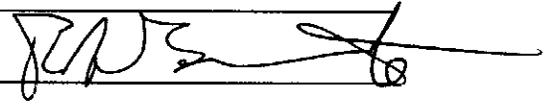


Bob Thompson 

John Allen _____

Richard Bennett 

Selectmen's Board Meeting
July 28, 2016

Present: Bob Thompson, Chairman; John Allen and Dick Bennett, Selectmen

Visitors: Administrative Assistant Julie Hoyt, Building Inspector Kevin Bennett, Treasurer Kathleen Dougherty, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Karen Burton, EMD/HO Tom Grieg, Police Officer ~~Ryan McDonald~~, Videographer Hank Benesh, Joyce Allen, Stan Weiss, Sarah Clemons, ~~Mark Ross-Parent~~, Chris McAleer, Darlene Ference, Damon Steer, John Koziol, Jason Bagley, Bea Davis, Bob Davis, Stan Weiss, Gino Funicella, Warren Schomaker, Margie Furlong, James Gleason, Edith Houlihan

Chairman Bob Thompson called the meeting to order at 3:** p.m. Chairman Thompson welcomed folks to the meeting and noted there would be a change in the agenda. Agenda item 8e will be discussed first then the Board will go into Non-Public Session.

1. New Business #1

a. Letter of support for Carroll County Sheriff's Office radio grant Selectman ***, seconded by Selectman ****, made a motion to approve the letter of support for the Carroll County Sheriff's Office radio grant. The motion passed unanimously.

, seconded by *, made a motion to go into Non-Public Session at 3:** p.m. in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant at 3:** p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Enter into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(c): Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.

The Board returned to Public Session at 4:07 p.m. Chairman Thompson welcomed everyone to the continuation of the Public Session.

3. Amend an approve the minutes

a. Selectmen's Meeting – June 9, 2016 (delayed)

- b. Selectmen's Meeting – July 14, 2016 The Minutes were approved as written.
 - c. Selectmen's Meeting – July 21, 2016 The Minutes were approved as written.
 - d. Non-Public Session – July 21, 2016 – sign minutes envelope RSA 91-A:3, II(c) The envelope was signed.
4. **Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector appointment – sign form** Town Clerk/Tax Collector Karen Burton noted several people applied for the position; she interviewed a number of them. She's decided to offer the position to Gloria Hutchings. Selectman Bennett thinks that is a good choice. **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made a motion to appoint Gloria Hutchings as Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. The motion passed unanimously.**
 5. **Discussion of interim coverage of Police Department while Chief is on paid administrative leave.** Chairman Thompson noted the Board had a Non-Public meeting earlier and as those Minutes will not be sealed, he will share them (copy attached). The Board had a discussion on this topic along with Sheriff Dominic Richardi and Carroll County Attorney Tom Dewhirst. The Carroll County Sheriff's Department will provide twenty four hour, seven day a week coverage and protection for Jackson until the situation is resolved.
 6. **Letter of Resignation from Officer Orsini** Chairman Thompson read Officer Orsini's letter of Resignation as ACO and Patrol Officer effective July 20, 2016. **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made a motion to accept Officer Orsini's resignation. The motion passed unanimously.**
 7. **Public Comment** Chairman Thompson reminded folks that the Board will take any and all comments during the Public Comment section; they may or may not choose to respond and typically do not. James Gleason is not sure if this is the correct forum for his comment but he'd like to offer himself as a character reference for Chief Jette; James has known Chief Jette since James moved here. He'd like to offer his input. The Selectmen thanked him for his offer. Gino Funicella welcomed Selectman Bennett to the Board. Given the situation with the Chief, Gino suggests the Board talk to Karl Meyers who was the former Police Chief. The Board doesn't know how long this situation will go on; Gino thinks someone should ask Karl if he'd be willing to come back; it would be nice to have someone that lives in Jackson as Police supervisor; it's just a thought. Damon Steer (*Conway Daily Sun*) would like to know if there is a cost to Jackson to have the Sheriff cover. Sarah Clemons noted she and others recently witnessed former Officer Orsini's promotion to patrolman. Jackson sent her to school and sent her to become a prosecutor. Sarah believes there is a requirement that an employee has to serve Jackson for three years when they get town-paid schooling otherwise they have to reimburse the town for that expense. Sarah wants to know if there will be any reimbursement for that training; does Jackson need to train another officer for this loss and is Jackson going to get another Animal Control Officer. The Selectmen thanked Sarah for her input; she posed some good questions. Joyce Allen feels it is time to consider going back to two policemen in Jackson

