Please note:

Chuck Keyser, Select Board Chairman, opened the public Bond hearing at 6pm on 2/18/20. The meeting was then continued to 2/19/20 at 6pm. The continuance was deemed proper due to bad weather, restricting attendance and unsafe travel conditions.

In addition the scheduled 7pm, 2/18/20 Select Board meeting was also moved to 7pm, 2/19/20

Both issues were agreed to and voted upon by the full Board

Dave Blinn

Selectman - Andover NH

The meeting convened at 7:16 p.m.

PRESENT: Marj Roy, Town Administrator; Chuck Keyser, Select Board Chair; Dave Blinn and Bill Keyser, Select Board Members; John Thompson, Road Agent; and Police Officer Dan Mori

Also present were: Bob and Sue Currier, Roy Carlson, Michelle Dudek, Jim Hanson, Chris Caron, Lenny Caron, and Steve Barton, John Kinney, Rene Lefebvre

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (1)

The Board entered into Non-Public Session at 7:18 p.m. by Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Keyser YES Dave Blinn YES Bill Keyser YES

The Board left the conference room for the Non-Public Session and returned at 7:35 p.m.

The Public Meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

ROAD AGENT REPORT by John Thompson

The Highway Department is short-handed currently. The majority of the work consists of storm clean-up. As time and weather permit, sand screening is worked on. Since the Board’s last meeting there has been approximately 600 more yards of material processed. The approximate total is 3000 yards. Thompson noted it is a very nice product.

Highland Lake Dam area - Thompson questioned whether the brush can be cleaned up now. Roy sent a letter to the property owner. Roy will call the property owner tomorrow.

White Oak Pit -The deed language is being worked on and reviewed. Once that is done, the deed will go to the Governor’s Council for their approval. It is progressing slowly because the person at the State that usually takes care of this, has been out of the office.

BUSWELL PROPERTY

Chuck Keyser told the audience who came to inquire about purchasing this property, that the Board is not prepared to discuss it tonight. However, it will be put it on the agenda at a later date so it can be discussed, and questions can be answered.

The property contains approximately 6 acres of land with approximately 700’ of water frontage. It is an unbuildable lot. Several years ago, the property was tax deeded to the Town. There are several interested parties in this property. Chuck Keyser explained the process of putting the property out to bid. The property will be posted and noticed in the newspaper. Then there will be a public hearing for people to inquire about the property. The interested parties will submit sealed bids to the Select Board. It will likely be shortly after Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at the first Select Board meeting in April, the 6th. At that meeting, the Board will open the bids and announce the winning bid. If the bids received are not higher than the minimum bid, the property will not be awarded at that time.

Lenny Caron is a party interested in this property. Caron has some money invested through the previous owner prior to his death for logging rights. Caron believes the property is valued much too high for a non-buildable lot. Caron believes that the property is being taxed about $1200 a year for something that is not buildable.

Caron indicated that he was interested in the property, but he was not called about it. Chuck Keyser explained that the Town sent Caron two (2) Certified mailings and a regular mailing. But Caron said that he does not pick up any registered mail; that if it is important and someone wants him, then they should call him.

PUBLIC HEARING POSTING ERROR

Mark Stetson asked Roy if there were any answers on how to address the two public hearings prior to the Select Board meeting tonight not being timely. Roy indicated that she contacted general counsel who advised Roy to contact the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). DRA advised Roy to contact the Bond Counsel Attorney. After speaking to Bond Counsel, Roy explained that under RSA 31:5(b) the Town will need to hold a Special Town Meeting after March 31, 2020 to cure the procedural defect. If one of the petitioned bond warrant articles were to pass at Town Meeting by 2/3rd majority vote, then a Special Town Meeting must be held to cure the procedural defect. The error was that you need a clear seven days for posting, not counting the hearing day. The public hearings for the petitioned bond warrant articles were only noticed the seven days in the Kearsarge Shopper. Again, the vote must be 2/3 majority to cure the procedural defect. If, however, the articles do not pass, then there is no Special Town Meeting required.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

After review of the February 3, 2020 minutes, Chuck Keyser made the motion to accept and approve the minutes as written. Bill Keyser seconded the motion. All in favor. The February 3, 2020 minutes are approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE AND SIGNATURES

* Letter from Matt Serge, Town Counsel acknowledging the White Oak Pit Survey as being updated and that it will be recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds.
* TDS Petition and Pole License to erect eleven poles, etc. on Chase Hill Road. Signed by all three Select Board Members
* Intent to Excavate – Lenny Caron – 30 Bridge Road – 185 acres - Tax Map 20-490-291 Signed by all three Select Board Members
* Intent to Cut – Armand Boisvert – Hoyt Road – 25 acres - Tax Map 15-721-427 Signed by all three Select Board Members
* Roy requested the Board to review an article for the upcoming issue of the Beacon. The Beacon asked Roy to write an article regarding the budget. Roy wanted any input the Board had on the written article.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION (2)

The Board entered into Non-Public Session at 8:20 p.m. by Roll Call Vote:

Chuck Keyser YES Dave Blinn YES Bill Keyser YES

Chuck Keyser excused Moyer at 8:20 p.m. Roy will take the minutes for the Non-Public Session.

Minutes prepared by Patricia Moyer, Select Board Secretary