

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JULY 2, 2019

PRESENT: David Lage, Chairman, John Veaser, Bert Hamill, Joanne Meshna

USA Properties, Inc. – The Board met with the President of USA Properties, Inc., Bruce Simpson, and his engineer Peter Holden. USA Properties has received approval from the Zoning Board to construct 40 townhouse units for 55 and older on lot 10/7 off Stowell Road. They met with the Board to discuss their contributions to the upgrading of Stowell Road and how to move forward.

Chairman Lage noted Stowell Road as is a Class V road minimally used. Mr. Holden referred the Board to a study of the road done by Steve Pernaw several years ago. Mr. Pernaw had concerns for roadside obstructions and drainage (ditches) but was not inclined to pave the road. Chairman Lage noted there was a problem area around where a house is located and the road will need to be redesigned, widened, drainage installed and paved. Selectman Veaser stated there would be 40-80 more cars at a daily minimum traveling on the road, and added the road needs substantial upgrades to withstand the increased amount of traffic. Mr. Simpson stated they should not be required to bear the entire cost of upgrading the road.

It was agreed Mr. Simpson and Mr. Holden would put together a proposal and return to the Board around the first of September.

Jon Broc: Mr. Broc met with the Board to discuss building on his lot on Old Peterborough Road and access to the lot. Mr. Broc met with homeowners at Wildcat and he will be using Chapman Road as the entrance to his lot. Access to the lot from Chapman Road involves a portion of Old Peterborough Road and he asked the Board for permission to upgrade that part of Old Peterborough Road in order for construction vehicles to pass. It was his understanding that Old Peterborough Road is a discontinued road. Upon further discussion and conversation with a previous Selectmen it was determined the road is not discontinued. Mr. Broc was asked to draw up a plan for Old Peterborough Road to include cutting of trees, gravel, drainage, width, shoulders, surface material, and erosion controls and return to the Board.

Green Farm Road: The Board received a letter from Kara Haskins with regard to the driveway serving 25, 27 and 29 Green Farm Road and their request to name the private shared drive Granite Drive. The Board agreed to Granite Drive.

DOT letter on crosswalks: The Board had contacted the DOT regarding a resurfacing project involving a portion of Route 123 and 124 and the Town's failure to return a form to verify the Town understands and accepts its maintenance responsibilities associated with uncontrolled crosswalks in the State right-of-way. The form was not received by the DOT and the uncontrolled crosswalk within the project was to be eliminated. A letter was sent to the DOT, and an email was received back stating the crosswalk markings will be put back as part of the project. Recommendation was also made in the DOT email to install street lighting for the crosswalk near the Junior High School.

Street lighting: Chairman Lage spoke with Connor Jennings at Eversource regarding street lighting. He was asked to forward a list of those lights that need removal and those areas that need additional lighting. Mr. Jennings will then forward the list to the DOT Swanzey office.

At 6:55 p.m. Selectman Veeseer made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 7:30 p.m. Selectman Veeseer made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Veeseer made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Police station: The Board agreed that based on suggestions from the forum held on the police station they will reach out to contractors for guidance. Chairman Lage will draft a letter and plan a meeting for July 30 at 6:30 p.m.

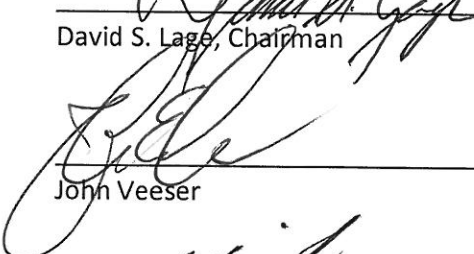
The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna

Minutes approved by:
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



David S. Lage, Chairman



John Veeseer



Bert Hamill