

## **Town of Addison Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday Feb 4, 2025 @ 7:00PM**

**The Town of Addison Selectboard meeting was held on Tuesday February 4, 2025 at 7:00PM at the Addison Community Center located at 121 VT RTE 17 West, Addison.**

Attendance: Jeff Kauffman Sr, Peter Briggs, Geoffrey Grant, Carrie Kauffman, Starr Phillips, Terry Phillips, Bryan Nolan, David Sausville, Will Duane, Elizabeth Armstrong, Amy Alfieri, Marty Haitz, John Spencer, Eliza Spencer, Carole McBride, George Lawrence, Jonathan Wieman, Peter MacFarlane, Amy Kittredge, Keith Craig, Annie Craig, Alma Briggs, Chris Stackhouse, Steve Torrey, John Baker, Roger Waterman, Steve Kayhart, Patty Torrey, Chris Carella, Kay Mitchell

### **Call to Order -7pm by Jeff Kauffman Sr**

**Additions and Changes to the Agenda-** *Tri-Town Water, NEMRC Cloud, ACEDC letter, Retirement Accts* Motion to add: Peter | Steve 4,0

- **7pm: Land Acquisition by the State Gage Rd-** *Land is currently owned by Suzanne Goulet who wishes to sell land to the state as her lot is surrounded by current other wildlife lots. Per Will Duane sale will result in a net profit to town of ~\$300.*
- **730pm: School Board Presentation-** *Amy Kittredge & Carole McBride presentation about budget and spending. \$27,653,000 25/26 budget, \$4000 increase from last year. Cited that this year ended in a surplus which they will use to offset total tax bill requirements for tax payers. Tues March 4, 2025 is vote on budget. March 3, 2025 is informational meeting at 5pm.*
- **TRI-town Water-** *Steve Kayhart at meeting to represent Tri-town. Jonathan Wieman is wanting to build home down private road and asked for water and septic to be run to his lot but Tri-town cannot find who owns land to gain permission to install. Tri-town is hoping for guidance on how to proceed. Jonathan Wieman maintained that it should be deeded utility access and therefore no permission should be required. John Spencer mentioned that the land was parceled incorrectly many years ago and therefore no record of who owns and it is not a taxpayer lot. Jeff kauffman Sr stated that as the land in question is not owned by the town, it would not be a selectboard matter to discern but- he will be willing to continue to look through maps and records in an effort to help resolve the matter.*
- **ACEDC Letter-** *Motion to sign Peter | Roger 4, 0*
- **Retirement accounts for town employees-** *Town has been beneficiary to these accounts TAD has been working on how to get the money to rightful employees- has finished with Jane Grace acct and wants town approval to begin moving forward with process for 3 other such accounts. Motion to approve TAD to move forward Roger | Steve 4, 0*

### **Highway**

Sign Certificate of Highway Mileage- *Nothing has changed* Motion to approve Roger | Peter 4,0

### **Appointments**

- TAC delegate- *Marty Haitz* Motion to appoint: Roger | Steve 4,0

- Dog Warden

**Town Clerk/Treasurer**

- GOVOS need to approve a 3 year contract to maintain land records. Motion to approve Steve | Peter 4,0

**Approve Bills/Invoices Paid and Due: General and Highway-** Motion to approve Roger|Steve 4,0

**Approve Timesheets/Payroll: Highway-** Motion to approve: Peter| Steve 4,0

**Approve Timesheets/Payroll: General-** Motion to approve: Peter | Steve 3, 1 abstain

**Updates**

**Miscellaneous Board Business**

- Articles for town meeting vote- *Peter asking about whether to vote for % match for grant or THO options*
- New zoning books for DRB- *Alden Harwood said he had them but has not distributed yet, will follow up*
- ZA contract- *Dan Rosignol has not started yet. Need to add reimbursement to contract of mileage at the govt rate.* Motion to approve addition Steve| Peter 4,0 Motion to allow Selectboard chair to sign with Dan Rosignol- Roger| Steve 4,0
- March Meeting date- *Current expected date conflicts with scheduled town meeting date. Need to move.* Motion to reschedule March Selectboard meeting date to Monday March 10, 2025 Peter | Roger 4, 0
- Cyber Security- *Had some recent issues with hacking emails and fraudulent email correspondence. Town employees are not on .gov emails yet. Looking into it.*
- Quote for a modular building for THO options came back: \$534,966. Covers everything except hooking up septic & H2O.

**Selectboard Concerns**

- Sherriff- *concerned about billable hours versus income. Will not plan to renew contract.*

**ALL OTHER TOWN BUSINESS**

**Updates from Committees**

**Planning Commission:**

- *Municipal plan grant -2nd payment authorized.*

**Delinquent Tax collector:**

- (None)

**Listers:**

- *Cloud cost paid out of reappraisal funds but next year will need to be a budget line item.* Motion to sign no appeals Roger | Steve 4, 0

**Town Hall:**

- *Report they wanted to present did not arrive in time will address next time.*

**Emergency Management:**

- *2025 Local Hazard Management Plan*
  - *Proposed process and timeline.*
  - *Would like to start this month with approval*
  - *Solicit public feedback at Town Meeting Day*
  - *Targeting Fall 2025 implementation*

- *Will need to form a committee for this, will have Billie-jo send out request for participants*
- *2025 Local Emergency Management Plan*
  - *Met with Vermont Emergency Management/VEM*
  - *Awaiting VEM notes to proceed with new template*
  - *Document due by 6/1/25*
  - *DR 4810*
  - *Signed off on Accounting with FEMA: \$9K-\$10K net FEMA reimbursement once approved*
- *Potash Bay*
  - *Armstrong, Mitchell properties and surrounding area (bridge, beach, etc.)*
  - *Poultney Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District to test soil for phosphorous--- could result in funding some repairs and phosphorous mitigation*

**DRB:**

- *Jeff Kauffman Sr suggestion for lake properties that are non-comforming lots but which are compliant for zoning regulations for set-backs etc. to have DRB conditional use fees waived (\$250). Would still have to pay for all applicable permits etc. John spencer commented that would need to offer this for all such town lots not just those by the lake. Peter wants to know what it actually costs for the DRB to meet- maybe instead of simply waiving the fee the town could adjust fee to offset just the cost of meeting since a meeting is required. Will look into this.*

**ZA:**

- Fees

**Facility Rental Committee:**

- *Adjusted rental schedule- divided into smaller blocks of time. Peter requests more detailed language on rental form. Motion to approve changes Roger | Steve 4,0*
- *Playground input- Preschool grant for playground equipment - can we allow FRC to handle? Motion to defer to FRC Peter | Roger 4,0*

**Community Center:**

- *Water Heater- not working, will call Plouffes*

**Miscellaneous**

**Selectboard Concerns**

- **Vote on Gage rd Land Acquisition-** Motion to remain neutral Roger | Steve 3, 1 opposed
- Roger would like to revote on Snake Mountain in light of more detailed pilot payment data but motion died due to no second. Will stand as opposed.

**Public Comment**

- *George Lawrence lives on Snake Mountain and is concerned about acquisition because he does not want to lose access.*
- *Chris Carell is concerned that acquisition means no mountain biking anymore. Also commented regarding ANWSD budget that he does not feel that the money is managed well and the curricula and extracurriculars are lacking.*

**Executive Session If Needed**

**Adjourn-** Motion to adjourn Roger | Peter 4, 0