June 8, 2020

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NH RSA 91-A:3

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In Attendance: Morgan Currier (Chairperson), Omer C. Ahern, Jr. (Select Board Member), Francis Muzzey (Select Board Member), Paul Manson (Highway Road Agent), Wallace Trott (Police Chief), Randy Ruger (Transfer Station), Linda Franz (Bookkeeper), Tanya Vela (Administrative Assistant), Tracy Currier, Randy Kimball, Palmer Koelb, Sharon Sanborn, Janice Thompson, Kay Thompson

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by M. Currier

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments

Mr. Kimball – Cell Tower. Mr. Kimball asked to be put on the Agenda in order to speak to the Board about a cell tower being built next to his property on Ellsworth Hill Rd, where he’s lived for over ten years. He said he was not notified about it. He said he doesn’t pry into other people’s business, but it’s abutting his property, about 200-300 feet away. He said that having the tower next to his house is obviously going to affect the value of his property and wanted to know if he had any recourse or legal action he can take.

M. Currier said that a gentleman came to a meeting about six or seven months ago and it was a private sale of property to a company, similar to the Dollar General transaction, to her understanding. She informed Mr. Kimball that the Town has no zoning/permitting that would cover that so as a private sale, if they choose to put a tower on the property, they can do that.

F. Muzzey said that on that basis, there’s probably only a State regulation and suggested he call the State, but was unsure what department to call – perhaps the communications dept?

Mr. Kimball said, "So, I have no say in the matter that they’re going to screw me out of thousands of dollars potentially down the road? I have nothing to say about it?"

O. Ahern advised R. Kimball to contact a private attorney and suggested looking up the NH Bar Association’s Lawyer Referral Program. You can call the Bar Assoc and they have a lawyer referral program. O. Ahern said it may be something the Public Utilities Commission would look at because it’s a cell tower but would not want to ascertain anything else and told R. Kimball that it was best to consult with independent legal counsel.

He said he doesn’t even know the size of the tower and asked if anyone knew that. There are generators, HVAC systems and other ancillary equipment R. Kimball informed the Board that if any of them were in his position, they would be outraged with what’s going on here. M. Currier agreed. R. Kimball said that it’s going to cost him 25% of what his
house should be worth – and that’s a conservative number – because no one’s going to want to drive up and see a tower right there. He said he doesn’t even know the size of the tower and asked if anyone knew that. He added that then there are generators, HVAC systems and other ancillary equipment.

F. Muzzey asked what the current stage of construction is and R. Kimball said they just cleared it. He added that he’s trying to get a hold of the Site Manager to talk to him in a friendly manner and ask if he can be a good neighbor and make some accommodations. He said he has an idea of what the company is but doesn’t know the name, only that they’re out of MA and just moved into Concord. He spoke about the tower that just went up in Warren, NH.

R. Kimball said he understands the company is in it for business, but they could be good neighbors. He would just like to get their contact information. M. Currier said he could check the tax maps to see if the new owner information has been updated and explained how to find the information online, since it’s public knowledge.

Discussion continued about the sale being a private sale and that the past notification to the Board was out of courtesy to let the Town know that they had purchased the property from a private owner and that a cell tower was supposed to go up and be aligned with the one in Rumney.

T. Currier added that there was nothing in writing, just the person coming into the Select Board meeting to let them know.

R. Kimball asked if the residents should’ve been notified of their intent and M. Currier reiterated that the Town has no permitting or zoning laws when it’s a private sale and that it’s no different than when the Dollar General coming in and buying private property to put a building up.

F. Muzzey said he’s sure there are State permits, but doesn’t know enough information, so it’s probably best to go on the internet and look up the legal information.

R. Kimball thanked the Board for providing the information.

Water Testing. J. Thompson asked about the river report for water testing in August.

Email? Asked Administrative Assistant

Sharon Sanborn brought up geological site

Muzzey: Town has no say, State does. Public/Plummer’s Ledges

Kay Thomson: When you come up Ellsworth Hill Rd – intersection with Route 25, the State ever cut the tops of the sumac trees. Did do a nice job on the sides.

