

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 12, 2017

At the Selectmen's Meeting held on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. the following people were in attendance: John Tholl and Wendy Hersom. Peter Corey arrived at 6:10 p.m.

A motion was made by John Tholl to enter in to non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) matters, which, if discussed, in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. The motion was seconded by Wendy Hersom.

Roll call to enter into nonpublic session: Hersom – Yes; Tholl – Yes

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

The Board adjourned from non-public session at 6:45 p.m. and reconvened the public session.

A motion was made by John Tholl, seconded by Peter Corey, to seal the minutes of the non-public session because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

Roll call to seal minutes: Tholl – Yes; Hersom – Yes; Corey – Yes

Alan Bouthillier attended the meeting. He said that he owns a piece of property in Dalton that he bought from Butch & Larry Rexford. He did some geo-tech borings and there is a massive amount of water on that property. He said after seeing that Whitefield might be looking for new water sources, he wanted to come see the Board to see if it is something the Town would be interested in down the road. He has a brother-in-law, who is an engineer, and who said it would be a massive aquifer for a water source. Peter Corey said currently we are not looking for water sources, but it is good to know for the future. Fred Ingerson of the Water Department said it is not part of the current water improvement project, but maybe in the future it would be. Fred said we are not currently looking for a water source. Judy suggested we mention it to Horizons Engineering.

A motion was made by Peter Corey to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2017 Selectmen's Meeting. The motion was seconded by John Tholl. All in favor 3-0. Motion passed.

The person who was the high bidder on the 2006 Ford Ranger Pick-Up 4x4 decided he no longer wanted to purchase the truck. Fred said people have asked him if it would be available for bid again. The Board was all in favor of rebidding the 2006 Ford Ranger Pick-Up.

The Board reviewed the request from Jeremie Marquis who owns property at 305 Jefferson Road to waive the recent \$25 turn on fee he was charged to have his water turned on. The Board denied this request.

Fred Ingerson updated the Board on the water department: Ethan started on June 5<sup>th</sup>; June 1<sup>st</sup> we did a curb stop replacement on Maple Street at Dave Scalley's property; we got the parts ordered for the Cumberland Farms dig which we are scheduled to do on the 29<sup>th</sup>; working on the hydrant to be replaced on Highland Street – the rep came out and introduced himself and is making an appointment to repair the hydrant rather than replace it if we can find a valve to shut it off; Fred is going to do hydrant flushing starting the end of the week; we are still waiting for the state on Jefferson Road to do that dig to

discontinue the line that went to the old town office. We had back flow letters that went out to get some of the ones that haven't been done in years. All have come back and are waiting for repairs.

Fred's monthly bacteria tests – one came back positive and Fred had to do a bunch of follow-up testing, which all came back negative except for one up-stream which was just opened up after being closed for the winter. He has more paper work to do, but Fred said we should be good. He will be required to do further testing.

Fred said that the water line on Route 142 leak is leaking again, towards the Dalton town sign. Aaron Arsenault contacted Fred today to let him know that he is having a meeting with the owners to try to get some type of commitment from them to go forward to replace that line. There is an issue with one resident who is not sure if they want to go forward and put their own well in. They hope to have an answer within a week from that person.

Peter mentioned that USDA has some funds that may be available to help these people. There is one person who is using these funds for their portion. If they can't afford to repair the line, then somehow we will have to terminate the connection and the homeowners would have to drill a well if they can't afford to replace the line. Fred thought if they all pitched in they could do the job for cheaper than it would cost them to do the wells.

Wendy suggested we send another letter to the users on that line. Fred said the line is in really rough shape. They don't know how far back they have to go on the line to clamp on to the line. Peter said ideally we shouldn't have water lines in Dalton, that we don't have any control over. There are quite a few, both the trailer parks. Peter said we can't put a lien against properties that are not in Whitefield. How do we move forward? Do we continue it? How do we fix it so it doesn't keep being a problem? Sondra Brekke asked if the trailers parks could put in a well?

Peter thinks we should give the Dalton residents a two year or some time frame to find an alternate water source. Wendy suggested could we put a meter somewhere along the pipe to see how much water is being lost. Sondra asked if it would cost the Town more to let the water run or repair the leak? Fred said at this time there is not much of a surface leak. The cemetery water line is not good up there as well. There is no meter on that. There is probably no back flow.

Wendy thinks we should send out another letter and give them a warning that failure to rectify this could lead to turning the water off. Fred thinks within 30 days they should be able to get the permits to repair the line. What if the homeowners says we are not replacing the water line, we are just going to dig our own wells? Wendy said we need them to come back to us with a proposed course of action to address this issue or in thirty days we will shut the water off. Fred said the ground is not as soft as it was last year. It could change though. Judy and Wendy will work on a letter.

Don Gardner and Dennis Gooden attended the meeting. Don lives on Cherry Street and said he is having a lot of problems with water in his yard, which is running off from his neighbor's property. There are springs are up above him on the hill. Don said that Edgar Cormier has re-routed all the water up back. Jeanne McIntyre allowed Edgar to dump the water out back there when she owned Don's property. Wendy was wondering how the Town was involved in this. Don was wondering if the Town could get this routed so it is going in a town drain. Bill Houghton had the state put a drain and the piping they did runs into that. Again this year it is like a swamp back there on his property. He has asked his neighbor,

Audrey Sirois to help him as her embankment is ready to fall in on to his property. She has not done anything. Don does not know who owns those springs up there.

Peter said one thing he saw done in Littleton, and something we might be able to help him with is for the Town to give him permission to put in a drain that would tie into a town storm drain. Wendy said we should check into it what does it mean to the town storm drain if we allow him to do this. Don said it is a big issue for him because the bank is coming down on to his property. Don has been told that Edgar has buried a couple of vehicles up there on his property for drainage. Donald is here because he doesn't know what to do. Wendy said it is a civil matter. Wendy said it not the town property so we don't have control over people's property. Peter is not sure the town's storm drain can handle it. We can check with Shawn next week when he returns from vacation. The cost for the installation of the drain would be Donald's responsibility. Wendy said we need to make sure it does not affect the town's storm drainage system. Peter said as long as it is just water, it should be able to take it.

A motion was made by John Tholl to enter in to non-public session at 8:00 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c) matters, which, if discussed, in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. The motion was seconded by Wendy Hersom. Roll call to enter into non-public session: Hersom – Yes; Tholl – Yes; Corey: Yes

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.