

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MAY 17, 2016

PRESENT: Becky Doyle, Chairman, David Lage, Tim Johnson

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

Bob Boynton and Betsy Cook: Bob reminded the Board the Town bought property (approximately 175 acres) on New Ipswich Mountain about three years ago. New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) has agreed to take a conservation easement on the property. Betsy Cook from NEFF explained the easement restricts the property for being developed but does permit hunting, timber management, recreation, and trails. NEFF monitors the property yearly to make sure everything is being done according to the easement and there are no issues such as trespass, encroachment, or dumping and a report is made to the Town. Motorized recreation is restricted as well as mining and no structures are permitted. Bob noted the Wapack Trail goes through the property. The easement allows for forest management and requires consistency with a forestry management plan completed by a forester and submitted to NEFF.

Betsy submitted a Baseline Document Report for the easement. This documents the condition of the property when the easement is put into place for comparison of the land in the future.

Selectman Lage and Doyle signed the easement. Selectman Johnson asked for more time to review the document. Betsy will record the document at the Registry of Deeds tomorrow. She will also forward a copy for Selectman Johnson.

Paving bid: Director of Public Works Peter Goewey submitted an email to the Board recommending R&D Paving be awarded the paving bid. Selectman Lage noted the bid requested amounts for using rap or not using rap. He had asked Director Goewey to contact the UNH Cooperative Extension that handles testing for the State DOT for their recommendation. The Board decided to wait for the information from UNH. Also noted was there was no insurance documentation submitted with the bid. Joanne will check.

Gravel crushing bid: Director of Public Works Peter Goewey submitted an email recommending C&C Trucking LLC be awarded the gravel crushing bid. Selectman Lage made a motion to award C&C Trucking LLC the gravel crushing bid. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Pipeline: The Board received an invoice for legal fees from the Pipeline Coalition for April. FERC is to make a decision on the Kinder Morgan application by May 26. The Board would like to have a discussion with the Pipeline Task Force. Selectman Doyle suggested holding on further legal fees. The Board agreed to inform the Coalition the Town does not want any funds spent until the Board can have a discussion with the Pipeline task Force and they would like to do that after the FERC decision on May 26. Selectman Lage made a motion to inform the Coalition the Town of New Ipswich does not want to continue to incur legal fees for the pipeline unless circumstances change with Kinder Morgan's position. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Vicki Goralski/Town Property, River Road: An email was received from Thomas Travers regarding land owned by Vick Goralski on River Road, lot 12/106. She is seeking a right of way access through Town property, lot 12/109-1, and questioned the steps necessary to grant the request. Reference was made to the deed when Maurice Stone gave the property to the Town. The deed restricts construction of dwellings, roads, dams, etc. The Board agreed Ms. Goralski should seek other alternatives for accessing her property.

188 Greenville Road: A complaint was received regarding the debris located next to the roadway at 188 Greenville Road. Joanne will send a letter to the owner.

Doug Ford, Old Country Road: The Board received a letter from Doug Ford, 335 Old Country Road, in which he explained back in 2007 Old Country Road had washed out and fill from the road had washed up onto their property. The Road Agent made water dams to prevent future erosion. Last year there was an increase in traffic due to the construction of Highbridge and the water dams were destroyed. He requested the Selectmen have the Road Agent fix the water dams. The Board agreed to the request as long as nothing is done to the road. Also discussed was a gate that has been removed from the road. Director Goewey will be asked to reinstall the gate.

Parks and Recreation: The Board discussed the request from Director of Parks and Recreation Mindy Buxton to have the ballfield at Smithville mowed. The field is used from spring to fall. Selectman Johnson noted he had mowed the field twice. He estimated the field will need 8-10 more mowings. He volunteered to do the mowing for the season. The Board thanked him for his offer.

Jomarc donated \$600 to the Town for the fishing derby. Selectman Doyle made a motion to accept the \$600 donation for the fishing derby with thanks. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NH Interlocal Trust: An email was received from Kirstin Barber at NH Interlocal Trust informing the Board funds would be returned to the Town in the amount of \$5,673.67 for plan year ended June 30, 2015. There were three options to have the funds returned: a one-time payment by check to the Town issued in February 2017, a return applied as a "premium holiday" to the member's contributions and credited against its monthly contribution until paid in full, or a credit to the member's monthly contributions spread equally over each monthly payment beginning January 2017 and through December 2017. Selectman Lage made a motion to take the one-time payment and distribute the savings proportionately to the employees and deposit the balance into the general fund. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Trustees of Trust Funds payments: Beverly Vaillancourt submitted a request for payment from the Stearns-Burton Lecture Fund for \$500.00 for the Keene American Legion Band to perform on Memorial Day. The Board approved the request. Also requested was payment for \$620 for a program at the Boynton Middle School "Eyes On Owls. The Board approved the request.