Road Agent: State hauled me over b/c he saw me mowing and asked me. b/w weed wack between posts. Boom mower.
Muzzey: I think that’s part of Lester Gove’s field and he gave it either to the Town or Library.

M. Currier: We’ll take a look
Sharon Sanborn: There’s another spot by Hinckley’s Pond.

New Business 5:23 p.m.

Administrative Assistant mentioned visit by M. Stetson and said the Town hasn’t updated the tax map but budgeted for it.

M. Currier When the budget was decided, the maps hadn’t been updated in about 5 years.

Administrative Assistant mentioned MS coming in and updating Avitar w/ Grafton County… but FM asked about maps and Administrative Assistant isn’t sure.

M. Currier: explained the different packages for options of different.

Administrative Assistant agreed that MS said it’s not a signed contract
Muzzey: I think it’s a good deal

Tracy Currier: Right – not updated in at least 5 years

M. Currier let MS know we want to sit down and review services Avitar provides – what maps we really need, the index, etc.

Tracy Currier: I think many are online system maps and we used to push off to save money, what system to we need

Floodplain. Package includes a lot of software and we may not have the computer system to deal with it.

He’s fantastic

Didn’t do it for 20 years and then we did for 1.5 years having the library trustees sign timecards and FM says he won’t sign them if it’s not signed but by law, the Town must pay.

Sharon Sanborn: Francis you were a Selectman during those 20 years that weren’t signed And I learn as I go along
The other 2 trustees and I work tues thu and if I’m not around and J, King is gone that would be me. But Muzzey says he wants to see the law and I will do it but

M. Currier: the trustees are in charge and they should be the point is that Town does not have direct control over what we’re looking for is verification from the trustees
Sharon Sanborn: so I’ll check the law and if it’s the Town policy, we want a copy of that policy

Kay Bailey: the previous board

Tracy Currier: Makes sense b/c trustee’s money

Kay Bailey: no it’s Towns money

Omer sought clarification. Are there relatives?

Sharon Sanborn: How can we keep track

Muzzey: We are talking in good faith.

Sharon Sanborn: So, do I have to sign them

M. Currier: Work out a time with her as long as you trust that those are the hours working

Omer: My concern is perceived conflict of interest. If this were a private business, that’s fine. We are govt and public and have to account to the people. Perceived conflict of interest. We have to avoid PERCEIVED conflict of interest. Again, someone who is not a relative, signing off.

Muzzey: I don’t have a policy

Sharon Sanborn: You said there was

No an RSA

Sharon Sanborn: I don’t think so. Do you think Maurice (Muzzey, former Trustee) would’ve let this go on all these years?

M. Currier: to Muzzey: Can you look for the RSA?

Sharon Sanborn: So we can look in our RSAs (Handbook Trustees)

M. Currier read out Letter from NH DRA (Administrative Assistant said M. Stetson looked up last year’s numbers and verified and signed)

Sharon Sanborn: why do we get money?

Muzzey: bc the fed govt owns land in this town

Omer: so is it Payment in lieu of taxes? Yes

Omer I guess by looking at this that the number of acres is critical. Acres per dred and value per acre so there’s obviously some type of computation (not Current Use), so I guess all we can do is verify every acre – was it surveyed?

Muzzey: Yes, Omer but it makes a difference if it was surveyed in the early 1700s.

Muzzey: I want to say in 1976 or thereabouts surveyed.

Workshop. F. Muzzey expressed interest and M. Currier asked Road Agent if he’s available and Road Agent says yes

M. Currier: I believe the Road Agent and SB member to attend.

Muzzey: made a motion to send Paul and Omer to the Workshop on Oct 4th.

Omer if you go on the Town’s dime, I will pay my own way.
M. Currier: we will send the road agent and one sb member at a minimum to the oct 4th class Omer second MC Yes OA yes FM Yes.

