

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SUMMER INFORMATION SESSION  
AUGUST 28, 2019  
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order and Norman VanCor welcomed all in attendance. VanCor said McKeon was unable to attend due to a work issue. Present were Norm VanCor, Jeanny Aldrich, Alissa Thompson and Susan Rigg. Department heads in attendance were Duane Chickering, Samantha Hill, Ted Athanasopoulos, and Chris Lord.

Val Starbuck was invited to give information about the water chestnut weed that was found in the lake. She reported a representative from the State came and was unable to find any more evidence of the exotic weed. Starbuck said the State will monitor the lake for the next few years. Also, the Lake Association funds a biologist for a weed search every fall.

**Broadband update:** Aldrich reviewed the progress based on Brad Roscoe's website. Consolidated will bring in more workers starting this Sunday and they are progressing quickly. Aldrich said realtors are starting to contact about the improvements. Brad Roscoe will provide install updates at: <http://www.roscoe.cc/2019-8-7=status.html>

**Beaches:** VanCor provided an overview of the drainage and erosion issues at North Shore and Ware's Grove Beaches. He said the engineering firm, Fuss & O'Neill, designed a plan to eliminate the erosion. The Town obtained wetland permits and shoreland permits from the NHDES. The Town asked for bids to do the work and the contract was awarded to Rawson Excavating. The work is almost done, although there are some modifications to be made at the outlet of the stream on Ware's Grove. Plants are coming on Tuesday and will be installed next week. VanCor reviewed sketches for the audience and outlined the process and the reasons for the build.

VanCor said the abutter at Ware's Grove made a modification to the stream which caused more erosion. He explained 150 feet of the stream had to be reconstructed. We did have permission from the abutter. The whole stream was straightened and realigned to an outfall. This is working very well, said VanCor. There is some work still to be done at the stream, said VanCor. There is a dispute with the abutter, and he has denied access to their property. The State is in between the two parties. If not allowed access, the abutter will have to do the work.

**Parks & Rec Commission:** Samantha Hill is the Executive Director and maintains both beaches, oversees counselors and lifeguards, and develops new programs. Current programming includes yoga, Zumba, Summer Concert Series, Rec Soccer and the Before School Care program. She would like to do a winter concert series, winter rec camp on school vacation days, an adult dodgeball team, snowshoeing club and a triathlon.

**Former Town Office (Marsh House)** was addressed by Aldrich. The town is actively looking to preserve this building. There is a party interested in purchasing the building for personal use. Aldrich is continuing to pursue the Seven to Save program through the State Preservation Alliance.

VanCor updated the audience about progress at the Town Hall Annex. He said the D.A. Brothers are expecting to be done in the middle of October. An open house will be planned when the building is done.

**Technology Update:** Aldrich said funds were approved at the last annual meeting to update the computer system in the Town offices. A new server is about ready to go live and security has been tightened. She said a new system allows credit card payments at many departments in the Town.

Aldrich also advised that the Conservation Commission is reviewing ways to improve the lake area septic systems. They are researching towns with similar lake sizes and checking into practices that might help at Spofford Lake. Acceptable building practices in the lake district are also being reviewed.

James Corliss, Planning Board Chair said that steep slopes at the lake are being reviewed and public hearings will be held in October regarding potential zoning changes. The lake watershed area could be looked at in October. An audience member asked about boat activity and its' effect on erosion. The Lake Association President said they are working with the State to make recommendations for lakes and develop state guidelines regarding boating. He also said the Lake Association does not limit boat size but does regulate boat speed.

Several questions were asked about mooring and docks on the lake. Unfortunately, said Aldrich, we do not have authority over the lake waters. This is under the State of NH jurisdiction.

VanCor said the town often gets complaints about those renting boat slips on the lake and would like to talk with the Spofford Lake Assoc about their suggestions.



There were general questions about issues in town and those items were addressed by the appropriate department head.

VanCor said he would like to start a gardening club in Chesterfield. Information about this will be put in the next Happenings. With that, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rigg

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| Jon McKeon, Chair   | Date    |
|   | 9/18/19 |
| Jeanny Aldrich  | Date    |
|  | 9/18/19 |
| Norman VanCor   | Date    |