rather than the numbers the town has had. The Department has grown disproportionately to the growth of the town; since the Department is going through changes now she thinks it's something the Board might consider. Edith Houlihan from the Friends of the Jackson Library noted the Library recently put on its first annual summer picnic at the Library. Miss Maybell & Slimpickin's provided entertainment and the food was provided by Marty Sweeney. Even with a thunderstorm, eighty five people showed up; it went well; Library Director Lichen Jennings Rancourt had a good idea and followed through. When asked if any Board members had any responses to the comments, Selectman Allen responded. He thanked James for his offer; Gino has an excellent idea which Selectman Allen will look into. For Damien, the Board doesn't typically answer questions during Public Comment. He thinks Sarah asked some pointed questions and he will follow up on them. Joyce has brought up something that leaves room for consideration. And he thanked those at the Library for holding a wonderful event; it was a good time.

8. Building Inspector

- a. Weekly Report – Kevin Bennett
- b. Building Permits
 - i. *2016-42/R13-L29/Owner – Mallett Corporation/49 NH Route 16/20 foot extension to shed building for 2 walk-in freezers*
 - ii. *Partridge Road – Termination of Resolution – Resolved (**Termination was submitted in 2009**)* This issue has been resolved; the tree branches have been cut so it meets Fire Department access. Selectman Allen noted the road is pretty rutted. Inspector Bennett noted this is a constant; it has to be looked at regularly; it will be gone over soon.
 - iii. *Work on Black Mountain Road (added)* Selectman Bennett asked about a garage on Black Mountain Road that is being worked on. Inspector Bennett noted a shed is being taken down. The owner has a demolition permit; he's taking it down piece-by-piece because he wants to save the timbers and/or boards.

9. New Business #2

- a. Trustees of Trust Funds – Withdrawal request correction There was an error in the motion made last week; the Trustees have asked the Board to withdraw the motion made last week and to approve the corrected request. **Selectman Allen, seconded by Selectman Bennett, made a motion to withdraw the motion made last week. The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made a motion to approve the withdrawal of eleven hundred dollars from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund to pay Professional Vehicle Park Road Invoice 29999 dated June 24, 2016 in the amount of nineteen hundred ten dollars with the remaining amount of eight**

hundred ten dollars to be paid from proceeds from the sale of the retired police cruiser. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Liaisons – Review Chairman Thompson reviewed the list of open liaison positions; former Selectman Lockard had a long list. Chairman Thompson asked the Selectmen to review these and decide on seats they would like to take. Selectman Bennett would like to liaise for the Fire Department, Building Inspector and Planning Board. Chairman Thompson will continue with the Police, including the ACO; the Office and the Highway Department; he'll also take on the Emergency Management Director. Selectman Allen will continue his work with the Bartlett/Jackson Transfer Station and take on the Town Clerk's Office. As far as a liaison for the Library Trustees, that position isn't as involved; their budget is voted on at town meeting then the town administrators take care of it. If the Trustees have an issue they were invited to ask any one of the Board members to attend; all three are happy to act as liaisons. Edith will share this information with the Trustees.
- c. Bids – 2011 Chevy Tahoe There were five bids; Selectman Allen had two; one from Dennis Gallagher of Bartlett in the amount of nine thousand five hundred ninety nine dollars; the second from Mary Hill-Lindowski in the amount of two thousand fifty three dollars. Selectman Bennett also opened two bids; the first from Paul Gleason of Gorham in the amount of three thousand three hundred twenty six dollars, the second from Kent Mountain Auto of Eaton in the amount of seven thousand dollars. Chairman Thompson opened the last bid which was from Scott Grant of Glen in the amount of five hundred forty eight dollars. **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made a motion to accept the bid from Dennis Gallagher in the amount of nine thousand five hundred ninety nine dollars. The motion passed unanimously.** The remaining bids will be kept on file in case there's a problem with the accepted bid.
- d. Planning Board letters of interest (2) The Board received two letters of interest for the five Alternate openings on the Planning Board ; one is from William Terry and the other from Chris McAleer. Selectman Bennett read the letters; he hopes they are both willing to serve as Alternates; often the Planning Board wouldn't have a quorum without the Alternates. Alternates are welcome to participate in discussions. There is the possibility of a Regular Member position opening up but Selectman Bennett would like both gentlemen to come on at this time as Alternates. William Terry asked if there was an opening for a Regular member or if there were only Alternate openings. Selectman Bennett noted he's waiting to hear from a full member whether he chooses not to continue in that position. Right now the openings are for Alternates. **Selectman Bennett, seconded by Selectman Allen, made a motion to approve Chris McAleer and William Terry as Alternates on the Planning Board. The motion passed unanimously.**

