

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Meeting**

Meeting held upstairs in Town Hall

Tuesday – September 5, 2017

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

Others: Greg Cloutier, Murray Vashaw and Alan Savage.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Leo Enos at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENT(S):

Greg Cloutier, who has purchased the former Lancaster National/Passumpsic Bank came to the Board to request an appeal for the current taxation of the building. He stated that when he began the purchase the building was assessed at \$791,000.00, and he paid \$400,000.00.

At this time Chairman Leo Enos stated that he has been doing working at the site for Mr. Cloutier and if the Board wanted him to he would recuse himself from the discussion. He felt that even tho he was working for Mr. Cloutier, he felt that he could be neutral in any discussion. No one objected to Mr.Enos staying on the Board.

Mr. Samson stated that he had discussed the situation with Town Council and was advised that Mr. Cloutier would have to come before the Board each year to request the issue.

Mr. Cloutier stated that while he was working with the bank for the purchase he was not able to request an abatement. He stated that he had filed a joint building permit before the transaction was complete. He further stated that some things had been done ahead of time which made it impossible to request the abatement. He further stated that he is trying to develop the building so that the rent for the different areas would be affordable for those looking for space.

David Stickney stated that Mr. Cloutier had been doing a lot of great things with the buildings that he has purchased around town and thanked him for his hard work.

It was asked if the new program that was implemented for the town would effect what he wanted to do and Mr. Samson stated that it had some restrictions.

Leon Rideout stated that by lowering the assessed value the Board would not be setting a precedence and Mr. Cloutier would have to apply each year.

After further discussion

A motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by David Stickney to lower the assessed value of the building in question to \$400,000.00 for one (1) year. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

To review and approve the minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting.

A motion was made by Leon Rideout 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:

Intent to Cut:

Granite State Land Holding 653 Main St.
R1 Lot 24-25 To cut 200 acres out of 300.
By – Timberwolf Logging Inc. LLC

William Bishop 74 Pleasant Valley Road
R06 Lot 4 To cut 5 acres out of 14,
By – Shane Morton Logging.

NEW BUSINESS:

Winter Sand Bid Opening.

Mr. Samson stated that there was only one (1) bid and it was from Carroll Concrete Company. The bid was \$8.08 a ton. There was a lot of discussion as to use sand that was washed or not. It was stated that the town has done it both ways in the past and it is a difficult decision to make.

A motion was then made by Leon Rideout and seconded by David Stickney to accept the bid from Carroll Concrete for the sand bid of \$8.08 a ton. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

INFORMATION:

NHDES presented a draft permit for Weeks Medical Center for 2 wood fire boilers and 2 emergency generators.

Building Permit;

Michelle Demontigmy 5 Prospect St.

Interior and exterior existing home renovations on same footprint.

Sign Permit:

Granite Grind 70 Main St.

It was asked how the road project was coming along..Mr. Samson stated that the company is confident that they will be done by the end of their contracted date. They will put on a base coat to the roads and the final paving will be done in the spring. They

have brought many of the services up to date and have done a great job, they are a good company to work with.

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

A motion was made by David Stickney and seconded by Leon Rideout to adjourn. A vote was taken and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully,

Sandra E. Doolan – Clerk

Approved:

**Board of Selectmen
Leo Enos – Chairman**

David Stickney

Leon Rideout