

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MAY 31, 2016

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

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

USA Properties, Inc.: Mr. Bruce Simpson, President of USA Properties (USA) and Mr. Peter Holden from Holden Engineering met with the Board to make a proposal for Stowell Road. Mr. Simpson explained USA owns eight lots on Cedar Ridge Drive and one on Stowell Road which they are subdividing. USA Properties is proposing continuation of Stowell Road to Temple. Most of the road is passable with approximately 500-600 feet not passable. The Planning Board raised the issue that Stowell Road is a long dead end road and no other way out. One way to minimize the impact to people that own homes on the road would be to subject the road to gates and bars, gate it at each end and provide emergency services with keys for access. USA would bring the road up to standards passable as an emergency road.

Selectman Lage questioned why the Town would want that if it is not a Town maintained Class V road. Mr. Simpson responded the Town would not have to maintain it. The Planning Board thinks it is important as an emergency access. Mr. Holden noted in the past people have indicated it would be nice if there was a connection. For people living on the road, emergency vehicles could pass through. It would be a Town Road. Selectman Lage stated any new roads have to meet Class V standards. Selectman Doyle questioned why gates and bars and Mr. Holden responded so the traffic would not be increased for people living on the road; it would be a dead end road but would have the opportunity to be a through road when the need arises. Selectman Lage stated USA's need would be for their development and the road should be built to Town standards. Selectman Lage questioned if USA had approached the Town of Temple and Mr. Holden responded they had not.

Selectman Doyle stated she was not opposed to the proposal but if it is going to be a through road it should not be closed to gates and bars. Selectman Lage stated if USA wants to pursue it, the road has to be built to Class V standards and Selectmen Doyle agreed. She added she would like to know Temple's response to the proposal. Mr. Holden stated they would meet with Temple.

Paul Fisher: The Board received a letter of resignation from Paul who is the Transfer Station Attendant. His resignation is effective June 18, 2016. Selectman Doyle wished Paul well. The Town will be advertising for a replacement.

NHDOT resurfacing: Two letters were received from Brox Industries, Inc. announcing resurfacing starting on June 9 on Route 124 from the intersection of Old Country Road westerly to just east of the intersection of Route 123 and from a pavement joint north of BR NO 157/093 northerly to the intersection of Temple Road, and starting June 1 on Route 123 from the intersection of Route 124 to Route 101 in Peterborough.

Paving bids: Selectman Doyle noted Director of Public Works Goewey is unable to get anything in writing from UNH and he suggested going with the rap. Director Goewey also put together a list of roads he would like to pave this year which she read: Thayer Road, King Road, Academy Road, Manley

Road, River Road, Goen Road, Joy Lane and Old Country Road I and II for a total of \$667,604.35. Selectman Lage stated there was approximately \$50,000 from the warrant articles last year, \$600,000 from warrant articles this year and he suggested taking \$50,000 from the highway block grant to pave the roads. Selectman Lage made a motion to approve awarding of the paving bid to R&D Paving, Inc. based on the unit cost of their bid and proceed with paving of roads recommended by Director Goewey up to \$668,000. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Country Road: Mr. Doug Ford called Joanne regarding replacement of the gate on Old Country Road near his home. He noted there have been two sets of gates there in the past and both were ruined. A decision was made several years ago not to put up any more gates. He questioned the purpose of the gate as it cannot be locked because of emergency services, and he was concerned people may go through his field if they cannot go through the gate. He was against reinstalling a gate and Joanne noted Director Goewey was also opposed. The Board rescinded their previous decision to install a gate and a gate will not be put up.

Minutes: Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting and two nonpublic session minutes of the same day. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Police cruiser: Over the weekend the police cruiser was hit by a deer and was towed to Maillets in Greenville. An insurance claim has been filed. Chief Carpenter requested permission to move the cruiser to United Restorations in New Ipswich for repair and the Board granted the request.

Treasurer Lashua: Treasurer Lashua addressed the Board with a proposal to close the Town's accounts at Citizens Bank and use only TD Bank for all accounts. She provided information on both banks and what they can offer the Town for the Town accounts. The Selectmen had no issues with the change to TD Bank and approved the request.

Pipeline Task Force: Selectman Lage noted he had attended the Pipeline Task Force meeting Thursday evening. The tasks listed on the Coalition's letter of items to be pursued were discussed. The Town informed the Coalition they did not want to spend any more money on legal fees. The Board discussed the Pipeline Task Force and if the Committee could be released. Selectman Lage stated Wendy noted there were some legislative items that members still want to pursue. Selectman Doyle stated the Board needs to look at the intent of why the Task Force was formed. Selectman Lage recommended Joanne email Wendy and ask if there is any reason to keep the Task Force.

Budget: The Board reviewed the budget. Selectman Doyle noted Welfare Director Traffie had wanted to purchase some software. Joanne will ask her to attend a meeting with her proposal.

Comcast renewal: The Board reviewed the second draft of the Comcast contract and there were few changes. Mr. Christensen will be asked to attend another Selectmen meeting.

Performance evaluations: The performance evaluation form has been distributed to department heads and they are to be returned in two weeks. The Board agreed to begin reviewing department heads next week.

Antique fire truck: Selectman Johnson stated he and Mr. Cotzin would like to get the antique fire truck back on the road. It was last registered in 2014. If he cannot find the plate, there is an \$8.00 fee for a new plate. Mr. Cotzin added they would like to get the Historical Society involved to help with the building. Also, they have been trying to get some interest from the Fire Department. More members are needed to help. Financial support is also needed. In the past the fire truck was in parades and fire musters. There is a hand pumper that they would also like to get working. Selectmen Doyle stated the summer festival is coming up on June 11 and suggested getting the fire truck and pumper to the field for demonstrations and fundraising.

Central Cemetery: Mr. David Cotzin informed the Board that he had received a complaint about Central Cemetery that it was not mowed for Memorial Day. Only a portion had been mowed. Joanne stated she had received the same complaint and spoken to the Sexton who informed her the mowing company had forgotten our Memorial Day activities are the week before Memorial Day and when reminded had run out of time to do the whole cemetery. Mr. Cotzin noted it still was not mowed. The Selectmen were concerned and instructed Joanne to inform the Cemetery Trustees.

Police Facility Committee: Selectman Large announced the schematic layout for the police facility has been received and a meeting of the Police Facility Committee will be held on June 23 at 5:30 p.m. to review it. The firm will be in attendance with some site layout logistics.

Turnpike and Peterson Road: Selectman Doyle to view the site.

Parking lot: The Town-owned parking lot next to the Library has forsythia bushes that need attention. Selectman Lage will discuss with Director Goewey.

At 7:35 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3II(d). Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 7:55 p.m. the Board returned to public session. Selectman Doyle made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Goal: Selectman Lage suggested the Board have a specific goal that could be achieved in six months to a year and asked Selectman Doyle and Johnson to think about something that could be done.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen May 31, 2016 minutes approved by:

Rebecca M. Doyle, Chairman

David S. Lage

Timothy Johnson II