

Special Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 8, 2017 @ 2:30 PM

I. Chairman Benson called the special meeting to order at 2:30pm. In attendance were Dan Norwood, Lydia Goetze, Chad Terry, Manager Lagrange. George Jellison was excused.

II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda: None

III. New Business:

~ This special meeting called to discuss the Post Office parking lot which is privately owned. The 1986 lease to the Town had expired in October, 2016. Several business owners requested the Town to support the maintenance of the parking lot with an annual payment to property owner of \$18,000 per year.

Scott Worcester summarized the potential costs of use based on over 40,000 space use annually which would cost the Town \$0.44 per space. The owner of the lot, Ken Korona stated he will close the lot to the public except for his own business activities on July 13 without any agreement from the Selectmen.

Lydia Goetze stated the \$18,000 fee request was not reasonable based on town cost estimates. Dan Norwood questioned why the area merchants did not participate in the lot maintenance and they responded they were not the only ones to use the parking area. Chairman Benson suggested a lease for a specific number of parking spaces for a ten year term giving the property owner the flexibility he had suggested was vital to the future of the lot. Mr. Korona agreed to consider this proposal. The Selectmen suggested a meeting between the Town Manager and Mr. Korona on Monday, 6/12 to reach a compromise.

There being no further business, Dan Norwood moved to adjourn meeting at 3:17 PM, seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 4/0/0.