

**Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 8, 2023
Approved**



1) Open Meeting

Chair Jim Delaney called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Board members present: Selectmen Roland Carter and Dana Swenson

Others present included: Town Administrator Kimberley Edelmann, Town Clerk / Tax Collector Lisa Meier, and Road Agent Frank Bryson. Also present were Wilmot Selectman Glynis Hart, a few residents of Wilmot, Ken Tripp, Seth Currier, Lenny Caron and several other Andover residents.

2) Departments

a. Highway Department

Road Agent Frank Bryson reported that the crew was focusing on grading and ditching. They removed all of the poison ivy along the railroad bed near Highland Lake.

RA Bryson noted that some of the pavement on Beech Hill Road needed attention. A few years ago, a company installed poles and while doing that, broke up the pavement. They wrote a check for \$5000 or \$6000 which was put into the general fund. It was never used to fix the road. Now residents want to see the corner repaved. RA Bryson asked if the Town wants to repave it or return it to dirt. Originally, it was paved as a resident was having difficulty getting up the hill.

RA Bryson said he wanted to pave Poplar and Shirley Roads. He felt it would be easy, involving an overlay. He also said it may be good to pave Park Street this year.

Chair Delaney asked RA Bryson to get estimates. He also suggested that the funds collected earlier should be applied to Beech Hill Road.

The bridge on Hall Road needs attention this year. Chair Delaney said the selectboard would be looking at transferring funds later in the meeting. They would take a look at it from there.

RA Bryson said the department was going to do some temporary fixes to the red-listed bridges on Elbow Pond Road. The bridge needs replacing. He presented an idea on how to make a better bridge involving going back into the road 6 to 10 feet, put blocks into the road, get new beams to run the span, leaving the road still there where the brook runs through, bolt the beams to the blocks, make the span from there, then put concrete slabs on top.

Chair Delaney liked the idea and asked the Road Agent to get estimates. He explained that the bridge was a floating slab bridge anchored by metal lockings that were rusting away, so the slabs were sliding. RA Bryson said he'd like to consult with Josif Bicja from Hoyle Tanner first. Chair Delaney agreed.

Chair Delaney asked about the "emergency cell phone" used by the department. RA Bryson explained that it was the phone used by whoever was on call for the weekend. Dispatch is not given individual private cell phone numbers. TA Edelmann noted that the electric utilities also have the emergency number. The cell phone number is not published.

b. Transfer Station

TA Edelmann introduced Wilmot Selectman Glynis Hart who introduced a few Wilmot residents who were also in attendance.

Selectman Roland stated that Ken Tripp wanted to start a recycling committee to discuss ideas about recycling, finding ways to earn revenue through recycling, and exploring ideas about consolidation / shared resources. He noted that Selectman Hart was also interested in this.

TA Edelmann shared that after speaking with Selectman Hart she spoke with Transfer Station Supervisor Rich Gross about it who said he was very interested in the idea, had pursued it in the past, and wanted to be involved in discussions.

Chair Delaney suggested holding an initial meeting after July 4th.

Selectman Hart said she attended an NRRRA Conference. One of the workshops was on partnerships with other municipalities and covered ideas such as funding, fees, use of facilities, management, decision making, etc. Some NH towns are already sharing facilities. She plans to reach out to some of them to learn more. She also understood that the idea of sharing resources had been discussed before and wondered if there was any institutional memory about what happened. She heard the Wheelabrator contract was a limiting factor. Chair Delaney believed the talks just broke down.

Selectman Hart said that she also talked with Rich at the Andover Transfer Station to learn more about the Andover operations. She said Rich had some good ideas.

Selectman Swenson asked if the idea was to have a combined Transfer Station. Selectman Hart said everything was on the table. She noted that the Wilmot facility was very small and could not offer recycling. Staffing was also a challenge.

RA Bryson commented that Wilmot used to take glass to New London. Selectman Hart said that was no longer the case.

Chair Delaney said he visited the Wilmot facility to see their compactor. He was impressed by Transfer Station Manager Tim Martin's knowledge.

Ken Tripp shared that he also attended the NRRRA Conference. He said NRRRA would be willing to send their expert, Brian Patnoe, to towns for more detailed discussions. Mr. Tripp recommended having him tour the Transfer Station then come to a selectmen's meeting. Mr. Tripp said he would like to see the Town establish a recycling committee. He also believes the Town should consider "pay as you throw".

