

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting.**

Meeting held upstairs in Town Hall

Monday – July 20, 2015

Attending: Town Manager Edward Samson
Selectmen Leo Enos, David Stickney and Leon Rideout

Others: Mike & Kathleen Connors, Murray Vashaw and Alan Savage.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leon Rideout at 6:30 P.M., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

To review and approve the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting.

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to approve the minutes as written. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Department Head Up-dates: None

Signing of various paperwork:

Mr. Samson stated that there was additional paperwork that needed to be signed for the USDA Summer Street Project. The Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) and the Grant Application Note (GAN). He stated that Sara Desrochers of Passumpsic Bank might be at the meeting to further explain. David Stickney stated that at the previous meeting authorization was given to the Town Manager to sign all of the necessary document regarding the financing.

Correction to LUCT - In updating the land records it was discovered that a lot had been left out of the Crane Family Revocable Trust of Paul, Marilyn and Robert Crane. Therefore the Crane's owe the town \$900.00. **The Selectboard signed the necessary paperwork.**

Abatements:

Connors Family Revocable Trust. 142 Grange Road Map R6 Lot 42 The appeal was for the assessment of the property at \$186,891.00, there had been many discussions with Jason Call and the new assessment is \$161,991.00 with an abatement of \$606.03

A motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by David Stickney to accept the new assessment figure and grant the abatement. A vote was taken and the motion carried and the Board signed the necessary paperwork.

At this time Mr. Connors spoke and stated that it had been a long painful process. He has talked to people at DES and was told that they have classes for Selectboards and he thought that it would be beneficial for the board to go to some of them so that they would also understand the process of the assessors. He also stated that the assessor and he had gone through this case 3 different times and each time it was a different figure and felt that it was not the right thing to do. Mrs. Connors asked when they would receive a letter regarding the decision and was told that it would go out immediately.

Mrs. Connors also stated that they would be seeking recourse regarding Jason Call going into their house. Mr. Samson stated that it was a personnel issue and he was taking care of it with Mr. Call.

VMO Inc. 48 Grove St. Littleton, NH – regarding property of 5 Stone St. in Lancaster. Map P8 Lot 33. The original assessment was \$2,747.00 and the new assessment is \$2,674.46. With the abatement being \$73.46.

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to accept the new assessment. A vote was taken and the motion carried and the Board signed the necessary paperwork.

Lancaster Associates % Eastpoint Properties 5A Point Drive Bedford, NH – regarding property of 5 Stone St.

Mr. Samson stated that the address of the property was wrong on the paperwork and this would be taken up at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Samson stated that he had an Amendment to US2/US3 Intersection Safety Improvement Agreement. It appeared that they had put \$8,631.00 as the figure and it should be \$8,361.00. He stated that he would sign the new agreement and send it back in. Mr. Stickney further noted that at a previous meeting Mr. Samson had been given the authority to sign all of the necessary paperwork for the project.

At this time Chairman Leon Rideout read a letter from Kevin and Mary Craig thanking the Town employees, especially Officer Patrick Carr who was very helpful to them when they had a death in their family. A copy of said letter is attached to the minutes.

Alan Savage spoke and stated that he had an incident in front of his house and those at the Dispatch Office were very polite and asked which side of Stebbins Hill he lived on, he felt that it was important as there is some confusion as to which part is Stebbins Hill and which is Buffalo Road.

Mr. Samson opened the bids for the 2010 Crown Victoria Town car.

Sando Call – Groveton, NH	\$210.00
James Sherwood – Whitefield, NH	\$250.00
Greg Woodward – Lancaster, NH	\$2,137.00

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to award the bid to Greg Woodward for his bid of \$2,137.00. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

It was asked if Mr. Woodward decided not to take the vehicle would it go to the next highest bid and the answer was no that it would be put out for bid again.

Mr. Samson also had a bid from Evan and Martin Driscoll of 130 Weeks Road in Lancaster for the property on 60 Sand St. in Lancaster. They put in a bid of \$501.00. It was asked if this would also include back taxes and the answer was no, they only bid on what was there and ultimately it will have to be torn down if they want to put something on the lot due to a fire. It was also noted that the Driscoll's are to be told that the house needs to be removed in 60 days.

A motion was made by David Stickney and seconded by Leo Enos to accept the offer of \$501.00 from the Driscoll's. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

INFORMATION:

Building Permits:

Roland and Rhonda Caron – off Spaulding Hill Road – to construct a 24' x 24' camp with porch on piers. The property is not in current use and they have done a Road Resolution for it.

Randy Flynn – 48 Second St. - place a new 14' x 68' mobile home on concrete slab at Lancaster Mobile Home Village.

Leo Enos asked about what was being done with the Dalton Mt. Motors building. Mr. Samson stated that it is in litigation with the insurance company and there is nothing that the Town can do until the owner and the insurance company comes to terms. He also stated that there are people who are interested in buying the lot but at this time are unable to do so. It was asked if the town has the responsibility to clean it up and was told that they could clean it up and put a lien on it but while it is in litigation they would rather not.

Once again Alan Savage brought up the process of bids for town equipment. He stated that not all of the companies were contacted to bid. Mr. Samson stated that he had contacted all of the companies and some of them stated that they did not want to bid, he also stated that he strongly believes in keeping the business in town as much as we can. Mr. Savage asked why the bids were not sealed. Mr. Samson stated that these were requests for proposals and they do not need to be sealed, many of them come through on the fax machine. They are not mandated to have sealed bids. Mr. Savage further stated that the Selectmen only protect those that they want, they should be listening to the Department Heads as to what they would like. Mr. Samson stated that they do and some of the companies bring their equipment right to them to see and test.

After much discussion, Chairman Leon Rideout stated that the Board of Selectmen would sit down and discuss the procedures of bids and leasing so as to be consistent, and would have it for the Town Meeting as well.

Kathleen Connors asked about the drainage problem that is with the Historical Society and Aubochons. She was told that at the Planning Board meeting, Aubochons told them that all of the drainage would be taken care of as well as letting them have use of the parking lot when they are having their Sunday festivities.

It was asked about the Water Project. Mr. Samson stated that it was to be completed, if not today, July 20, 2015, then by the next week. The agreement with USDA to release the funds for the project and not to take them from the sewer budget. If not funded then it will have to come from the sewer budget, but it has to be done this year, it may have to be done in various stages.

It was noted that there are several culverts/catch basins that need to be raised up. It was stated that it should be the responsibility of the town employees to keep an eye on these things and not have the public come to the meeting to complain.

Noting that there was nothing further to come before the meeting a motion was called for to adjourn.

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to adjourn. A vote was taken and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully,



Sandra E. Doolan- Clerk

Approved:



Leon Rideout – Chairman

David Stickney

Leo Enos