Minutes: Selectman Lage made a motion to approve the minutes and nonpublic minutes of the April 19, 2016 meeting. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Clark Baldwin: Clark Baldwin, alternate member on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, submitted his resignation from the Board as of May 9, 2016. Selectman Doyle made a motion to accept his resignation with regret and much appreciation for his time on the Board. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Troy Shaw, Porter Hill Road: Mr. Shaw plans to build a home on a lot behind the old cemetery on Porter Hill Road. He wants to build a driveway starting at Porter Hill Road, crossing the Town land, going over the culvert and into the parking area, and up the hill to his home behind the stone wall of the cemetery. The Cemetery Trustees sent a letter to the Board stating “pending any legal ramifications and survey of weight limits of the roadway that is already there, if the Selectmen agree, Troy Shaw should be allowed to use that area as a non-asphalt driveway up to his home.” Selectman Lage noted Mr. Shaw had other alternatives for accessing his property other than going through an area next to the cemetery. Mr. Cotzin reminded the Board the town pound is right next to the cemetery and is a historical area. The Board felt the area should be preserved and that a cemetery is a solemn place. Selectman Lage made a motion to notify Mr. Shaw that the Board of Selectmen do not want to issue an easement for a driveway access off Porter Hill Road near the Town cemetery as he had requested. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Audit: A three year proposal for auditing services was provided to the Board by Vachon Clukay & Company, the company that currently does the Town’s audit. The proposal is for 2016 \$14,881, 2017 \$15,250 and 2018 \$15,250. Selectman Lage made a motion to execute the agreement with the current auditing firm through 2018 in accordance with their proposal. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Joanne added that the audit will take place next week.

15 Temple Road: The Board noted the yard at 15 Temple Road is being cleaned up. Joanne will check on when it will be completed.

Turnpike and Peterson Roads: Joanne was asked to check if there was a demolition permit and building permit approved for the lot located at the intersection of Turnpike and Peterson Roads. The Selectmen also noted there are several vehicles and trailers on the property. Selectman Doyle will do a drive by.

Memorial Field: Selectman Johnson informed the Board the construction of the addition to the dugout and the announcer’s booth has begun as well as the construction in the upper field on the dugouts. Also, there was no fencing installed for the construction on the lower field as the Board had requested. Joanne noted there were no building permits in place. The Board instructed the Building Inspector to stop work on the projects until such time as building permits are approved.

Farmers’ Market: Selectman Johnson has been questioned why the Recreation Department will not allow the Farmers’ Market on the Town field. Selectman Doyle explained that is misinformation. The Farmers’ Market group is welcome to have the market at the field. One issue was the insurance. If they choose to be an independent organization or group that wants to have an event, the Town requires liability insurance. They did not want to purchase the insurance. The Recreation Department sponsored the event under the Town’s insurance last year. At one point monies were being collected from the vendors to be used to advertising. Money being collected at activities sponsored by the Town must be

accounted for by the Treasurer. The money can still be used for advertising. There was a lot of confusion about the donations or fees being collected and how the money was being accounted for. The Recreation Department has never stated they cannot have the market at the field or that they cannot charge a fee. Selectman Lage stated he felt the Farmers' market could be a town-sponsored event and not go through the Recreation Department. It is not a recreation event but a benefit to the Town.

It was noted there was another issue last year when the Market was asked not to set up by the playground as it beginning day of soccer and the Police Department recommended that they not drive on the field. Another location was found along Playground Road which was favorable to most but there were a few vendors that were not happy with the location. Selectmen Lage added he was not in favor of driving on the field because of the septic line and possible damage to it.

Selectman Lage stated he hoped the issues could be overcome and everyone work cooperatively to keep the market at the field. Selectman Johnson added it is a benefit to the community and vendors, but also needs to be done in a safe and organized manner. He added he hoped the issues could be resolved before the season begins. Also, the Board agreed the best location for the market was along Playground Road.

Fire Department: Selectman Johnson stated Mr. Perkins was to work on the fire truck pump last week. Selectman Doyle spoke with Chief Lund and the pump is not fully failed and the anticipated cost is around \$13,000. The only way to do the insurance claim was if it was catastrophic pump failure. Selectman Lage questioned who authorized the work to be done and where the funds were coming from. Selectman Johnson will find out the status from Chief Lund.

The outside street light has been removed. There is an estimate for the electrical work and Director of Public Works is getting another quote and working on the payback of changing the service.

Memorial Day services: Memorial Day services will be held on Sunday, May 22. There is a morning parade at 10:00 a.m. at Smithville Cemetery and at 1:00 at Center Cemetery.

Willard Road: There is no report as yet from the Health Officer on the Willard Road complaint. Joanne will contact him for a status report.

11 Temple Road: The last time Selectman Doyle spoke to Mr. St. Jean he was going to forward paperwork for the auction and it has not yet been received. Joanne will check.

National Police Appreciation Week: Selectman Johnson announced it was National Police Appreciation Week. He thanked the New Ipswich Police Department and staff for their dedication, professionalism, service, and sacrifice to the Town of New Ipswich on behalf of the Board and the Town of New Ipswich.

At 8:30 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 8:40 p.m. the Board returned to public session. Selectman Doyle made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectman May 16, 2016 minutes approved by:

Rebecca M. Doyle, Chairman

David S. Lage

Timothy Johnson II