Omer: how much did County budget go up? Omer will peruse it.

OLD BUSINESS
*Morgan summarized HEB’s project and less money Chris Fournier’s meeting Didn’t sign just because it was outdated. Signing. It was motioned last week.

Morgan summarized the working meeting last week and J King’s proposal for Emergency Lane – Hooper Hill and part of Thayer.
2018 Dwelling Unit Response Form by NH Office of Strategic Initiatives.
Omer moved that the number of units come into WW over the last year FM Second MC vote yes, OA yes FM yes Motion Carried.

2019 MS-1 WW Summary Inventory of Valuation signed by the Board
MC read MS’s response to property inventory.
Muzzey: I’m in favor based on what’s said there b/c w/o it’s $400 well spent FM: sent
Omer: I think we should do the inventory. MC: I think that was the consensus MC: Any commentary from Public, so we will agree

FM Motion OA second MC yes FM Yes OA yes – PA-28 Inventory. FM offered to help Administrative Assistant

M. Currier will take DES paperwork and still needs to take care of Spectrum.
Omer said he spoke w/ Laury 2 months ago. Surprised no response.
Omer: do you still want me to try.
M. Currier: Sure
Omer: the County has no control over welfare office.

Muzzey:– Change agenda - Report of Town officials to #5 spot after New Business.
Road Agent been here for 1.5 hours and Road Agent spends enough time.

P Chief: Will comment on a couple things and will leave report for next meeting – busy.
Complaint at end of Rowentown Rd – part of Town Forest, but majority on private property.
Complaining about vehicles parked on Lance Rand – on side of Rowentown Rd. PC has been several times and hadn’t seen any vehicles, but that doesn’t mean there might not be a problem at other times.
P Chief Can control but there’s no signage and we’d have to post it.
Part of the issue may be b/c there might have been a party on his private property and State Police responded b/c WW working racetrack. P Chief: If the Town wants to put signs then. Road Agent: I can do it, just don’t know where they park but it would probably obstruct traffic.
M. Currier: PM DO we have no parking signs in garage IF we need to put them up. 
P Chief asked him to call when seen and get plate number. 
M. Currier TO PC so please just keep up apprised Police Chief just following up on it b/c of SB.

Road Agent will probably attend the workshop 
Town of WW does not have up to date 911 maps and they’re informational and have a lot of data and Casey in June obtained address road books and 3 digital disc with all information on it. Small maps (colored) very user friendly. All marshlands, floodzones, emerg services, pol dept and anything imp for someone wanting to look at over – 1 for Tanya, Road Agent & Chief Ames 
At NO COST to the Town.

Muzzey: Should those maps be taken down? 
P Chief: Will look at those maps and see. Also included all up to date 911 addresses as of May .
Muzzey: Any chance of 4th for HWY DEPT? 
Road Agent: Will look into it.

Omer: question to Chief but may be wrong place to raise question. Mt. Moos Hwy and Rte 25 are same thing. On 911, what do they call it – 
P Chief: Mt. Moosilauke.

M. Currier: I have no 
Omer: I make a motion approve new hiring 3rd employee b/c there will be no impact on TS budget b/c it’s replace in MC 2 fm Y OA y Motion carries.

Treasurer: \ we have close to 17k from HEB bridges… Franz the last warrant article 
M. Currier: It was modified b/c we had to look at it when talking about the bridges. So that bridge projects could be … Muzzey will go through all the Town Reports from 2006-present.

Omer: Visit Welfare 
Muzzey: Will look through 
M. Currier will take DES info and Spectrum look through notes 
Money does not enhance the capability of spending – goes into unexpended fund balance – Can you use your General Fund acct to pay HEB, for instance – Nothing else can be spent unless there’s a special grant – not Highway Block Grant. Only an unexpected grant – windfall.

Omer: question about town report. So the minutes of the Town Meeting. Where are the Minutes of the Town Meeting?

