

**TOWN OF ALLENSTOWN
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
16 SCHOOL STREET
ALLENSTOWN, NH 03275**

Sandra A. McKenney, Chairperson for the Board of Selectmen, opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. Present at the meeting: Sandra A. McKenney, Chairperson; Carol Merrill, Selectperson; Thomas Gilligan, Selectman arrived at 7:50 p.m. Roy Smith from Corcoran Associates. Administrative Assistant, Kelley Collins. Bill Barnett and Richard Lamarche.

Corcoran Associates

Roy Smith from Corcoran Associates met with the BOS to discuss advisability of conducting a partial update of assessments. Sandy asked Roy why he feels the Town should do the partial update now. Roy stated that if they do not adjust values this year the Town will have a lot of abatements and a lot of money will be spent from overlay. Roy noted that it is hard for the Town to explain why, when the market was climbing we were increasing assessments, but now that the market is starting to drop we are not willing to make those downward adjustments. Roy stated that the Town must be totally measured by 2010 and all values must be up to date in that cycle. It will cost the Town very little money to have this done and it will alleviate a lot of abatements and interest on top of the abatements. It would be to the Town's benefit to have a partial update. Considerable discussion took place in regards to the Town analysis.

Motion made by Sandy to allow Corcoran Associates to do a partial assessing update with cycle inspections. Carol seconded. Motion passed 2-1. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes, Selectman Gilligan – no by email vote.

JDAI Conference

Police Chief has an opportunity to go to Dallas, Texas to participate in a conference which will take place September 25-28, on the Juvenile Detention Alternate Instrument (JDAI). Merrimack County is the next county that will be implemented September 4th, when Family Division opens in Merrimack County. This will be an all expense paid conference.

Motions made by Sandy to have Police Chief participate in the JDAI conference. Carol seconded Motion passed 2-0. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes.

Tax Deeded

AA stated that someone is interested in putting mobiles on (2) of the properties taken by tax deed, 7 Laurel and 29 Hillside. The Attorney is preparing deeds for these properties.

Suncook Center

Sandy stated that she has received an invitation from Community Action to go to the national senior center week on September 9th. Also on September 15th the BOS got an invite to attend the senior center at 10:00, a meal will be served.

Jasper Drive

AA stated that a few of the mobile homes cannot be moved from Jasper Drive until the BOS abates the taxes. BOS signed the abatements.

Blasting

Carol stated that she has heard some residents are putting together a petition regarding blasting in Allenstown. Fire Chief Chaput said if there are any comments or complaints they should be directed to the Fire Department, since they issue the blasting permits and they need to know if there are problems. Fire Chief will get a copy of Hudson NH blasting ordinance for the BOS to review.

Fire Department/Forest Fire/Emergency Management

Fire Chief Chaput and Deputy Martin presented the 2008 Budget to the BOS. There are three warrant articles for the Fire Department, see attached.

Police Department and Animal Control

Police Chief Mulholland and Lieutenant Paquette reviewed and discussed the 2008 Budget with the BOS. There are four warrant articles for the Police Department, see attached.

Highway Department

Chris Roy, Road Agent reviewed and discussed, line by line, the 2008 Budget with the BOS. There are two warrant articles for the Highway Department, see attached.

Live in Student

Motion made by Sandy to appoint Ethan White as a call fire fighter live in student effective 8/27/2007. Carol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes; Selectman Gilligan – yes.

Engine 4

Fire Chief informed the BOS that eng 4 is in need of service. Chief stated that it is either the battery or the alternator.

Sewer Department

Sandy informed the Board that a resident called her about the smell coming from the sewer plant. The resident then called the NH Department of Environmental Services and spoke to Steve Robert. Mr. Robert informed her if anyone has complaints to call DES at 271-2980.

Ladder Truck

Motion made by Sandy to approve the brake job on the ladder truck for the Fire Department. Carol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes; Selectman Gilligan – yes.

DEA

BOS discussed meeting with Drug Enforcement Agency in regards to the Hooksett Banner article. BOS does not need to meet with DEA. AA will let Police Chief know that the BOS does not need to meet with DEA unless DEA absolutely needs to meet with the BOS.

Minutes

Motion made by Sandy to table the minutes of 8/20/2007 until September 10th. Carol seconded. Motion passed 3-0. Roll Call Vote: Chairperson McKenney – yes; Selectperson Merrill – yes; Selectman Gilligan – yes.

Assessment

BOS discussed a resident's complaint about his property assessment. AA informed the BOS that the assessor went out to the home the end of last week.

Audit Regulations

AA explained a letter from the Audit Company that states the audit may not be ready for the Town report printing. This is due to GASB regulations.

Email

Sandy asked the BOS if they have seen the email from Dave Eaton stating the BOS is being unreasonable about asking the Budget Committee to come to BOS meetings on Mondays.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Sandy. Seconded by Carol at 10:03 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.

SANDRA A. McKENNEY, CHAIRPERSON

CAROL M. MERRILL, SELECTPERSON

THOMAS R. GILLIGAN, SELECTMAN