- e. Letter of Support for Carroll County Sheriff's Office radio grant This was done in the first New Business session (agenda item 1a).
- f. Public Bathroom Request Chairman Thompson noted the Board received a letter from a local business requesting that the town and/or the Chamber do something about a public restroom; he read the letter into the record (attached). The suggestion was made to open the bathroom at the ball field and the Chamber should be responsible for any issues. Margie Furlong would like to weigh-in for the Old Library Management Committee and suggest porta potties. Chairman Thompson noted the ballfield bathroom is working but there's no hot water. That building also functions as storage for the soccer team, Little League and the Bartlett Rec League. It's really a storage room with a bathroom. It is also a tough walk from White Mountain Puzzle to the ball park to use the facilities. He asked if the other Selectmen have any thoughts. The Fire Department has a bathroom however it would be hard to leave that open to the public and it adds another layer of maintenance; Selectman Bennett nixed the Fire Department option. Chairman Thompson asked the other Selectmen to ponder this and to have it as an agenda item for the next meeting. The Board will plan to discuss it then. Bea Davis wondered why the town couldn't put the sports equipment in the Grays Inn Garage. Selectman Bennett noted if the kids go down and back for the equipment they're getting exercise. Edith suggested putting something on the sign at the Covered Bridge and working with the Chamber to let folks know that the Jackson Public Library and the Town Office encourage folks to use their bathrooms. This provides a welcoming location and then the Board can brainstorm what other places would allow use of their facilities. James noted that porta potties should not be the style of Jackson. Chairman Thompson likes Edith's idea. William Terry noted he lives on the Falls and folks pee in his woods frequently. When there are one hundred bikers here they are going to be out behind this or that tree; folks are going to find a place to go and if Jackson isn't putting anything out there than that is what is going to continue to happen. At the Falls there are thirty cars; people stay all day and having no toilet facilities is a problem.

Damien asked if the Board could say who the supervisor is from Carroll County. Chairman Thompson noted he already read the Minutes of the meeting into the record. The Carroll County Sheriff's Office has supervisors on duty twenty four/seven so it depends on their schedule. Damien asked who is leading the Department and Chairman Thompson clarified that the CCSO is offering supervisory assistance; they are not leading the Department.

10. Old Business

- a. Transfer Station Updates Selectman Allen noted the crew has finished digging the foundation for the addition for the cardboard compactor and the sorting area is all dug up. The area is sealed off so everyone is able to work safely. They are working out the bugs regarding the existing

recycling bins. Tin and aluminum recycling is in discussion; that will be worked out. The updates are moving forward pretty well. Gino noted "Mount Glassmore" is twice the size it used to be and it will be expensive to get rid of; he figures that will cost multi-thousands of dollars; he urged the Board to look at that and plan for it. Selectman Allen noted the glass can be used onsite. Crushed glass was used in Bartlett (as road fill) but it came through. Bob Davis asked why there is only one town voting on this; there were no Bartlett members at the meeting to approve the work. Selectman Allen noted this was a meeting of a Transfer Station Subcommittee and no one from Bartlett was available to attend. Nothing went out for bids for the current work; gravel and paving will have bids. This is such a tight time frame; they needed to get it going. Jackson used the town crew to dig the foundation out and rented an excavator. The work was done within the town's workforce. It was also noted that the concrete work did go out for bid. Bob asked who did the excavating; Selectman Allen noted Brad from the Bartlett town crew operated the excavator which was rented from Pat Haley.

11. **Public Comment** Stan Weiss asked if agenda 8e had been skipped. Chairman Thompson noted this was addressed when the meeting started at 3 p.m. and was approved. Gino would like to know if the town has been approached yet with a lawsuit. It seems odd that Officer Orsini just got a promotion two weeks ago and is now resigning. Sarah noted there is a large flock of geese down at the pond which has her concerned. It is against the law to feed wild animals and the geese also leave a messy residue; people take their children there to play. If the geese just land there that's one thing, but if people are feeding them, that's another. That area is a play yard for Jackson's guests and children. This will be an Action Item for the next meeting. Bill Terry would like to thank the Selectmen or whoever for getting the boards replaced on the Valley Cross Road Bridge. Chairman Thompson noted the money for this was in the budget that was approved by the voters in March. Sarah was looking at the Chamber of Commerce thank you to the Selectmen and Administrators for the fireworks. Maybe they could thank the taxpayers as well; it's good to get a pat on the back once in a while.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Martha D. Tobin

Recording Secretary

