

Board Of Selectmen

May 21

Condensed from approved minutes

Present: Chairman Dennis Fenton, Selectman Roger Godwin, Town Administrator Mark Stetson

Road Agent John Thompson told the Board that his crews have completed repairs to many of the roads damaged by the April storm. He also told the Board that all roads are now passable, except Elbow Pond Road near Mountain Brook, which remains closed.

The work remaining includes mostly repairing ditches and cleaning and, in some cases, replacing culverts. Several roads also need repair to areas of pavement damaged by the heavy rains. He reported his crew removed several of the dead trees at the town beach on Highland Lake. There is one left to remove, but he will have to wait until the area dries out to do so.

Stetson told the Board that the Planning Board has scheduled time at its June 12 meeting to meet with an individual who proposes to subdivide into multiple lots an approximate 20-acre parcel that sits north of Shaw Hill Road and west of Raccoon Hill Road.

Because this land is upslope of Raccoon Hill Road and channels a lot of storm water to the road, Stetson suggested the Board take an interest in this project to ensure that residential development does not endanger the road. Godwin suggested that perhaps the developer should be required to hire an engineer to address the storm water concerns.

Ted Andrus and Zachary Lamas presented photos of a portion of Raccoon Hill Road and during an ensuing discussion Lamas alleged that the condition of that road on May 14 caused damage to a vehicle driven by Marianne Lamas. Mr. Lamas re-

quested that the Town pay the cost of the repairs to the vehicle. The Board asked him to document his request in writing to the Board and committed to making a decision by the next Selectmen's meeting.

The Selectmen further discussed the request from Mr. Lamas and determined that the Town cannot be held liable for alleged damages unless Mr. Lamas provides evidence in accordance with state statute that compels a different course of action.

Under old business, Stetson told the Board that the engineering firm hired for the work at the Highland Lake dam is making regular progress and appears to be on schedule.

Under new business, the Board reviewed two Intents to Cut Timber forms that had been filed.

The Board signed a lease agreement with Howard Proctor for his continued use of town-owned land for a dock on Highland Lake.

The Board met with David Shedd to discuss his request to construct and use a driveway off of the Class VI portion of Morrill Hill Road. He told the Board that he has sought and received a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and is in the process of subdividing his property into two lots. He further explained that the lot containing his dwelling fronts on the Class VI road and the second lot will have frontage on Monticello Drive but, due to wetlands issues, will have to use Morrill Hill for access. The Board agreed to his request conditioned upon his signing a waiver releasing the Town of potential liability.

Back under new business, the Board approved the appointment of Lorraine Cline to an available position on the Conservation Commission.

The Board approved two abatement requests from the Tax Collector.

June 4

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Zachary and Marianne Lamas met with the Board to discuss their request for the Town to pay for damages they allege were caused to their vehicle by the condition of Raccoon Hill Road on May 14. Fenton explained that state law provides immunity to the Town in this situation.

During the ensuing discussion, Mrs. Lamas commented that she had traveled over that section of road prior to the incident in question, had noted its condition, but had failed to inform Town officials of her concerns.

Fenton provided a copy of the relevant statutes and committed to providing written confirmation of the Board's decision.

Road Agent John Thompson told the Board that his crews are still working to repair damage caused by the April storms. He opined that the work will be ongoing for several more weeks.

Under old business, Stetson told the Board that the wetlands permit application for the work at the dam is nearly complete and will be submitted within a couple of days. He also reported that a public hearing has been scheduled during the Board's next regular meeting as part of the Board's previously established policy prior to lowering the level of the lake after Labor Day to facilitate

the repair work. He told the Board that drafts of the necessary easements have been reviewed and approved by the engineer.

Stetson reminded the Board of the public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, at 3 PM at DES offices on Hazen Drive in Concord as required for the Elbow Pond Road project.

The Board signed the letter to be sent to Bob Ward that was discussed at the last meeting.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Graves property tax abatement application.

In regard to the Friends of the Northern Rail Trail's request for the Town to administer the Transportation Enhancement Grant that FNRT has recently been awarded, Stetson reported that some of the additional documentation has been received that the Board had requested. The Board is still waiting for documentation that the state will either waive or relax its requirement that the Town be responsible for liability and future maintenance of the trail.

Godwin reminded the Board that the Cable Committee has scheduled a public hearing at the Town Office at 7 PM on June 7 to receive public comment regarding the proposed renewal of the Town's cable television franchise agreement with Comcast.

Under new business, of the seven bids received, the Board accepted the low bid of 3.60% from Lake Sunapee

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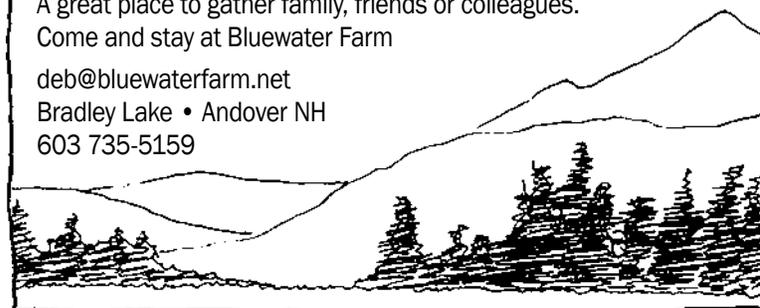
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