

SELECTMEN'S MEETING NOTES

DECEMBER 23, 2019

Called to Order 6:00 pm

Present: Selectmen: Melissa Spinney, Greg Shute (Doug Baston absent); Members of the Public: Paul Tenman (Newcastle), James Patten (Newcastle), William Balch (Newcastle), Jeff Philbrook, Cathy Johnson, Chris Cooper, Ed Pentaleri, Doreen Conboy; Press: Susan Johns, Alex Violo; Clerk Liz Brown

Public Comment: None

New Business:

WW& F Railway Museum Archive

James Patten, Treasurer of the WW&F, said they had read the agreement sent to them from Ralph Hilton and they are interested but they don't just have \$13,000 readily available. He also asked if the In Lieu of Taxes payment could be used toward this. The selectmen said possibly the amount they give over the amount specified could, but not the actual In Lieu of Taxes payment. Talked about the possibility of a grant.

Chris Cooper suggested they could write a 5-year agreement with one-year extension year by year.

Selectman Shute said the first step is to hash out the agreement and then go forward with construction if all agree.

James Patten said that a meeting could be held at the railroad between them and the selectmen. The plan is to try for Saturday, January 11 at 10 a.m.

Shoreland Zoning Ordinance

It was discovered that the town has no attested copy of the 2011 ordinance amendments on file with the DEP. Unlike all other ordinances, the Shoreland Zoning ordinance has the final step required to be effective. That means 2011 amendments technically aren't in effect. The attested 2010 version is on file, so it is the one in effect.

Now that it is known, we need to know if the 2011 version can be attested now. The selectmen would like the planning board to see what is right and what is not. The 2010 version is 63 pages long.

Ed Pentaleri, Cathy Johnson, and Jeff Philbrook would like to have a copy.

The board recognized Paul Tenman from Newcastle--he talked about the need to seek advice on 2011--that actions since 2011 have been made, where 2011 may have been referenced. Look on mitigating disruptions, and if any legal actions taken.

Ed Pentaleri said references to shoreland zoning map are not on the website.

Abatement

No discussion as the abatement application expected did not arrive in the mail.

Old Business:

Head Tide Dam Update

Selectman Shute said that they are working on the dam erosion in a few spots, but it will be addressed in the spring. The viewing platform should be done next week.

Chris Cooper said it looks to him like the railing is complete. Aside from, that, it is a sheer drop now in one area and it's dangerous. There should be at least a rough boulder wall there. Selectman Shute will be addressing this and the need for additional signage in places at his next meeting.

Public Comment

Selectman Spinney wanted to publicly thank all those who contributed to the Giving Tree.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:30 p.m.