Chair Delaney said there were two cardboard compactors at the Andover Transfer Station. One has been turned into an aluminum can compactor. Aluminum was selling for \$1600 per ton. He suggested that if the Towns agreed, Wilmot could send their aluminum and glass to Andover. Selectman Carter noted that hard plastics were a money maker, too.

Selectman Hart shared that the Wilmot selectboard was just getting started and was setting up a recycling committee. If the Towns of Wilmot and Andover decided to go forward, it may be good to have a shared committee.

The next steps: After the 4th of July, a meeting will be scheduled. Also, Ken Tripp will invite Brian Patnoe to visit the Andover facility.

3) Nonpublic Session #1

At 6:18 pm, Chair Delaney made a **motion** to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91 A:3 ii (a). Selectman Carter **seconded**. Roll call, **all in favor**.

At 6:54 pm, Chair Delaney made a **motion** to reconvene public session. Selectman Carter **seconded**. Roll call, **all in favor**.

Chair Delaney made a **motion** to seal the minutes. Selectman Swenson **seconded**. Roll call, **all in favor**.

4) Transfer Station Policies

Chair Delaney shared that while at the Transfer Station on a Saturday, someone drive in with a full trailer load, drove around to the C&D, dumped it and left without paying. He believes that the Transfer Station staff should get the license plate number and report it to the Police Department as it was legally theft of services.

Selectman Carter agreed that was a great idea. He also shared that there was a problem with dump stickers and lack of paperwork. Town Clerk Lisa Meier said that the Transfer Station did not want to do the paperwork. Chair Delaney suggested that when residents register their vehicles, the Town Clerk office could give out dump stickers.

Stickers cost \$5.00 and cover access to the Transfer Station and the Town Beach and are good for the life of the car.

Chair Delaney said he would speak to Rich Gross and get his inputs regarding a new policy.

5) Bridge Road Covered Bridge

Chair Delaney opened up discussion about the color of the roof.

The contractor suggested "antique bronze" for the roof. It has a matte finish.

Conservation Commission Co-Chair Jesse Schust said he was leaning more towards "sierra tan", "buckskin", "slate gray", "champagne", "granite" and "musket gray".

Seth Currier said the TDS roof looked closer in color. He felt the Card Hill bridge in Lebanon was nice, but too light at times.

Selectman Carter felt a darker roof would melt snow faster and reduce maintenance.

Jesse Schust looked at the TDS roof and agreed the darker matte looked good. He also noted that a bronze color was what the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges recommended. Everyone agreed a matte finish was the way to go, reducing any glare. Everyone also agreed on "antique bronze".



Chair Delaney said the Town had received a bid to do the roof for \$699,000. However, that bid included full replacement of the roof structure. The engineer advised the Town that only the roof needed replacing.

Resident Lenny Caron said the roof was not leaking and didn't need replacing. Also, he'd prefer wood shingles. He said rumor was the new roof was going to cost \$130,000.

Chair Delaney said the cost was \$36,000 with a \$10,000 contingency in case beams or flanking needed replacing.

6) Highway Department Facility

Selectman Swenson reported that he was working on the specifications for the redesign, doing it as a design-build. He was more than half done. The building description was going to be more generic, allowing the design-build team to present their recommendations.

Selectman Swenson met with the Highway Supervisor / Road Agent Frank Bryson and discussed the needs of the department. RA Bryson said he would like 3 bays, 2 of which could be cold storage and 1 enclosed bay with a wash area attached to the office area. Also, the Town should ask what it would cost to add a slab for 2 additional bays.

Selectman Swenson expected to have everything ready by the next meeting to send out. Then a schedule could be established, get submittals, bring in teams and narrow it down to a few. Then make a decision.

Selectman Swenson also reported that he had heard rumors that the reason the highway garage was not begin built was because the Town was using the money for bridge work instead. He explained to one person that funds appropriated for one use can not be used for a different purchase. TA Edelmann offered to get something into the Beacon to help clarify.

7) Administration

a. Beta Coaching Program

TA Edelmann reported that she attended an NHMA seminar where she learned about a new beta program. Only 10 Towns would be accepted into the program which focused on coaching towns through the grant process from start to finish. The program would be good for the Town and good for the TA.

