

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting held upstairs in Town Hall

Monday – July 16, 2018

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

Others attending: Don Williams, Alan Savage, Lucy Wyman, Michael Nadeau, Tara Giles, Leo Rideout Sr. and Patrick Hackett.

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

Appointment(s): None

Old Business:

To review and approve the minutes of the July 2 2018 meeting.

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

Department Head Updates: None

Signing of various paperwork:

An abatement appeal was reviewed for the Richard MacKillop property on Main St. The assessor made the recommendation that there be a decrease in the property value of \$78,400.00. The Board agreed and signed the paperwork for same.

New Business:

Appointments – Inspectors of the Electrons

The Town Clerk presented the following:

Republicans – Marilyn Crane and Karen Ryder

Democrats - Barry Crawford and Janet Jacques-Mason

A motion was made by Leo Enos and seconded by David Stickney to accept the recommendations provided by the Town Clerk. The Board signed the paperwork.

Information:

There were two building permits issued>

Chester & Janet Savage
352 Portland St.

Permit #18-016

Place a 30' x 60' single story, 3 bedroom modular home on full foundation with 60' long porch. (with conditions that there be a driveway permit from DOT if necessary and an approval of septic design for the proposed home prior to placement of structure).

Gary & Sharon Chamberlain
Hartco Avenue

Permit #18-015

Construct a 27.5' x 52' single story home on full foundation with attached 25' x 25' garage. (with conditions that there be a merger "Lot merger approved 6-13-2018 Recorded CCRD 6-20-2018 Book 1490 Page 0635. Shall receive a 911 number.. Shall receive public water and sewer connection permit from the Town of Lancaster).

At this time members of the Lancaster Municipal Cemetery Committee, Lucy Wyman, Michael Nadeau and Alternate Don Williams addressed the Board of Selectmen with various concerns. There was a lot of discussion as to the taking down of trees in the Wilder Cemetery on Main St. This was brought up as there had been a request from Geo. M. Stevens, Inc. Co, as they feel that the trees are old and are leaning towards their building and that they are a hazard. Ms. Wyman stated that she did not feel that they were a danger to them. She felt that they should have an arborist come and check them out. She further stated that the people of the town do not know what is going on in town and felt that information should be in the paper, facebook, towns website. Ms. Wyman stated that if the trees have to go there should be a time set so to investigate it through and see if it is the right things to do. Mr. Samson stated that whenever there is a major project done in the town there are many public hearings and that they are posted in the paper prior to the meetings as well as posted at the Town Office and the Library. Ms. Wyman further stated that the plans for the projects should be posted on the walls at the Town Hall. Mr. Samson stated that if anyone wanted to see the plans all they have to do it come to the Town Office and they can review them. She further stated that the Selectmen are constantly putting up hurdles about all of the projects and they fail to let the people know. Mr. Williams stated that all the people have to do is come to the meetings and they will know what is going on, not listen to gossip on the street. Mr. Enos stated that people are not stepping up to volunteer for various committees like they used too. Once again the tree issue was addressed and Mr. Samson stated that they have been talking to people about taking trees down, many of the trees are good but there are those who have exposed roots and they can be a problem. We also have to look at the liability issue when you start to do a major project.

It was asked about the Summer St. project. Mr. Samson stated that it is progressing but not as fast as they had hoped do to some employee issues in the company. Mr. Samson is having a meeting with Mike Duffy and others this week to discuss some of the issues at hand

Leo Rideout Sr. asked when they were going to do something on Causeway St. he

felt that they needed to fill in some holes and put down some chloride. Mr. Samson stated that they have not had the time to put down chlorine, he also stated that the Town crews do a great job.

It was asked about the trees that were planted on Main St. Mr. Samson stated that he had worked with Todd Brown and they are Japanese Lilacs and if properly taken care of they should grow well.

Patrick Hackett asked if the Town and Geo. M. Stevens had insurance as this seems to be an issue. He was told that both do. Mr. Hackett stated that he felt that the town was doing a good job with all that they do.

Noting that there was nothing further 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 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully,

Sandra E. Doolan – Clerk

Approved:

**Board of Selectmen
Leon Rideout – Chairman**

David Stickney

Leo Enos