

**Minutes**  
Albany, NH  
Selectmen's Meeting  
January 29, 2014

At 3:40 p.m., the Selectmen's meeting was called to order. In attendance were Jack Rose, Kelly Robitaille and Rob Nadler. Also present were Steve Knox, Joe Ferris, Dan Sdankus, Rick Hiland and Curtis Coleman. The following business was conducted.

**Regular Business:**

- Reviewed & approved January 21 minutes-Jack made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Sign checks.
- Review financial statement from Conway Village Fire District
- Discussed budget proposal-see below

**Curtis Coleman (Road Agent):**

Curtis reviewed the video of Passaconaway Rd. taken by Pete Howland of Cersosimo Lumber. Curtis agreed the video was good but he does not agree with the audio as he feels Pete makes assumptions about the road. Jack asked if Curtis would like to dispute it. Curtis replied no and he has made himself a copy.

Curtis said he had planned on performing maintenance work on Passaconaway Rd. this year but he would like to delay it until the logging trucks are done. The Board agreed with Curtis.

Curtis said with the recent storms, he has spent a lot so far. He would like to increase his regular budget line item by \$10,000. He is not suggesting any warrant articles this year and would like to delay any paving until 2015. He also has put together a five year plan and will bring it in within the next few weeks. Rob asked Curtis if he thought the capital reserve fund is worth having instead of a warrant article. Curtis replied yes, we should always put something in every year. When paving was done 10 years ago, the money was pulled from there. Curtis said he likes that style better than bonding. \$10,000 per year is easier to absorb. Rob said if there is no special warrant article and we look at the budget as a whole, we can start putting money into the capital reserve fund in order to pay for road projects.

Curtis told the Board all the paving had gone well on Cook Farm Rd. and Ridge View Dr. The town's bridges are strong with no problems. Kelly asked Curtis if he has inspected the Passaconaway Rd. since the logging has begun. Curtis said he has been out there but hasn't seen much. Kelly asked if they had done anything to support the bridge they had concern for. Curtis didn't believe anything had been done and didn't think the posts before the covered bridge had been removed butt he will go out and check on that. Kelly asked if the gate was being closed. Curtis told Kelly the gate has been open a lot. Steve said he hasn't seen logging trucks and he didn't think anything had been done to the bridge.

Curtis reported an ongoing problem of a resident in Wildwood who continuously parks his vehicle in the road during storms. It prevents the plows from doing their job. It is becoming a nuisance and the plow guys are getting sick of it. Steve thought this may be in the town's ordinances. Kathy suggested sending him a letter. Jack made a motion to write a letter to this resident notifying him that he is within the town's right of way and warn him that the vehicle will be towed if he parks in the road during a snowstorm, Rob seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Curtis requested that Kathy get in contact with a driveway applicant. Curtis feels more information is needed before he can approve it.

Jack asked Curtis about a recent incident reported to him by Mike Helmers of Moat View Dr. Mike reported a boulder at the end of his driveway was pushed into the middle of his driveway by a plow. Curtis said his guys have the right of way 25' from the center line and that was three or four feet over the edge of the road. Curtis noted he needs at least 10 feet off the pavement for maintenance. Jack asked Curtis to look into it.

### **Proposed Budget:**

Kathy reviewed the proposed municipal budget for 2014, excluding salaries and insurances, with the Selectmen. Everything is not finalized so this proposed budget does not reflect final numbers.

Steve asked Kathy if the Planning Board line items had been submitted by Chairperson, Josephine Howland. Kathy replied no and she would change those numbers when she heard from Josephine.

Kathy suggested the Board have a budget work session to discuss salaries next week. This will be a nonpublic session RSA 91:A-3 (a). Jack made a

motion to have a budget work session next Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. with the regular meeting at 4:30 p.m., Rob seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Miscellaneous:**

Rob noted recent Selectmen discussions as to who has the authority to contact town counsel. He went on to say the Board never made a formal motion for Kathy, as Town Administrator to be authorized to do so. Rob made a motion to allow the Town Administrator to contact town counsel, Jack seconded the motion and all were in favor. Rob said what hasn't been flushed out is who from each board will be authorized to contact town counsel. This is from the Selectmen's point of view. Steve said each board is different. Rob said Josephine is generally authorized as the Planning Board has their own legal line item in their budget. Steve said day to day stuff, Kathy will be using her own discretion. Rob said if it requires a timely response. Jack said the Board is quite conservative if the budget is looked at. We have not overstepped it. Rob added the interpretation of RSA's is difficult and sometimes it needs a legal point of view. Dan thought it was a good idea and sometimes when he reads an RSA, its meaning could be different than what he was thinking.

**NonPublic Session RSA 91-A:3(c):**

At 4:20 p.m. Jack made a motion to move into nonpublic session citing RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Rob seconded the motion and all were in favor. Roll call was unanimous in the affirmative.

At 4:30 p.m., Rob motioned to move into public session, seconded by Kelly and all were in favor.

At 4:31 p.m. it was determined that the minutes shall not be publicly disclosed. Jack motioned to seal the minutes, to not publicly disclose the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of the information will likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board. Rob seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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At 4:35 p.m., Jack made a motion to adjourn, Kelly seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen Vizard  
Town Administrator