Chair Delaney made a **motion** to allow TA Edelmann to apply for the program. Selectman Swenson **seconded**. The **motion passed** with all in favor.

b. UNH Grants Seminar

TA Edelmann reported that she signed up for a University of New Hampshire seminar regarding grants. It's in July.

Chair Delaney asked about the Roads Scholar program. TA Edelmann noted that RA Bryson was receiving information about that.

8) Corresepondence & Signatures

The Board signed the following:

- ◆ Procurement Policy - Signatures only
- ◆ Payroll Manifest - \$51,521.88
- ◆ Check Manifest - \$369,785.76
- ◆ Intent to Cut - Map 4, Lot 19-41 on Shaw Hill Road
- ◆ Intent to Cut - Map 22, Lot 172-360 on Philbrick Road
- ◆ All States Construction - Liquid Calcium
- ◆ Ossipee Electronics - Highway Radios
- ◆ Sign Application - Birdseye Woodwork

While signing, Chair Delaney shared that he had a conversation with a person once who brought up the fact that all the money was put into the highway building and Jim replied that it would be nice to take that money to do the bridges. But he didn't say the money would be taken out! He said that's how rumors get started.

Chair Delaney noted that there were several requests for reimbursements from the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

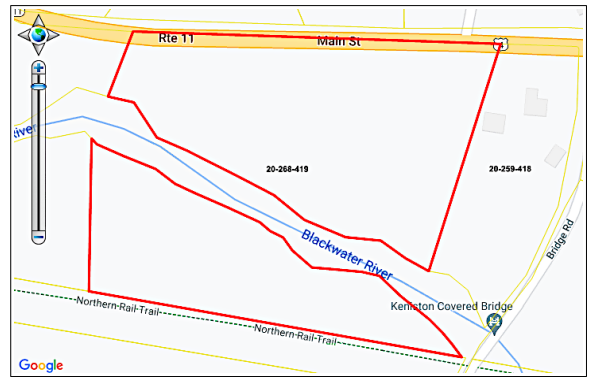
- ◆ Technology ETF - \$14,197.77
- ◆ Lawrence Street Bridge CRF - \$28,759 & 24,735.73
- ◆ Bridge Rehabilitation- Keniston Bridge - \$12,565.80 & \$6,100.57
- ◆ Hall Road Bridge - \$249.60).
- ◆ Transfer Station EFT - \$27,625
- ◆ Town Buildings ETF for radon mitigation - \$28,474.36

9) Public Comment

a. Lenny Caron - Town Property Map 20, Lot 268-419

Resident Lenny Caron introduced himself to the new selectmen. He asked the selectboard to hear him out. The purpose was to share some history which Chair Delaney already knew. He didn't need comments on it. He just wanted to tell the story, then he'd be on his way.

Lenny said this was regarding "the Buswell property". Part of the property borders Bob Currier's property and the other part was near the bridge and Blackwater River. He bought the property from Phil Buswell. He had the deed to the bottom section, about 2 acres.



Backing up a bit, Mr. Caron explained that Phil was a bit of a weasel.

Lenny got along with all of the Buswells. Phil had the land by the covered bridge. Lenny owned a piece next to it, almost the same footprint. Brian Shaw used to cut the corn in Lenny's field. Brian came up looking for Lenny. He wanted to sell all the trees by the covered bridge. Brian told Phil that Lenny sells firewood to him. So for \$2,000, Lenny bought the trees. An intent to cut form was filled out which he didn't use. Lenny has the canceled checks.

A few weeks later, Phil said he needed to sell the land that the trees sat on. Lenny hadn't cut the trees yet and was thinking it might be senseless to cut them. He was worried about erosion. Phil wanted \$3,000 for the land. Lenny paid Phil the \$3,000.

Phil went to the Planning Board and had everything all set. He did everything requested of him. Then Town Administrator Mark Stetson didn't want to accept the deed because he wanted to know the river frontage. Phil then went to Lenny and said, "What's he doing? They tax me for 700 feet of river? That's not good enough for me to sell it on." And that was the end of it.

Mr. Caron helped Phil a bit with the taxes and then lost track of it. Then, he gets it back up again. After that deal was done, Phil came for the other side behind Bobby Currier's. There was a logger named Parker Rowe working at the time at the Wilcox farm and Phil had him look at the pine trees. Again, Phil went to Lenny saying he wanted to sell the pine trees. Lenny gave him \$3,000. Phil gave him a contract and receipt. And an intent to cut form was filled out.

