Town of Addison Selectboard Meeting
Warning and Agenda

Monday March, 10 2025 @ 7:00PM
To be held at the Addison Community Center
Attendance: Jeff Kauffman Sr, Starr Phillips, Terry Phillips, Roger Waterman, Bill Sayre, Cheri Waterman, Alma Briggs, Peter Briggs, Will Duane, Hannah Redmon, Amy Alfieri, Bryan Nolan, Geoffrey Grant, Chris Stackhouse, Erin Cashman, Mike Hollis, Patty Torrey, Tim Buskey, Alden Harwood, Carrie Kauffman, Jonathan King, Andy Kepes, Heather Danis, Steve Torrey, Paul Kennedy, Deb Laramie, Marty Haitz, Keith Craig, Annie Craig, John Spencer

Call to Order- Cheri Call to order 7pm open meeting for reorganization of the Selectboard
Nomination of Chair- Peter| Rob for Jeff Kauffman Sr (4, 1 ab, 0)
Nomination of Vice-Chair- Rob | JK sr for Roger Waterman, Geoffrey Grant for Peter Briggs
Roger breaks tie with vote for self and will continue as Vice-chair
Motion to keep Addison Independent as newspaper for postings Rob| Peter (5, 0)
Motion to keep public postings W.A.G.S, Addison Four Corners Store, Town clerk & website Rob| Roger (5, 0)
Motion to hold monthly meetings 1st Tuesday of each month at 7pm Rob | Peter (5, 0)
Motion to approve Rule of Procedure Peter| Rob (5,0)
Motion to elect selectboard clerk Carrie Kauffman Peter| Rob (5,0)
Recognize the Board & read through Rules of Procedures
Additions and Changes to the Agenda

- Will Duane- land acquisition- Asking selectboard to reconsider decision about land acquisition. Asking for approval. 2 Representatives from AJ Johnson present. The opposition to acquisition will stop them from moving forward. Simply hoping for neutrality. Ken from AJ Johnson mentioned financial strife as a motivation to sell timber rights to the state in order to resolve debts. Representatives have expressed hopes also for neutrality. Jeff Kauffman Sr asks why all of the land acquisition has to be in the same decision as timber rights. Will Duane mentioned that types of funding and process requires it to be together. Jeff Kauffman Sr expresses desire to have the state allow mountain biking and compromise on that which would make neutrality more appealing. Peter Briggs comments that this is the first time that he feels it was made clear that an opposing vote would impede sale. He presented a list of items that he would ask the state to consider based on comments from town members- reiterating need for recreational use such as biking etc and, address safe parking. Will Duane and Amy Alfieri (current wildlife manager of Snake Mountain) reviewed the list with Peter publicly. Amy Alfieri comments that snowmobiling has to request access in this area and currently doesn't see many requests- but not off the table. She also states that foot access would not be lost because funding sources would not allow them to close access to the public. Rob Hunt claims he has experience with state land being closed off with gates to public access. Amy Alfieri claims gates are installed for the purpose of limiting motor vehicle access- but that now because they have to be ADA compliant and no longer use the same gate style and they are trying to remove old style gates such as the one Rob mentioned. In regards to mountain biking Amy Alfieri states that she cannot guarantee getting approval for such use and there is currently no precedent for other such similar

sized locations. Same with trail expansion etc. They get certain types of funding and it dictates usage priorities. Roger Waterman comments that town members that have reached out to him have been in support of the acquisition.
Jeff Kauffman Sr asks for public comments: Mike Hollis asks AJ Johnson reps about private sale if they received an offer from a private purchaser they could then decide to close trails etc. Jeff Kauffman Sr points out that because there are two separate consumption issues at hand and technically sellers could require purchasers to maintain trails and access. Comment by Mr. Kurtz that he feels that it's urgent to save the land. Jeff Kauffman Sr points out that it is timber rights and the land is not . Alden Harwood comments that Mt. Philo park has been a very successful recreational area and could be the same for Snake Mountain. Weybridge side has had houses developing. Paul Kennedy Says that if it went to private land access would be walled off. Amy Alfieri comments regarding the parking area that the acquisition could be a catalyst to find a solution for successful parking options. Terry Phillips asks about snowmobiling trails options. Amy Alfieri says that that is already allowed. Will Duane mentions that walking/ hiking access would remain 100% guaranteed, hunting and fishing also. Will Duane mentions finding some finances to offset the town's current care of the area. Jeff Kauffman Sr asks whether neutrality vote would still allow discussions to continue regarding previous concerns over access, parking and usage (Such a mountain biking etc)
Motion to maintain neutrality and therefore not opposed to acquisition and timber rights purchase (Roger/Rob 4, 1)

- Nomination of new FRC member Kelsey Bradford

TOWN BUSINESS OF HIGHWAY & CLERK/TREASURER

Approve minutes: Jan 16, 2025- Postpone approval until next month to allow Selectboard Men to review.

