



Town of Richmond

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WSD

February 14, 2022 Meeting

Selectmen present: William Daniels, Douglas Bersaw, and Andrew Wallace

Absent:

Public Present: Fran Heap, Renee Murphy, and Kevin Murphy

Meeting opened at 5:30 pm

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd; Board voted to reopen public hearing for the road layout petition submitted by Petitioner, Lauren Shearer.

A site walk was held on February 12, 2022 at 10:00 am at the end of Bowker Road. After the site walk the Board has reopened the public hearing to review the following criteria for an assessment of public interest. Do you think there is an occasion?

- 1) The proposed road's integration into the Town's overall existing road system;
- 2) Any improvement to convenience of travel to the general public;
- 3) Whether the proposed road will ease existing traffic flow within the Town;
- 4) The degree the proposed road may improve accessibility for fire, emergency, and police services and whether it will safely facilitate the transportation of school children to and from school;
- 5) Whether the proposed road will benefit a significant portion of the population or only a small number of taxpayers;
- 6) The anticipated frequency of the use of the proposed road.

The Board has discussed each of these questions. Bersaw proposed there is no occasion. Bersaw states that he feels the petition should be denied based on the fact that there is no occasion.

Bersaw moved; Daniels 2nd. Board voted to deny the road layout petition. Motion to adjourn by Daniels, 2nd by Wallace. Public Hearing adjourned 5:46 pm.

Board reconvened to Selectmen Meeting at 5:47 pm.

Daniels moved; Bersaw 2nd; Board voted to approve the manifest dated February 14, 2022 for week of February 4, 2022-February 10, 2022 in the amount of: \$ 4,853.05 for payroll/accounts payable.

Bersaw moved; Wallace 2nd; Board voted to approve Occupancy Permit for Map 414 Lot 001, 10 Greenwoods Road. Owner-Whitney. Occupancy Permit is lacking owners' signature. Harrington to contact owner.

Received January 2022 police log from the Cheshire County Sheriff's Office. Reviewed.

Wallace moved; Daniels 2nd; Board approved Raffle Permit # 2022-001 for the Immaculate Heart of Mary School. Raffle to raise money for playground at the Immaculate Heart of Mary School.

Board reviewed minutes from 2/9/22 hearings that has been approved by town council. Also reviewed minutes from the 2-9-22 Pre-Warrant Hearing.

Board discussed warrant articles.

Board approved minutes for the public hearings on 01/26/22 and 02/09/22.

Appointments

Susan Lanen met with the Board to introduce herself as a candidate for the position of the new Deputy Tax Collector.

Welfare Administrator, Pamela Bielunis met with the Board to discuss proposed changes to the Welfare Guideline allowed amounts. Bielunis would like to increase the minimum amount that the Town provides for rent, electricity, etc. Bielunis explained the applicants need to reapply every month and must provide proof of rent, etc. The Town does not pay any debt that is in arrears, we only help going forward. Bielunis explained there is a formula to how much funding an applicant receives. Job logs are required of any applicant that is unemployed. Board agreed adjustments can be made. Pam will research and adjust.

Land Use Assistant, Kim Mattson, ZBA member Marcus Beauregard, ZBA Alternate Robert Gow met with the Board to discuss the recent site walk for Map 402 Lot 037. Mattson was concerned the meeting did not follow the procedure that the board has historically followed before voting on the variance. And she was concerned whether that would affect the validity of their decision. But after lengthy discussion w/ the Selectboard and ZBA members present, they generally concluded it would not since it was not a legal requirement, but only a ZBA practice.

***** IMPORTANT DATES *****

Town Election on Tuesday, March 8th from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at the Veteran's Memorial Hall at 150 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond, NH 03470.

Town Meeting-at the Veteran's Memorial Hall 150 Old Homestead Hwy in Richmond, NH 03470 on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Harrington