Mr. Caron said that knowing what Phil was up to, he expected Phil to come back and say he needed to sell the land the trees sat on. But he didn't. He wouldn't answer his phone or his mail. Lenny couldn't get hold of Phil. He knew something was odd because Phil would come get his piece of the taxes. Lenny didn't pay much. The 2 acres he owned was \$12 per year.

One time, a chap was coming down the railroad track with a bunch of stuff strapped onto his back. He thought maybe someone broke into a house somewhere. So he went over to see what the man had. It was Chris Buswell. Lenny told him he had been looking for his uncle, Phil. Chris told him he was in Proctor Cemetery; he's dead. Lenny said he didn't know that. He never saw an obituary. Nothing in the Andover Beacon.

Phil's death created a problem. Lenny gathered all of the records he had and went to the Town Office and spoke with Town Clerk Joanna Sumner. He explained about his conversation with Chris Buswell. He said the Town had yet to honor that deed. She said she tax deeded it 3 weeks earlier.

Joanna came up from Florida a month or so ago. She and Lenny got to talking about that. She couldn't believe that that hadn't been solved. She wrote up a letter about it and got it notarized at the bank. Chair Delaney has a copy of the letter.

The property was tax deeded on August 6, 2013. After all that time, Mr. Caron has been through about eight selectmen trying to get it settled. After Joanna learned this, she went in to see Town Administrator Marjorie Roy and told the story. Joanna felt it should be an easy fix. Lenny was prepared to pay the taxes then and there. He already had a lot of money in the place.

Lenny said he had lots of information and correspondences on how he tried to settle it. There were articles in the Andover Beacon where they recognized he was the only person interested in the property. That was 13 years ago.

It came close to being solved when Bill Keyser, Chuck Keyser and Dave Blinn were the selectmen, they went to Town Lawyer. He was invited to a selectmen's meeting. Bobby Currier was there. Roy Carlson was there. In that meeting, they gave Lenny the figure. But if you look through all the information, there were many times when he tried to settle it. There was no reason for the land to not be settled all that time. This started back in 2010. The taxes are the taxes. But the penalties and interest was unnecessary. So, it went on. The board didn't know how to handle it. They were going to talk to the Town Lawyer again. It got tabled. He didn't know why. It just stopped.

The board offered Lenny, for X amount, and he didn't do it because he wanted them to do something about the penalties and interest.

A few weeks later, the whole board quit.

A new board of Michelle Dudek, Todd Goings who was the only one who was elected, and John Kinney. Once they settled in, Lenny brought it to their attention again. Then they were going to maybe auction the land to the 3 abutters: himself, Bobby Currier and Roy Carlson. Roy didn't really care about the land. Bobby had no interest at the time. That's in the minutes. Later on, Bobby showed an interest. He had his hands full at the time.

Looking at some of the old stuff, "Lenny Caron came in to speak with the Selectmen about the interest and penalties" was from March of 2019. The minutes were in the Andover Beacon.

There was a lot of stuff in the minutes where they claimed there was only person with interest on the land; him. They kept trying to get it settled.

Then Seth Currier came along on January 30, 2023. Lenny had the minutes from that meeting, too. They take all this time with all these years trying to settle this. This man goes in the end of December and then January 30 and wants to see what's going on. In the minutes, it says Chair Michelle Dudek noted that the selectboard had decided in December that Seth would be the purchaser. It goes on to say that she had submitted all documents to the Town Attorney for review. August 2023 would be ten year anniversary of the Town deeding the property. Further on, it said that Selectman Delaney noted that the Town also needed to cover the cost of legal fees, notices, and other related expenses. TA Edelman asked if there was any legal documents on it and they said no. But Selectman Dudek went into an agreement with Selectman John Kinney who wrote, "please be advised that the selectboard met on 3/28/22 and have agreed that if you provide a survey of the portion of the lot on the south side of the Blackwater River the Town will sign over the deed."

Lenny paid \$2,500 for that survey. He also had all the money on the other side.

