

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JUNE 14, 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.

Turnpike Auto Parts: An application for renewal of their junkyard license was received by the Board for Turnpike Auto Parts. The Board agreed to a site visit on Saturday, July 9 at 8:00 a.m.

Fire Department: An invoice from W. D. Perkins for repair of the fire truck in the amount of \$14,753.18 was received by the Board. Selectmen Lage stated he would like to review the Fire Department budget to determine if some of the money can be taken from there.

11 Temple Road: The auction of 11 Temple Road will take place on July 21, 2016 at 3 p.m.

Fireworks permits: A fireworks permit from Kathleen Blease, 230 Old Country Road, for July 3, 2016 at 9:00 p.m. was approved. A fireworks permit from Marshall Cain 24 Middle Pratt pond Road, for July 3 at dusk was approved. An application for release from the noise ordinance for Mr. Cain was not approved pending confirmation the abutters have been notified.

Comcast renewal: The public hearing for the Comcast renewal agreement will be held on July 28, 2016.

6:15 p.m.: Sharon Rosenfelder, Robin Babin, Paula Gnibus, Kathy Hughson, Harris McQuade, Paul Lemieux, Carl Toko, Oliver Niemi

The above residents from Smithville were present to discuss the trapping of beavers off Taylor Road. It was stated the traps were placed on posted private property without knowledge of the owner and the traps are dangerous to children and animals. Questions included who made the decision to put the traps in that location and who is liable if someone gets hurts or killed. Ms. Babin noted she had contacted Fish and Game who stated the location of the traps was not where it should be and it is not beaver trapping season. The group agreed there were better, more humane ways to handle the beavers.

Selectman Doyle noted the responsibility of the Director of Public Works is to keep the culverts and beaver dams clear to prevent washout of the roads. Also discussed was the need to post where the traps are located and a list of those sites made available to the public. Selectman Lage added the issue appears to be the way the beaver are trapped which is something the Selectmen can look into; whether or not to trap the beaver is not an issue as culverts will be blocked causing roads to be damaged.

Selectmen Doyle stated the Selectmen are aware of the issues and will discuss them with the Director of Public Works.

Mowing of the cemeteries: Sexton Niemi presented a revised schedule for mowing of the cemeteries. He explained how the schedule was determined with the budget he was given. He added he had asked for \$9,000 in his budget for mowing and was given \$7,000. Selectman Lage noted he did not want to see the grass on the cemeteries longer than 5 inches tall and added they should always look nice. The Selectmen inquired about the contract with the mower which should list expectations. Also, they stated for the remainder of this year, the cemeteries are to be well maintained and if additional mowings are required to achieve that, they are to be done.

At 7:10 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 9:00 p.m. the public session convened. Selectman Doyle made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen June 14, 2016 minutes approved by:

Rebecca M. Doyle, Chairman

David S. Lage

Timothy Johnson II