

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016

PRESENT: George Lawrence, Chairman, Becky Doyle, David Lage, Joanne Meshna

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

The Board was to meet with Attorney Kanoff at 6:00 p.m. but because of inclement weather, the meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled.

Budget: The Board reviewed the changes made by the Budget Committee to the Selectmen's budget at their meeting Monday evening and decided on the placement order for the Warrant Articles.

Two new articles have been added to the warrant as follows: Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$23,500) for the second year of the five year cyclical revaluation, 2015-2020, and for utility assessment, and to authorize the withdrawal from the Revaluation Capital Reserve fund established for that purpose. Recommended by the Budget Committee. Selectman Doyle made a motion that the Selectmen recommend the Article. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for the purchase of a minimum of six sets of turnout gear, and to authorize the withdrawal from the Fire Department Protective Equipment Capital Reserve account established for that purpose. This will be the first year of a three year program. Recommended by the Budget Committee 4-1. Selectman Doyle made a motion that the Selectmen recommend the Article. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board discussed Ed Rogers' recommendation for the culverts on River Road and Poor Farm Road. The Board agreed to add an Article to the Warrant as follows: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000) to repair the culvert crossings at two locations on River Road prior to the scheduled paving of River Road.

Pipeline Task Force: Wendy explained that a Water Quality 401 permit is not superseded by FERC. DES and Kinder Morgan have been preparing the permit. The Municipal Coalition has filed a 91A with DES and they are to provide the information in 4-6 weeks. The concern is that they are working on the permit together and nothing is in the public. Fitzwilliam has also filed a 91A request. This permit is the one thing that could stop the pipeline. The Town may need to hire experts in this field. Many of the towns are now filing 91A's with DES and Wendy recommended the Board file a 91A request for the information. The Selectmen agreed to wait and see what information is provided to the Coalition by DES under their 91A request and if need be send a letter after that.

The Board discussed a letter received from Karen Miller. Karen is requesting she be allowed to serve on the Conservation Commission as a member. Selectman Doyle referred to the Commission's bylaws whereby it states "The Selectmen shall appoint someone to fill the unexpired term of a regular or alternate member..." There are two vacant positions on the Commission which Selectman Doyle

considered unexpired. Further, she noted generally people start as alternates and then move up to a permanent position. The bylaws also state the member shall be appointed effective November 1. Selectman Lage read RSA 36A:3 and stated there was no reason why the Conservation Commission cannot make a recommendation to the Selectmen on new members after any monthly meeting. Selectman Lawrence will call and discuss with Chairman Boynton.

Warrant articles: The Board reviewed two new warrant articles: Article 17, \$23,000 for cyclical review and utility assessment. The Board recommended the article 3-0. Article 18, turnout gear for the Fire Department. The Board recommended the article 3-0.

Old Business: David reviewed topics that require the Selectmen's attention: Temple Road debris (Joanne will ask the Building Inspector to inspect the barn on the property), Temple Road house owned by the Town, questions on the audit (Selectman Doyle will follow-up and the auditors will be scheduled to present the audit to the Board), health insurance options, road crossing ordinance, road maintenance policy, and Conservation Commission easement (has been reviewed by the Town attorney and his comments have been forward to the Conservation Commission for New England Forestry).

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

January 12, 2016 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

David S. Lage