The point is that this was headed to court. The only thing they didn't have was the court date. He was here today, he thought it was silly, he thought it was stupid. He wasn't asking for anything special. He'd been in the town 34 years. He was a very heavy taxpayer, paying over \$20,000 per year. He was one of the first to pay his taxes when they were due the other day. He never had any kids in the school district. We lived on a State road. He doesn't get one benefit other than using the dump. This should have been handled when Joanna Sumner was there, even if it took a couple of months.

Lenny owns the land. The deed is dated February 25, 2003. All these years, he has not been able to use the money he invested in the property. There was a time not long ago when Selectman Delaney came up with a paper he had Town Clerk Lisa Meier give with \$8,000 owed on it. He had Cristy Perkins give it to him. He asked if it was for the 6 acres or

the 2 acres. Lisa said it was for the whole property. She said to check with the selectmen. He thought it was going to get settled.

It hurts him, all these years. And Mr. Currier came back home and all the sudden he wants the land, not knowing about all the money Lenny had put into it. And they say they will sell the land to him. They have no binding contract and you get the selectmen to sign papers saying there is. In December, in a nonbinding meeting, to ask about the property. He had a fairly decent relationship with his father, they've been neighbors a long time. He knew Lenny was going in in October to have a hip replaced. He was laid up for almost a month.

How did he learn about the January 30th thing? He drove by and he saw certain people at a meeting. He went in and got the minutes from Lisa. Then he visited the Town Administrator who told him there would be a meeting February 8 on it.

At that meeting, Seth Currier and Roy Carlson were there. Chair Dudek admitted about the contract she made with him, but she said she thought it had expired.

Lenny couldn't find a surveyor. The four he knew were retired or gone. He drove into Bristol and saw a land surveyor sign. He called him and got the survey done. The map was brought into the Town on February 9.

At the meeting, Selectman Guptill said he wasn't going anywhere because he didn't realize Michelle had made an agreement with anyone. All of this was in the minutes that the TA wouldn't give him. The selectboard had the power to ask Lisa for the complete minutes, not these cut up things. There you'll see what was said.

Lenny didn't know when they get to court, all this stuff, all this money. He wanted to know what it takes to be a resident. One man jumps in with a nonbinding, the selectboard played on that. The board doesn't care how much money someone else had in it. At the February 9th meeting, Lenny showed that he had \$10,500 dollars into it. He's the abutter. It was going to court for no reason.

People have a right to sell land. There were some mishaps. Lenny didn't know the man was going to get killed, he was sure Phil didn't know either. He was down in Boston, Massachusetts. Lenny didn't know about it until he met that kid on that railroad track that day.

Phil would have come back and Lenny would have ended up buying the dirt those trees set on. The land, don't even know if it's a buildable lot. He knew the other one floods in the spring. The State has an easement through the upper side. You have to be 75 feet either side of that. There was 150 foot setback from the road and from the water. With all three pieces, Lenny would have enough to put it in current use. The taxes were high for what it was. He didn't know why.

Lenny said there was a lot more going on. Chair Delaney told him one board of selectmen did not need to honor what another board of selectmen said. He didn't know why not. Lenny did everything each board asked him to do and it cost him all that money. Then, it's no good because the board says its doesn't have to be honored.

At court, this would be brought up. The Town spent this money to clear things up and then it's no good because it was a different board. But Jim was on the board 6 years ago with Vicky Mishcon and he brought all this to them. When they first came on, they tried to settle it then. It's been 20 years since he bought the land and 10 years since the Town took it. He's been fighting constantly. Stop the bills from running. His taxes are paid. Get it cleaned up. There were no interest or penalties. Every time he goes to a selectmen's meeting, he stresses that. There's more interest than penalties. It's senseless. Why? Then they figure a \$40,000 something bill. They didn't know what they could do about changing that. There were a lot of minutes that show that.

Lenny knows Jim knows everything. He didn't know what the new selectmen knew. And the Town was having the property surveyed before everything was settled.

Lenny added that the Town Lawyer should be replaced because he would do anything the board wanted him to do even if it's wrong. If the board don't want something done, he'll find a way for them not to have it done. And that's wrong. He

watched him in many meeting and the very people who pay him, he cuts people down. And that's probably why the selectboard agreed to have it surveyed.

Chair Delaney responded, stating that the reason the land was surveyed was because Mr. Caron put an injunction on the Town for selling the property. The Town still owns the property and surveying was in the Town's best interests so that the exact boundaries would be known. That was all there was to it.

