

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
JULY 5, 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.

Comcast renewal: Selectmen Doyle made a motion to enter into a public hearing on the renewal of the cable television franchise between the Town of New Ipswich and Comcast. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Selectman Doyle noted there has been little changed in the renewal agreement from the 2011 agreement. The agreement spells out specifications where they will install poles. There is a remedy for complaints – complaints must be put in writing and submitted. Selectman Lage noted one of the concerns he heard from people was access to TV. There is a plan from Comcast showing the area of service and almost all of the town is covered except for a few remote roads. Selectman Doyle noted the first 200 feet of a driveway from the road is covered by Comcast but the extra distance to the house after that must be paid for by the homeowner. Selectman Lage noted the Town buildings that receive service has been updated in the new agreement, and the time was shortened for installation of underground services from 180 days to 30 days.

Mascenic Regional High School: A letter from Glen Waring, Business Administrator, for Mascenic Regional School District, was received by the Board. The letter provides the estimated appropriations for the Town for FY2016-17. For New Ipswich the annual amount is \$7,895,342, and the monthly amount is \$657,945.

Private road agreement: The Board approved a private road agreement for San-Ken Homes, Inc., lot 5B/18-10, 57 Old Beaver Road.

11 Temple Road: The property owned by the Town at 11 Temple Road will be going up for auction on July 21, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

USA Properties, Inc.: The Board received a letter from the Temple Board of Selectmen in which they state they met with Bruce Simpson of USA Properties and discussed his request to have Moran Road in Temple upgraded. The Temple Board rejected the request.

Karen Cain: Mrs. Cain lives at 24 Middle Pratt Pond Road. She stated for over thirty years she has been doing fireworks on July 3. She noted all her permits were in place. At 8:30 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Officer Myer shut down her cannon shots because he had a complaint from Mary Fortier. Mrs. Cain added she had permission to shoot 5 shots from the cannon and only was able to do 2 before being shut down. She noted Chief Carpenter had told her there would be a conflict of interest if Mrs. Fortier was involved. Mrs. Cain questioned why she should go through the trouble of getting the permits only to be shut down. She did not consider it fair and felt she was being penalized for getting the permits. The Board advised Mrs. Cain to speak to Chief Carpenter and added they would also speak to him.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Lund is in Nevada fighting a fire until the 21<sup>st</sup> of July. Gary Somero is in charge in her place.

445 Turnpike Road: Joanne will try and schedule a site visit of 445 Turnpike Road for July 12 at 6:00 with Bob Boynton for a potential wetlands violation.

Police Facility Committee: The Police Facility Committee met on June 23. The architect presented options for siting the building with all of the options having the driveway on the west side of the lot. They will return on July 28 at 5:30 with more options for the driveway.

At 7:00 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a motion to close the public hearing for the Comcast renewal agreement. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 III(c). Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 10:00 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. 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 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen July 5, 2016 minutes approved by:

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Rebecca M. Doyle, Chairman

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David S. Lage

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Timothy Johnson II

