

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
JULY 26, 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.

Beverly Vaillancourt: Selectman Doyle announced that Beverly Vaillancourt, the Town's Treasurer for 38 years, had passed away Monday evening. Selectman Doyle offered condolences to her family and asked for a moment of silence.

Budget: The Board reviewed the budget. No problems areas were noted. Joanne will find out when bonds are paid. The Fire Department vehicle maintenance line is over because of repairs to the fire truck.

NHMA Legislative Policy: The Board reviewed policy recommendations made by NHMA and voted opposed (O) or Support (S) on each:

General Administration and Governance:

- 1) Funding for the Police Standards and Training Council: (S) a), b), c), d), f) and the first part of e); (O) to second part of e).
- 2) Consultation with Counsel Expansion Under RSA 91-A: (S).
- 3) Building Plans Under RSA Chapter 91-A: No vote.
- 4) EMS Licensing Rules: (S).
- 5) Electronic Poll Books: ((S).
- 6) Municipal Welfare Fraud Penalties: (S).
- 7) Right to Know Costs and Specificity Required: (S).
- 8) Official Ballot Budget Postings: (S).
- 9) Public Notice Requirements: (S).
- 10) Municipal Departments and MV Information: (S).
- 11) Manner of Selecting Clerk in Charter Towns: not applicable.
- 12) Sewer and Storm Ordinance Violation: (S).
- 13) Preservation of Municipal Immunity: (S).
- 14) Welfare Lien Priority: (S).
- 15) Petition Signature Requirements: (S).
- 16) Long-Term Storage of Records: (S).
- 17) Human Resources Record Retention: (S).
- 18) Consolidated Policy on Collective Bargaining Items: (S).
- 19) Contracted Services and Bargaining: (S).
- 20) Maintenance and Policing of State-Owned Property: (S).
- 21) Supervisor of the Checklist Sessions: (S).
- 22) Municipal Recreation Programs: (S).
- 23) Appointment of Town Clerks and Town Clerks/Tax Collectors: (S).

- 24) Warrant Article language; Adoption by Reference: (S).
- 25) Preambulation: (S).
- 26) Limitation on RSA 41:14-a Review: (S).
- 27) Independent Redistricting Commission: (S).

#### Finance and Revenue

- 1) Collection of Delinquent taxes on Manufactured Housing: (S).
- 2) Use of RSA 83-F Utility Values: (S).
- 3) Current Use Assessment: (S).
- 4) Tax Exemptions for Charitable Organizations: (S).
- 5) Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution: (S).
- 6) Pollution Control Exemption: (S).
- 7) Income Approach on Appeal: (S).
- 8) Clarification of Elderly Exemption: (S).
- 9) 10% Limitations: (O).
- 10) Prorating Disabled, Deaf and Blind Exemptions: (S).
- 11) Flood Control Payments: (S).
- 12) Charitable Definition of Mandated Property Tax Exemptions: (S).
- 13) Sale of Tax Deeded Property: (S).
- 14) Local Option Revenue Sources: (O).
- 15) Tax Rate Setting: (S).
- 16) All Public Real Estate Taxable if Used by Private Occupants: (S).
- 17) Recording Fees for Elderly and Disabled Deferrals: (S).
- 18) Downshifting of State Costs and State Revenue: (S).
- 19) State Revenue Structure and State Education Funding: (S).
- 20) New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS): (S).
- 21) Utility Appraisal Method: (S).
- 22) Management of Trust Funds: (S).
- 23) Minimum Vote Required for Bond Issues: (S).

#### Infrastructure, Development, and Land Use

- 1) Site Evaluation Committee and Local Input: (S).
- 2) Municipal Cooperation: (S).
- 3) Waiver of Bond for Projects Under \$150,000: (S).
- 4) Restoration of Full General Revenue Funding for Municipal State Aid Grant (SAG Programs): (S).
- 5) Transportation Funding: (O).
- 6) Solid Waste Revolving Funds: (S).
- 7) Clarify Establishing Highways: (S).
- 8) Water Fund: (S).
- 9) Utility Infrastructure: (S).
- 10) Complete Streets: (O).
- 11) Increase or Elimination of Net Metering Cap: (S).

- 12) Severe Weather Events: (S).
- 13) Oppose Statewide Zoning Mandates: (S).
- 14) Municipal Use of Structures in the Right-of-Way: (S).
- 15) Regional Water Quality: (S).
- 16) Conservation Investment: (S).
- 17) Environmental Regulation and Preemption: (S).
- 18) Energy, Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation: (S).
- 19) Open Space Retention and Sprawl Prevention: (S).
- 20) Sludge/Biosolids: (S).
- 21) Current Use: (S).

Parks and Recreation: Parks and Recreation Director Mindy Buxton submitted an email in which she stated she would like to continue with pool parties. Lifeguards will work for \$12.00. The Board was in favor. Selectman Lage noted several people have asked for activities for older people. Director Buxton also stated in her email that because of the hot temperatures the pool will be open from 9-11 am and 1:30-8 pm tomorrow.

Crack Sealing: Director of Public Works Goewey submitted a recommendation to the Board to hire D&M Striping to do crack sealing for \$6,780. Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the recommendation and to hire D&M Striping to do crack sealing of the roads. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Eversource: The Board received notification from Eversource of aerial patrols on their ROW system for on Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29.

Fireworks permits: The Board approved fireworks permits for Dennis Eastman, 234 Page Hill Road, for August 13, and Keith Muhonen, 264 Ashby Road, for July 30.

Private Road Agreement: The Board approved a Private Road Agreement for San-Ken Homes, Inc., lot 5B/18-6, 31 Arrowhead Lane.

Fire Department: The Board received an email from Fire Chief Lund asking for suggestions of what unique needs New Ipswich might have and could be used to show need when writing the grant for a new truck. The Board responded there is no public water supply, no hydrants, it is a volunteer fire department, and remote from mutual aide.

188 Greenville Road: Selectman Johnson noted the homeowner has not removed the couches and TV in front of their property. The Selectman had sent a letter asking them to do so and there was no response. Joanne will ask Director of Public Works Goewey if the items are in the right-of-way of the road.

Parks and Recreation: Selectman Johnson questioned the stone dust pile by the basketball fence at Memorial Field. It was explained it is used as needed. Also, Selectman Johnson noted the skateboard ramps have holes in them and he questioned if that was a safety hazard. The Board agreed to have the ramps removed. Joanne will discuss with Director Buxton.

2017 Budget: Selectman Doyle asked Selectmen Johnson and Lage to begin thinking about salary raises for the next budget.

Meetings: The August 9 and August 23 meeting are cancelled.

Comcast: Selectman Lage reported he had reviewed the video tape of the June 7, 2016 meeting when Bryan Christianson had been present to discuss the Comcast Agreement. Mr. Christianson comment at that time was that the \$15,000 for equipment would add approximately a penny to the consumer's bill. Selectman Lage was not in favor of requesting the money until it can be determined what equipment needs to be purchased. Selectman Doyle noted she and Ron Stanley will visit Jaffrey Computer and see what equipment is available.

At 8:50 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 (a). Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Board returned to public session at 9:35 p.m. Selectman Lage made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen minutes of July 26, 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