Lenny said it didn't need to be surveyed, as it was already done and the Town had a copy. On November 18, 2019, the Town wanted \$22,613 for the whole property including the pieces he already bought. Over \$10,000 was interest and penalties, which were unnecessary. This could have been taken care of in 2003.

On the map, Roy Carlson, 126 feet. 600 feet of road frontage on the state road. Bobby Currier, 429 feet. 600 of water frontage. It was already done. The piece at the bottom, 275 feet, 725 feet, 650 feet.

Lenny couldn't understand why it wasn't just taken care of. All the board wants is to put it back into tax circulation. His taxes are all paid up.

Now was this costing the taxpayers money to go to court. And he's asking for lawyer's fees because they will prove this was senseless. It doesn't have to go to court. It can be stopped at any time.

Lenny was there because he believed the new selectmen didn't know the whole story. He tried in April to come talk about it, but Jim decided not to have that meeting and that obviously it was done.

Chair Delaney interjected. He said Lenny came into the Town Offices, some of the girls attending the meeting were witnesses, he told Lenny the paperwork was all done on the property and the price was there for him to pay. He said Lenny responded by saying, "Bull. I'm putting an injunction against you. I don't want it" and then Lenny left. Then Chair Delaney returned everything back to the file.

Mr. Caron said he told Chair Delaney long before that that he was filing an injunction. And then Delaney came out with the paperwork and told Lenny that the little 2 acre piece had \$11,000 back taxes to which Lenny responded that he paid \$12 per year on pieces bigger right beside it and the Town wanted \$1100 per year for 10 years.

Chair Delaney said the price of \$11,000 covered the back taxes owes before the Town owned it. Once a property is taken by the Town, taxes are not charged because the Town owns it.

Mr. Caron said you gotta hold up then. He would see what there was for paperwork.

Chair Delaney said the \$11,000 also included lawyer fees and other fees that were added on.

Mr. Caron said that was his whole point with prior boards. All that stuff was unnecessary.

Chair Delaney said he didn't disagree, but they had to go by the figures that were given because the other board evidently did not make an agreement with Lenny or did not carry through with it.

Mr. Caron handed over a document he received from the Tax Collector. At that time, that was what was owed on the property. He thought it was for the 4 acre piece. She said it was for the whole thing as it was one tax lot.

Chair Delaney said there were two tracts. One was owned by Phil Buswell, the other by Donald Buswell which was passed on to their family. Phil Buswell didn't have legal rights to sell the property.

Mr. Caron explained that Mr. Buswell had the family. Jane Buswell, who used to be Jane Fenton - Dana's father-in-law's brother's first wife. He talked to Paul. He knows history in Town. Mr. Buswell wrote out an affidavit about how he got that property from his relation. However, it's not legal. It's not recorded. The lawyer says it's not legal. And all of the people have died.

Mr. Caron knows that eventually Buswell would have sold him all of the land. No question on it that he was being taxed for that piece of land. And yet he didn't even rightfully own it. So the Town doesn't rightfully own it. It's such a mess. And he's involved in it. He believes Chair Delaney has seen the affidavit, one time, while in Pat Moyer's office.

Mr. Caron showed a copy of the affidavit. On the 2 acre piece. He bought what Phil sold him.

Mr. Caron said he spent countless hours trying to do research going way back and a lot of money on lawyers, discoveries. The \$10,500 the Town has is nothing compared to what he had in lawyers and discoveries. But, that's what happened.

Mr. Caron showed the contract on the timber. The Town deeded it. But as far as having a vast interest in something, a legal statement for that, the yield tax was filed, the contract was signed and made out, and the man died. That's on the 4 acre piece on the top.

Mr. Caron said all he ever wanted was not to be charged the interest and penalties because it should have been taken care of almost 10 years ago. And it could have been. All he had to do was get it done. And they almost did it. But he screwed it up by, again, senseless costs of interests and penalties that shouldn't have been there. And they were going to try to do something about it and then they disappeared. And another board sets in and they disappear and we have a new board.

Mr. Caron said he owned quite a bit of land in town. He had his family here, 13 grand kids, two sons. He wasn't going anywhere. He said he's not a smart man, but he works hard and if he gets a little money and he wants to invest in something he likes, he should be able to do it. He didn't steal the land. He didn't con anyone out of anything. He put money there and paid for it. He didn't see anything wrong with that.

