

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
January 6, 2020

At the Selectmen's meeting held on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. the following people in attendance: John Tholl, Peter Corey, and Stanley Holz participated via conference call.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to enter non-public session at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II(b) the hiring of any person as a public employee. The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. Roll call voice vote: Holz: Yes; Corey: Yes; Tholl: Yes. All in favor, 3-0. Motion passed.

The Board entered non-public session at 6:00 p.m.

The Board adjourned from non-public session at 6:43 p.m.

John Tholl, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric Dubreuil was representing the Rust Estate and wanted to discuss a concern with water run off at 466 Kimball Hill Road. Eric said that Cabot redirected the culvert and put a swale in last year. Eric met with him and told him he had concerns with the run-off then Cabot left. He has been trying to get some action as it is a stone foundation and they have water in the garage and it is connected to an 1868 farm house. The owners want some resolution of this somehow. Rob Larson said he met with Eric to review the situation a couple of months ago and he ordered a catch basin and piping to do what needs to get done at the location. We need to coral the water at a given spot and right now it comes together and goes nowhere. The concept is to put a catch basin and a 15 inch pipe to have the water run off in the field to get the water away from the structure and into the back field. Rob apologizes for not getting it done yet. We have had some other situations come up. Rob said If we get some 40 degree weather next week, we can try to get it done. Rob was concerned with the electrical pipe. Eric said that the ditch has probably 4 ½ feet of sifted sand in those pipes. Eric said we need to be careful where we direct it in the field. Directly behind the garage is the leachfield. Rob says that they have the materials on hand, and will try to get to it next week. Peter asked if the owner is o.k. with this plan, and Eric said they are.

Rob Larson said there is an opportunity for the Town to benefit from changes in the transportation field. There is a lack of vehicle charging stations on Route 3 so a lot of vehicles bypass us here in town. There was an initiative by the state they were going to encourage car charging stations along Route 2. There is a grant available through USDA so it will pay 50% of the project cost. Rob is proposing to place a four-bay high density charging station at the parking lot behind Cumberland Farms. It is a dirt lot that does not make the Town any money. This facility can go in and become an income generator for the Town and not interfere with the right-of-way. If we did a car charger at that location, people who use it would have 30 to 40 minutes to wander around town. It is a way to maintain traffic in the downtown. The Mt. View Grand has people who have electric cars and we would benefit from that traffic as well. It would be an attraction to the downtown. It is an up and coming program and an actual improvement. Dan Zajac said it is an opportunity for the town. He bought an electric car that came out 3-4 years ago. Those are all coming off lease with an incredible value and to there will be an opportunity for local residents to get in to that type of transportation. He has people stop by his house to charge their cars. He has gotten calls three to four times from people who have needed to stop to use his charging station. Plug Share is an open source app is how people search for charging stations. He said for himself as he

travels around the area, he has stopped at a lot of towns in Maine that have town-operated stations that are free in the middle of the town. He goes and utilizes the businesses in that town so he is spending money in the communities. NH is way behind Maine and Vermont. A lot of the cars that are going to start hitting the market are going to be the used vehicles and they will need to stop more often. His approach to traveling has changed. He enjoys stopping in different towns. We have a perfect opportunity. It can be set up as a business the Town could absorb the electrical cost for the benefit of the downtown area. That is how most of them do it. You can also have a card reader or charges against their app. The Town would end up owning it. Rob said usually the first ones out of the gate are the winners and the USDA grant is involved as well. What is total project cost? Rob said a Level II charge, with one high density charger on a pad would be about \$35,000. We don't have the final numbers yet. The letter of intent has to be submitted by January 17<sup>th</sup>, which does not commit us to anything. It would go where the planter currently is located. It would be a warrant article at town meeting. Stanley said it is a catalyst. It would be a good promotion for the Town Stanley said, and it will bring vehicles into this town. Peter said he doesn't have a problem with it, let the voters decide and it would go on as a warrant article. Someone would need to speak to it and we will let the voters decide. If the voters think it is a good idea then great. Might there be another location we could consider other than the parking lot? Rob chose that site because we have power and the right of way issues. Peter thought another possible location is where the old town hall used to be. It would eliminate the unauthorized use of those spaces that are currently used by tenants. That is a good location next to the new grocery store. We would need to look into the availability of electricity there. There are options for locations. Rob needs some signatures for his letter of intent, which the Board signed Tom Ladd said we would need the costs of this long before town meeting. Not being right out in view would not be that much of a detriment because people would be directed there. Metering would be a viable alternative to also cover costs. It was also pointed out we would need to make sure those spots were left open.

Peter Corey updated the Board on a recent webinar the Planning Board participated in, "What Municipal Officials Need to Know About Cable TV Franchising Today". Peter Corey made a motion that the Town hire an attorney to assist us with negotiating an updated, current franchise agreement with Spectrum (Charter Communications). The motion was seconded by Stanley Holz. All in favor, 3-0, (Holz: Yes; Corey: Yes; Tholl: Yes). Motion passed.

The Board worked on the 2020 budget.

The Board asked that Chief Samson finalize the prosecutor agreement.

Tom Ladd asked about the 10-year road repair plan Mr. Larson has discussed, and it might be helpful to have that available before town meeting.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to approve the meeting minutes of the December 9<sup>th</sup> & December 16<sup>th</sup> Selectmen Meeting Minutes, Stanley seconded the motion. All in favor, 3-0 (Holz: Yes; Corey: Yes; Tholl: Yes) Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.