

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
JULY 19, 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.

Welfare Director Carrie Traffie: Director Traffie explained there is software now available for Welfare Directors called NH General Assistance Program (NH GAP). The software is currently being used by 38 towns in New Hampshire. The software is designed to provide a central state wide data base. The program will be set up specific for New Ipswich and Director Traffie will enter in the information. Once it is set up, data from the Request for Assistance application will be entered into the computer and will determine what the applicant qualifies for. Liens, forms, reports and vouches can be printed from the new software. The cost for the software is \$306.96 per year and is based on population with the first year being free. Cost for setup is \$175.00.

Selectman Lage made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the NH GAP software. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Johnson requested Director Traffie make sure there are no hidden fees.

Director Traffie also discussed with the Board a family in town that needs help with trash removal. She was contacted by the State because there are children in the house. The State is looking for the Town to help in any way they can. The Board will go into nonpublic session to discuss the issue.

Joseph Edwards, 29 Turnpike Road: Mr. Edwards received a letter from the Board of Selectmen questioning the number of unregistered cars on his property and advising him of possible violation of RSA 236:112. Mr. Edwards stated he has two lots with one in New Ipswich and one in Greenville. He has permission from Greenville to store any unregistered cars on his Greenville lot until he can get his garage built.

Also discussed was Peterson Road. Mr. Edwards stated the road was considered a bridle path and not a road. Selectman Lage noted there was to be a development in Greenville which connected to Peterson Road. The developer requested the name be changed to Butternut Road and the approval was granted. The development never occurred. Mr. Edwards stated the address for their home is 29 Turnpike Road but there is a street sign for Peterson Road and this could be a serious problem for emergencies. Selectman Lage replied that their frontage is on Turnpike Road and Peterson is a Class VI road and that was the reason for the Turnpike Road address. Mr. Peterson added a developer has no right to put a road through his property and Joanne noted the plan she found showed the road not on his property. Selectman Doyle stated research needs to be done to determine where the road lies.

Pipeline legal fees: An email was received from Tad Putney regarding legal fees paid to the coalition. New Ipswich will receive \$4,866 back from the \$10,200 paid in 2015.

Minutes: Selectman Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2016 and July 5, 2016 public and nonpublic session minutes. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Town Hall Committee: The Committee has not met recently. Selectman Johnson was asked to reach out to Ed Rogers to get the Committee going.

Heritage Committee and Fire Chief Hiring Committee: The Board will review candidates for the committees.

Site review: Selectman Lage reported he, Bob Boynton and Lisa Oden had done a site visit at 445 Turnpike Road on July 12, 2016 because of an alleged wetlands encroachment violation. Fill was measured to be approximately 23 feet from the high water line of the brook. The homeowner was asked to pull it up a bit and stabilize the slope.

Comcast: According to the franchise agreement, the Town may request \$15,000 from the franchisee for the purchase of capital equipment. Joanne stated she had not requested the money as yet because the agreement is being executed by Comcast. Selectmen Doyle and Johnson did not want to request the money until it was needed for purchase of equipment as the Comcast customers will have to pay an extra fee. Selectman Lage did not agree. Joanne will check with Mr. Christianson.

Mrs. Karen Cain: Selectman Johnson stated he had spoken with Lt. Radford and the issue regarding the cannon had been resolved.

USA Properties, Inc.: USA Properties will be meeting with the Board in August to discuss upgrading of Stowell Road.

Parks and Recreation: Director of Parks and Recreation Mindy Buxton submitted an email to the Board in which she proposed a cheerleader camp. If the camp is successful, she may run another cheer program along with the basketball season (December-February). A coordinator would be hired and paid for from fees collected from a revolving account. Selectman Lage questioned if the initial funding for a Coordinator comes from a revolving account, would it have to come from the budget the next year. The Board agreed to go ahead with the camp for now. Joanne will check with NHMA on the revolving account and budgeting.

NHMA: The Board received policy recommendations made by NHMA's three policy committees requesting Selectmen vote a position on the recommendations and floor proposals to provide direction to the voting delegate at the Legislative Policy Conference. The Board agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

Old Business: Selectman goal - Selectman Doyle suggested a pavilion at Memorial Field. Safety manual - needs to be reviewed and approved. Joint Loss Committee needs to be formed.

Building Inspector: Selectman Lage questioned if the Building Inspector was a code enforcement officer. Joanne will check the warrant article.

Jim Coffey: Mr. Coffey stated the Assessors would like to meet with the Selectmen to discuss exemptions for disability, solar and veterans. Joanne will schedule the meeting.

At 7:50 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 III(c). Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m. the Board returned to public session. Selectmen 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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen minutes of July 19 2016 approved by:

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Rebecca M. Doyle, Chairman

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David S. Lage

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Timothy Johnson II