Like Joanna Sumner said, it was an unfortunate thing that happened and it was. Lenny didn't know the guy had died and he's sure he didn't want to go. There was a copy of what Joanna said.

Lenny said the whole thing was senseless. All those years, for nothing. It could have been back into tax circulation without all the interest and penalties. You can't do anything with the land to begin with. It's just protection. All those trees gone behind Bobby Currier's place, everyone would be looking down at that pit of mine and there would be more complaints. It's like a curtain for him.

Lenny thanked the board for listening.

b. Comments

Chair Delaney said he hoped it will get resolved.

Lenny said he really hoped they would not have to go to court. It was costing him time and money for no reason, \$320 per hour for the lawyer.

Seth Currier said he hoped it went to court. The public hearing was at June 21 at 10 am. He planned to attend. His lawyer did a title search and learned that Buswell never owned the 2 acres. He would be meeting with the Avitar assessor to learn how the two tracts became one property.

Seth said he wanted the land. The Curriers had been in Town a very long time. He wanted the property to secure his parent's property. He was ready to fight for it. He took the ball as far as he could and he thought he was going to make a touchdown. But someone fumbled.

The 2 acres across the river, he would have liked. His family had picnics down there. But the 4 acres, he wanted that and would do what he could to get it. It WAS frustrating. And it has been a debacle. But he was glad it had been a debacle as it has landed him in a position to hopefully purchase it.

Chair Delaney wanted to clarify a point. He said that when a previous selectboard was discussing the property, statements were made about selling it outright. The board had no right to do that. Any Town property that is sold must

go out to auction with the highest bidder getting the property. There is no sales and purchase agreement with anybody. He wanted everyone to understand that. He understands statements were made that may have led Seth in a different direction. Seth said he was happy as there would have been lawsuits had he purchased it and he would have had to pay a lot for a quiet claim.

Chair Delaney said that once this was settled, and it would be settled, the property would go up for auction. The Town could not do anything with the property until it was settled, until the courts were done.

Seth Currier asked if the Town planned to put up a fight for this. Chair Delaney said that the Town's legal was involved in it.

c. Charlie Bear / Andover Historic Society

Mr. Bear introduced himself by saying his family has had a cabin on Bradley Loop since 1969.

Charlie was there to speak on behalf of the Andover Historic Society. Each year, they hold the Old Time Fair in Potter Plan. They were asked to ask if they can close Depot Street for the day on Sunday August 6 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Selectman Swenson asked if that was from Freight Shed to the Park & Ride. Charlie confirmed it was.

Chair Delaney made a **motion** to allow closure of Depot Road from the old Andover Proctor Inn to the Park & Ride. Selectman Carter **seconded**. The **motion passed** with all in favor.

TA Edelmann shared that she asked the Police Chief about this and what the process was used. He said there was no process he was aware of.

Mr. Bear thanked the selectboard for what they do for the Town.

10) Town Beach

Selectman Swenson said that he has read the emails forwarded to the selectboard regarding various issues at the Town Beach. He like to see a discussion about the topic at a future meeting, inviting the Police Chief to the discussion. Maybe there could be some simple solutions.

Selectman Swenson also shared that he lives a short distance from the beach and swings by there often. He finds that it's usually quiet, but on the holidays and hot days it can be packed. He suggested having a sandwich board that reminds people that Town stickers were required in order to park there and to issue warnings with fines to follow.

a. Temporary Beach Stickers

Town Clerk Lisa Meier said that the Town also provides Temporary Beach Stickers. Since the Town of Salisbury does not have a Town beach, residents of Salisbury can be provided a temporary sticker. Also, if someone's family members are visiting, she can provide them with a Temporary Beach Sticker, too.

Temporary Beach Stickers have to be displayed on the dashboard the whole time the vehicles are parked at the beach.

TA Edelmann said that this was the first she had heard that Salisbury residents were welcome at the beach. Chair Delaney said as long as he could remember, there was an agreement in place with the Town of Salisbury to let them come over and get a temporary summer pass for the beach since they have nothing. They have to pay for it. TA Edelmann said she worked for the Town of Salisbury for 2.5 years and she had never knew that. Chair Delaney said it's been a standing policy since he could remember.

b. Parking Area

Chair Delaney said there were complaints about parking near the rail trail. The Town did not have control over that area.