HWY DEPT
* Close Friend passed away - asked for personal day on Friday to attend service.
½ done with Boom mower and JC about 65 % done. I don’t think it’s in the Town’s best interest to be mowed twice a year –

**M. Currier:** if not done in 3 years, once a year step up. How long?

**Road Agent:** To do well, 2 weeks. And then should go around to trim trees, etc. We decided to take money out of tree trimming. Other than that – all fairly smooth. We haven’t gotten our F-550 back – almost 3 weeks – one-man project.

**M. Currier:** Hiring of 3d employee. See email from Legal? Basically if money’s not there shouldn’t advertise.

**Road Agent:** 65.5 percent of budget spent. I got 4 more months left. MC: SO what are your thoughts about where the money will come from if we were to get a third person.

**Road Agent:** I’m in the same boat as a couple weeks ago when we spoke,. I’ve got money in subcontractor’s budget – about 2500, but was hoping to use some of it b/c I need to hire a SC to dig a swale at side of road. Next Problem is that JC asked today about 5-6 days of vacation, hard time saying no since Nov 1 is coming up. Good time while alone to work with J. Comeau – after Road materials budget. Purposely saved it and I’ve harvested 100 yards of sand – probably enough sand to get us through DEC.

**Omer:** Do people in Town have the option of getting sand?

**Road Agent:** NO.

**Muzzey:** yes, 5 gallon can permitted.

**M. Currier:** In the past people have been allowed 5 gal can but problem in past w/ pick-ups.

**Road Agent:** I can put a notice out – day before snow...

**M. Currier:** Agreement on that is that as long as we have an Insurance Card on –

**Road Agent:** so I have 9k for sand but the salt budget is low and some of that has to be used for salt ($1300 not enough for a load)

**Road Agent:** I have it broken down that for 11 weeks, starting Oct 15th, hoping we can pay someone less than $18/hour to get someone in here .. week. .... So... overtime. (Reading Proposal #2)

**M. Currier** Make given how last 2 winters have gone and feedback from town always 2 people, do best for Town and advertise to hire a 3rd person.

**Muzzey:** but to hire and have 32 hours sitting around shop

**Sharon Sanborn:** How do you know you can get someone in an emergency.

**M. Currier:** SO I have a motion on the floor.

**Omer second for discussion purposes.**

**Omer:** Wants to see what it would cost if we have a bad storm day – see what those numbers are.
M. Currier: My counter thought is that we need a back-up plan then, if we are out of Town, for having someone that would say yes and come and we don’t have that.

M. Currier says there are people who retired and don’t want to come in the middle of the night b/c they’ve done it in the past and Chief Trott and we’re not saving money – we’re still paying someone. We’re going to get into a bind.

Proposals for sub-contractors have been out for a week Road Agent: we’ve gotten nothing.

Road Agent: I talked to Adam Patten, I can make a 100 /hour plowing driveways. Not a chance in hell. Arnie said won’t do it anymore. JC said in a dire emergency he would drive a one-ton and gave up his CDL

If we don’t do this, you are setting me up for catastrophic failure.

M. Currier: You’re the only one and I have to go with the majority
P Chief: as a dept head and chief and safety – last year came in 3 guys and took no breaks
M. Currier: Last year was scary.
P Chief: and the other thing we need to take in consideration when weighing a decision and you do I with 2 guys and one truck goes down – we’re going to cancel school we’ll have trucks off the road and I strongly feel

Muzzey:: we don’t need someone sitting around 32 hrs.
Road Agent: Enough for 3 FULL TIME EMPLOYEES until 2022. I’m not the type of person to sit around. I’m not asking for full time. I have a good rappor and people coming up and Mr. Borger said

“If you don’t have a 3rd guy in, kiss it goodbye
P Chief: and that is a HUGE thing coming from him b/c the majority of the complaints came from him. Last year when I was trimming. I think we’re doing the Town a huge disservice if we don’t hire a 3rd person.

