

MINUTES

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TOWN HALL**

**March 2, 2020
6:30 PM**

ATTENDEES:

David Stickney, Selectman	Leon Rideout, Selectman	Leo Enos, Selectman
Edward Samson, Town Manager	Alan Savage	Shane Beattie
Rob Christie	Charity Baker	

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman David Stickney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINTMENTS:

Representatives from the NH Dam Bureau James Gallagher, Chief Engineer, William Thomas, Steve Doyon, and Jim Weber were present to discuss the removal of the ice retention dam in the Israel River.

Mr. Gallagher said when they were here back in 2005 to discuss the dam it was mentioned that there was a signed agreement back when it was built that maintenance and operation was turned over to the town.

The dam was last inspected by the Corps of Engineers in January and they feel the owner is the State of New Hampshire. The dam is in active failure. He is recommending the State take charge of removing the dam as there is concern with possible liability issues. First it will need to be deauthorized by the federal government. They will need a new letter of support for the removal of the dam in order to move forward and then they will take ownership of the removal project. They believe they will be successful with the deauthorization.

Leon mentioned the dam has been a bone of contention since the early 1990s.

Motion made by Leon and seconded by Leo to authorize a letter be written in favor of removal of the ice dam from the Israel River. All in favor. Motion carried.

Leo asked where the access for removal will be. Mr. Thomas mentioned it would probably be from Riverside Drive. The abutters would all be notified during the permitting process. He explained what will happen during the removal process. He believes actual removal is 2 to 3 years down the road and once it is deauthorized and permits are obtained the actual removal should go rather quick.

Mr. Thomas mentioned there are many agencies that are interested in getting it removed and there may be funding from those agencies.

David did mention that many kids fish there and it definitely poses a liability.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Review and approval of the February 18, 2020 Selectmen’s meeting minutes. Ed mentioned that there is an error with the minutes. It was mentioned that Rob Christie recommended to the board not to sign the supplemental intent for Peaslee-Smith, however, he did not make that recommendation he explained what is required according to the conservation easement. The board made a motion to table signing the intent on their own accord. Ed also mentioned that John Accardi brought it to his attention that there are very limited reasons to not sign an intent to cut and not conforming to the requirements of a conservation easement is not one of them.

Motion was made by Leon Rideout and seconded by Leo Enos to accept the February 18, 2020 meeting minutes as amended. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Supplemental Intent to Cut for Peaslee-Smith property, Tax Map R13, Lot 064 was signed.
- Supplement Intent to Cut for Prospect Farm LLC – Ed explained that the land owner has the right to cut any and all wood on his property even on a scenic road. They can’t cut within the town’s right of way and none of the cut has been in the Town’s right of way. The landowners plan was to stump the cut lot and turn it into a field and possible building lot in the future. Ed is going to connect with those that had an issue with the cutting and make them aware of the law.

Rob Christie asked if there is something in the law that says he has to put a request before the planning board and Ed explained it is not required of the landowner per RSA 231:158.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ed reported that the Conservation Commission has started submitting the annual monitoring of the conservation easements.

Alan Savage asked where the Board is at with the loader bids. Leo mentioned that in the future the Selectmen are going to direct the Town Manager who they want to invite to bid or for proposals and a letter will be sent to them certified, return receipt. Leo stated he thinks it should be put out to all the dealers in the State.

Alan asked was the RFP’s put out? They were put out in September. Leon mentioned we have to ask for proposals at the beginning of the budget process so the board has some idea what needs to be requested on the warrant article. Alan feels the competitive bidding processes is not being used properly by the board.

Motion was made by Leo and seconded by Leon to adjourn. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charity Baker

Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

David Stickney

Leo Enos

Leon Rideout

