Shelly explained that we have looked into where the boundary lines on that road and they seem to be stone wall to stone wall. Shelly indicated it is not the ideal situation-they are almost plowing your front lawn. To the defense of the plowing contractor Insurance companies do not even want you backing up out onto a road, there isn't even a turn around. It was repeated that this road is really not a good situation. Jeff explained there really are two options; continue to plow it or give that section back to the landowner and see if they would take it back and take care of it themselves. Jeff explained that this is not what has to be done; it is just the only two options that he sees. Shelly asked if there are normally one or two cars there. Beverly indicated one mostly. Jeff clarified that it is a one or two car driveway; Beverly indicated two. Jim clarified side by side not end to end. Larry indicated that there has been one this year and two last year. Casey expressed that they do the best they can, and cannot control Mother Nature.

Beverly indicated that she has owned the property for 3 years now and if she had known about the plow blade wing back then, she would not be here now. She indicated that she understands about the plow blade/wing now. Beverly indicated that she had reached out in years past and had gotten no response. Shelly explained that we received one complaint last year which Nichole has forwarded to Casey and that issue had been resolved. Then the email this year. Beverly indicated that she complained directly to the Road Commissioner in the past. Jeff asked what Beverly's thoughts are now that she has this information. Beverly asked why on the last storm he only went part way up the road. Casey explained that Larry had gotten stuck and they were on their way back down to rectify it but Bruce got there. Larry indicated that when he started to get stuck he left because he has to make sure the town roads were traffic on them are being plowed. (priority of roads) Beverly asked if that road is a town road- Shelly indicated yes, but the rest of the road is abandoned-you are the only one on the town maintained portion. Nichole indicated that there was an instance this winter that the car was parked only part way up the road and the plow guy could only cuff the end of the driveway. Beverly indicated that was because her daughter was afraid of getting stuck. Shelly explained that with the big truck you are going to get the banks every time; if it were her she would want to use her own smaller vehicle. Beverly indicated that she would have to go and talk to her daughter since she is the one that is living there. Shelly explained that there are a few roads in town that are like this; that we basically plow someone's driveway. The issue is that insurance companies do not want to insure plowing contractors for roads that do not have a turnaround. These are issues that we will be working on this next year. Casey explained that basically what had happened with these roads in the past is we had elderly people in there so we plowed it so they could get out. This is how it started, to protect the people living there to be able to get out. Beverly asked about if her daughter could hire someone to snow blow or plow. Shelly indicated that we are looking at discontinuing this small spot, along with 4 or 5 other roads. After the status of the road changed to private road/discontinued town road you could hire anyone as you would own that section of the road to the center line. Beverly indicated that she would check with her daughter.

- The Board received and reviewed a Facilities Use Request from the Farmer's Market to use the bathroom and lawn at the Town Office from Memorial Day weekend until Columbus Day weekend on Saturdays. Jim made a motion to accept the non-fee agreement and allow the Farmer's Market to have a key to the building for the use of the bathroom and to use the front lawn. Jeff seconded. No discussion. Vote 3/3 (unanimous) in favor. Motion approved.
- Board received and reviewed written request from Martha Morrison who has volunteered for the position of SMPDC representative. Jim made a motion to accept and appoint Martha Morrison as the SMPDC representative for Newfield. Jeff seconds. No discussion. Vote 3/3 unanimous in favor. Motion approved.
- Board mentioned that we will need to work on some road issues this year. The Jones/Whitehouse Road needing addressing.
- BoS discussed holes underneath the Transfer Station Attendants Building. Board agrees that something needs to be done. Jeff suggested adding gravel. Jim suggested contacting Dave Neville and taking a fire truck down and flooding the holes to find the exit holes and then back filling.
- Discussion on Old Fire Station next to the Town Office. While Nichole was looking through old documents she came across 2 deeds for the Old Fire Station. It was believed to be a 99 year lease is not true; the deed clearly states the Town owns the building and land. The second deed relates to the additional small section of land from Towle to make the lot size larger.
- Discussion on purchasing fire proof safes for the Clerk's Office. Doreen did some research on pricing and Justine found a deal on some used safes/cabinets. Nichole to assess how many we and maybe Norm needs and get a price.
- Norm came in to discuss to a few things
 - ✓ Rod and Gun Club. Norm has responded to the issue between Garrity and the Rod & Gun Club. Shelly read letter aloud for the record. Norm indicated in the letter that the Rod & Gun Club does not require a conditional use permit because they were in existence before the ordinance. Also, expanding the number lanes at the range does not change the use of the land. While state law does state that any new firing ranges are required to be 300' away from any dwelling or structure housing animals; the club was established before any abutting property owners had built. While Mr. Garrity is within the ordinance in placing his building it should be his responsibility to place any structure 300' (safety zone) away. Norm also discussed the safety of the range and will be meeting out there with state (IFW) representatives and

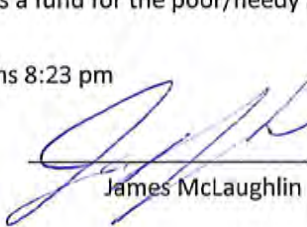
gun club officers in May or June. Gloria commented that there is a building code from 1974 and she has records of the Planning Board issuing permits in the 60's. Shelly requested a copy of the building codes book.

- ✓ Office remodel- Norm really likes the knotty pine. Board decided to finish the room with knotty pine and then poly it.
- ✓ Roof quotes- Norm really like the Carnes quote and the way they had everything laid out. Norm would be available to meet with them when they come out.
- ✓ Dangerous Building- next to the old dance hall on Shady Nook Road owned by Riley and Lynne Greenwood. Norm will be sending a letter; looking back in the file a letter had been sent in the past by another CEO but never followed through with.
- ✓ Norm is working on putting together his quarterly report and will have that for the Board soon.

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion on Dam Keeper for Balch Dam. No one has come forward in expressing an interest in being dam keeper. Jeff has offered to do it. Shelly and Jim will be trained on what to do. It was suggested that Ken Gates as EMA director also be apprised of what to do. Shelly made a motion for Jeff to be appointed Dam Keeper. Jim seconded. Vote unanimous.
- Board decided to try and LED version street light at the end of the PSB drive. Nichole to call and set up.
- Henry Dutch Fund- in looking through some old documents Nichole came across the information for the Henry Dutch fund; which is a fund for the poor/needly and not a cemetery fund.

Meeting adjourns 8:23 pm



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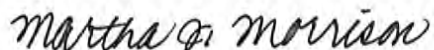
Selectpersons & Town Clerk
Town of Newfield, Maine

Re: Representative to Southern Maine Planning & Development Commission

Early this week I spoke with Paul Schumacher about participating in the SMPDC as Newfield's commission representative.

If no selectperson or other elected official is able to participate, I will be happy to be assigned as the town's representative to the SMPDC, providing periodic written summaries of my commission activities.

Sincerely,



Martha Morrison