Highway

- Overnight parking signs Potash Bay- issues remain with parking. Jeff Kauffman Sr mentions that such a sign would not limit daytime parking which is primarily when issues or conflict occur. Would recommend
- FYI- East wall/ Service Bay- funds are in reserve fund, will get going with next steps forward
- Rt 17W Paving- check in with Marty Haitz transportation advisory committee on this item-no funds available currently. 2026 state will be paving rt 17 and replacing 8 culverts.
- Motion to sign Certificate of Highway Mileage Roger| Rob (5,0)
- Motion to Sign Certificate of Compliance Roger | Rob (5,0)
- Motion to sign Municipal Highway Grant Application for funds to retreat jersey street south Rob |Rog (5,0)
- Plow Truck goes to body tomorrow- est 6 weeks before returning. Should discuss funding for this.
  Public comment by Deb Laramie thanked the road crew for the job well done and expressing appreciation.

Appointments

- TAC delegate
- Dog Warden

Town Clerk/Treasurer

- NEMRC update- officially on the cloud so can access without going through the modules. Ready for the listers to begin reappraisal.
- Financials-still working with NEMRC and getting closer to resolving.
- Vault shelving is in- request help to move files etc as they weigh a bit more than recommended after her surgery, also required moving table for land records

Approve Bills/Invoices Paid and Due: General and Highway
Approve Timesheets/Payroll: Highway Rog | Rob 5, 0
Approve Timesheets/Payroll: General Motion to approve Rob | Geoffrey (4, 1, 0)
Updates
Miscellaneous Board Business
Ethics ordinance has passed and is effective as of March 5, 2025
Selectboard Concerns

ALL OTHER TOWN BUSINESS
Updates from Committees
Planning Commission:

- One vacancy currently

Delinquent Tax collector:

- Report- 1st of year $128,435.00 in delinquent taxes- since then after collections that number down to $89,171.00 tax sales should recoup $62,675.00

Listers:

- (None)

Town Hall:

- Chris Stackhouse requests permission to contract with Miller Pest to spray at town hall crawlspace and teardown partition wall $2900.00 Motion to approve contract Peter| Rob (5,0)
- Would also like to request special meetings regarding work that might make sense to do asap such as scraping and painting -one quote offered at $45,000 for scraping and painting 3 coats- wanting to go through procedures for RFP and moving forward with more quotes
  Motion to entertain Town Hall building committee to construct RFP to paint building Rob | Roger (5,0) Motion to entertain RPF for siding repair Peter| Rob (5,0)
  Peter asks about lead paint mitigation- Chris Stackhouse states it would take care of this on exterior
  Motion to allow Town Hall Building Committee to rent a lift to allow for repairs/removal for chimney to prevent leaks Peter| Rog (5,0)
  Will be looking into repair for ridge cap and in future will present info to board
  Deb Laramie comments about broken window on North side

Emergency Management:

- 2025 Local Emergency Management Plan- in process
- 2025 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan- in process
- DR 4810 reimbursement- no update

DRB:

- Activity report

ZA:

- Fees on non-conforming lots- Wishing to waive fees for DRB meetings *only for nonconforming acreage* town pays $14,000~ and therefore without extra costs from

non-conforming lot, town would not be hurt fiscally but would save townspeople with such lots from having to pay each time they wish to alter property. Will still pay the permit fee. Motion to approve waiving Rob | Roger (4,1 opp)

Facility Rental Committee:

- Nomination of new FRC member Kelsey Bradford Motion to approve Rob | Geoffrey (5, 0)

Community Center:

- Updates on usage and needs- ceiling tiles, plowing, auto scrubber, siding, flooring
- Michelle starting to move in and interviewing families
- Archery league and frisbee golf league still using
- Hunter education coming
- Art studio possible

Miscellaneous

Selectboard Concerns

- Prior to 2/21/2025 reached out to Grace's to see if they wanted the check mailed or to pick it up- sent certified mail. Currently showing as in progress to the new location. Will check again tomorrow and if not located will cancel the check and reissue.

Public Comment

- Keith Craig asking about the parking area at town hall/ church and why blocked off- Jeff Kauffman Sr cited prior decision regarding town plowing to cease on private church property and that allowed church to block access
- Dave Carpenter comment regarding quotes for modular for Town Hall Office about where funding would come from. Jeff Kauffman Sr says they would have to be raised from taxpayers. Keith Craig comments waiting on grant money, what the timeline is and then, how it would impact making decisions on the future of the Town Hall Office. Then asks about what happens if no grant money comes what we would do- Jeff Kauffman Sr says would need to find more money if desiring to study.
- Marty Haitz requests that people complete a survey to help document writing process- found on the Town Website. Really needing town input.

Executive Session If Needed

Adjourn Motion Rob | Geoffrey (5, 0)