Selectman Swenson said the out-of-state license plates were what Andover residents see. When they take up a parking space reserved for residents, that was the problem. The beach itself is a NH public waterway, which can't be restricted.

Selectman Swenson reiterated that he'd like to have the Chief join in the discussion about parking.

Chair Delaney would also like to discuss use of surveillance cameras in the parking area.

11) The Refinery

Chair Delaney noticed that since the "no parking" signs were put up near The Refinery, people were still parking there.

TA Edelmann said that was going to change. Parking tickets were needed and were ordered.

12) Audit Checklist

Selectman Swenson shared that Cristy had shared the audit checklist with the selectboard. He wondered if a working session was needed to go through the intense checklist. The board fills out the form each year.

TA Edelmann noted that she was not copied on that.

13) Lawrence Street Bridge

Selectman Swenson reported that while at the Transfer Station, Mark Stetson pointed out that there was a change in elevation between the bridge and the road. Mark suggested having someone come in with asphalt and shim it. A grader could be used.

Chair Delaney suggested that repairs to the sink hole on Lawrence Street should also be considered.

Selectman Swenson suggested inviting in the engineers to get an update on their plans for the project. He also heard that the roadway was going in a different location.

The board agreed it would be good to invite the engineers to the 2nd meeting in July.

14) Grader

Chair Delaney said that the grader doesn't need to be replaced. A new low board could be put on instead.

Chair Delaney asked Selectman Carter to get more detailed pricing about upgrading the current grader with the 5 year warranty. Selectman Carter said he'd do that.

15) Upcoming Meetings

Chair Delaney shared that the selectboard usually took the first meeting of July off. However, since the meeting was scheduled for July 13, no week off was needed.

The June 22 meeting agenda would include: Minutes, The Beach, parking at The Refinery, the Highway Department Facility

The July 13 meeting agenda would include: Lawrence Street Bridge with engineers

While long, Selectman Swenson liked that the agenda for this meeting was informative.

16) Public Hearing on June 27

Selectman Swenson reminded the board that there was a public hearing on June 27 being conducted by NH DOT under NH RSA 230:14 and Public Law 100-17 (Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987). The

hearing is to discuss the proposal to replace two of the existing Red List bridges that carry NH Route 11 over the Northern Rail Trail and over Sucker Brook. This project may impact historical properties. The hearing will be held at the Andover Elementary Middle School at 6:00 P.M.

17) Nonpublic Session #2

At 8:18 pm, Chair Delaney made a **motion** to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91 A:3 ii (c). Selectman Swenson **seconded**. Roll call, **all in favor**.

Chair Delaney made a **motion** to seal the minutes. Selectman Carter **seconded**. Roll call, **all in favor**.

Chair Delaney made a **motion** to return to public session at 8:25 pm. Selectman Swenson **seconded**. Roll call, **all were in favor**.

18) Nonpublic Session #3

At 8:26 pm, Chair Delaney made a **motion** to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91 A:3 ii (c). Selectman Carter **seconded**. Roll call, **all in favor**.

Chair Delaney made a **motion** to seal the minutes. Selectman Swenson **seconded**. Roll call, **all in favor**.

Chair Delaney made a **motion** to return to public session at 8:35 pm. Selectman Swenson **seconded**. Roll call, **all were in favor**.

19) Nonpublic Session #4

At 8:35 pm, Chair Delaney made a **motion** to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91 A:3 ii (c). Selectman Carter **seconded**. Roll call, **all in favor**.

Chair Delaney made a **motion** to seal the minutes. Selectman Swenson **seconded**. Roll call, **all in favor**.

Chair Delaney made a **motion** to return to public session at 9:00 pm. Selectman Swenson **seconded**. Roll call, **all were in favor**.

20) Tax Collector Report

Tax Collector Lisa Meier reported that she had deeded 4 properties and processed about 40 liens. Fees of \$39 were included. Some discussion followed.

21) Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Chair Delaney made a **motion** to adjourn, Selectman Swenson **seconded** the motion. The **motion passed** and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberley Edelmann
Recording Secretary

These minutes were approved at the
Selectboard meeting on August 10, 2023.