

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE – TOWN OF SURRY

SELECTMEN

MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. Steve Goldsmith, Ron Profaizer, and Jay Croteau were all present. Jill Lane was absent. Ron Profazier took minutes.

Tim Bienvenu dropped off two Intent to Cuts and an application for Current Use for his newly acquired property on Mine Ledge Road. Jay Croteau submitted all documents to the state.

Jay Croteau reported that the Tree Agent, LCC, has filed an appeal for their proposed subdivision at the top of Joslin Rd. No additional information was available since the appeal was just received and not reviewed.

Jason Anyon did not respond to the letter regarding the concern raised about the potential zoning violation at his property on Old Walpole. No further work has been done on the property, and no additional equipment has been brought in.

Ron Profaizer completed the research and confirmed that state law prohibits using town funds to maintain or improve private roads. Based on that information, no action will be taken to pave the small private cut-off road that leads from Old Walpole Road onto Farm Road.

The selectmen signed payroll.

The selectmen signed and paid bills.

Ron Profaizer moved to accept the minutes, and Steve Goldsmith seconded the motion. The selectmen agreed to accept the minutes.

Consolidated Communications has not removed the tree limbs reported hanging on the communication wires on Old Walpole Road near the S-curves. We will monitor this and follow up as necessary.

The new 25-mile-per-hour speed signs have been ordered for Farm Road.

The driveway application for Jason Marting, 984 Old Walpole, has been approved after Steve Goldsmith completed a site visit.

The Selectmen discussed the frequency with which property owners and contractors begin projects that require a building and/or driveway permit before they receive approval. Education and code enforcement needs to be addressed.

Surry's March 2025 membership in Cheshire County Community Power is on schedule. Flyers to all residents will be going out the third week of January. It was agreed that the final Town Meeting to answer any remaining questions will be held on Monday, January 27th at 6:00 p.m. Terry Clark will again be in attendance.

Ron Profaizer followed up with Denise Dragon on the status of completing the annual town audit MS-60. Based on Denise's feedback, he also contacted the Town Clerk to remind them to complete their section. The Town Clerk later responded and indicated that they were forwarded it.

Ron Profaizer requested that the Town Clerk validate a list of the elected positions that will be open in 2025.

Cory Rice, Farm Road, emailed to ask if his business could be included on Surry's Business Owner list. Unfortunately, since the company is located in Swanzey, that is not possible.

Denise Dragon emailed the Selectmen on behalf of the Supervisors of the Checklist, requesting that a locked cabinet in a secure room be supplied for their use. A locked fire-proof file cabinet will be ordered and will be located next to the Planning Board's file cabinets. No secured rooms are available in the Town Hall except the one designated for the restricted use of Selectmen and Town Clerk.

Jay Croteau supplied Ron Profaizer with a copy of the Town of Surry Snow, Ice & Other Weather Hazards Policy.

The Selectmen discussed the frequency and thoroughness of the Town Hall cleaning. Currently, we pay someone to come in for two hours once a month. It was also noted that the Town Hall does not have a vacuum other than a shop vacuum. Steve Goldsmith offered to bring one from his house.

Caroll Lothrop emailed to compliment the improved posting of meets on the website but noted that the 2023 Selectmen meeting minutes are unavailable online. The Selectmen confirmed they are available in the Town Hall for review, but they were never uploaded to the website. Given the amount of work and time it would take to post them, the value in doing that now would be limited, but we will explore alternatives.

Steve Goldsmith secured three additional quotes to replace the town's front-end loader. The prices of the three manufacturers (John Deer, Kubota, Mahindra) and four models under review varied widely, so more research and discussion are necessary before any recommendation or decision can be reached.

Steve Goldsmith motioned to adjourn. Ron Profaizer seconded the motion. The selectmen agreed to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.