Sharon Sanborn: Stuff is coming down all over the place.

Muzzey: past performances
Road Agent: We’ve heard testimony. – Residents.
Sharon Sanborn: I’ve only been here about 42 yres but the road agent’s job has always been a lot of conflict and no one stays very long b/c of conflict.

Omer: I’ve got a couple questions – You have identified the appropriate place in your budget to pay for this person through Dec 31st. Based upon the representations made by the Chief and extra – again, if I had proposal on one page – it’s a different world now, the buses made it – unfortunate different ball game. I’m in a line of work where liability issues cross my desk often, but if anyone gets hurt and killed bases on reps from H Agent
not going over budget to hire 3rds person and based on exigencies of situation – emergency. **Vote to support**

M. Currier: Vote yes

**Muzzey:** How many weeks we’re talking about? 11
If you just saw the Farmer’s Almanac that came out last night – sleet and freezing rain

**Muzzey:** $5400 and adding

**Road Agent:** Francis, last year I plowed for 49 hours straight
**Sharon Sanborn:** Is that legal?
**Palmer:** are your numbers based on pay or cost?
**Pay.**
**Road Agent:** Someone at 30 hours a week has no insurance. Have no idea how to compute that
**Road Agent:** Umbrella rate – municipality
**Sharon Sanborn:** Do you have to pay insurance like someone has their own truck?
**Road Agent:** They would have to have their own insurance. I had to have it last year and it cost me $2800 just to

**Omer** I just want to be certain that you’re not going to over spend your budget
**Road Agent:** NO.

**Muzzey:** Is this a motion to advertise or hire?
**M. Currier:** Because

The Board retains the choice to accept or reject all applications.

**Linda Franz:** To save money, why don’t you change the hire date from 10/15 to 11/1
That would save 1000 bucks
**Police Chief:** I think time is critical and just attended Haverhill and has a full time without benefits. So, I’m a little concerned.
**Road Agent:** The Town of Campton has had full time ad and not been able to fill it

**Omer:** I’m counting on is the fact that your new ra is maintain our vehicle better than before and we won’t run risk of wholesale loss of vehicles
**Muzzey:** on that note,
**Omer call to question (Note: See motion top page 8. FAM)**
**M. Currier:** yes
**Muzzey:** no
**Omer yes . Motion carried.**

**Linda Franz:** There is a warrant article 2015 #13 “To see if the Town … for the purpose of repairing and/or rebuilding Town-owned Bridges – approved.
**Muzzey:** That’s all I need.
Philip Kendall: Lookaway Lane: Questions – received a letter from Avitar 1. Is Avitar new or have they been assessing the Town for years. 2. We found out from State that charged for things we didn’t have – previous assessor “Are you going to have this and that” and State called and he said sure look around. Most make appt. I had problem with one that claimed dogs. And never stopped anyone – Apparently he knew when he looked at papers, we didn’t have what we were being charged (wife didn’t agree – building) – charged for FP too never had – wood stove. If you don’t “cut down the trees b/c place to hide” Heading down to FL in Dec – 3 day ride for us. So, concerned with Avitar – Oct 1st – That’ll be the next step. “The People’s Money was always good.”

Fine. Penalty

“The internet is a dark alley at 3 o’clock in the morning in New York City”

One last comment – We can’t correct problems if we don’t know they exist.

Omer to Hwy Dept: Emails appearance of impropriety dumping load.

M. Currier: is there a better way if you want a sample.

Omer: I want to look at a good sample a load from the end of the day a load – not sure how big a yard you have – it could be turned into compost and there’s some value there.

Omer: Again, we’re dealing with the People’s property and once it comes out of a ditch and I just can’t see giving it away.

M. Currier: What if we posted on the website – clean fill available.

Road Agent: What we have is a system that is almost..

Omer: What are you filling in – a wetlands area?

M. Currier: Make motion adjourn at 8:15 FM second MC yes OA yes FM Yes

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Approved by Selectmen on ............................

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