

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015

PRESENT: George Lawrence, Chairman, Becky Doyle, Joanne Meshna

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

Board of Assessors: Jim Coffey, a member of the Board of Assessors, discussed hiring of Town personnel during the past few months. He stated his concern was not who was hired but rather how the hiring was done by the Board of Selectmen. He stated the Board hired an individual to fill four positions, three of which are Land Use boards, and the fourth as Clerk to the Board of Assessors. He asked who they reported to and stated the Board chairmen should have been invited in and been part of the process. Selectman Doyle responded they are supervised by Joanne. Further, she added the Board of Selectmen are responsible for staffing the Town Office. Mr. Coffey remarked the Selectmen overstepped their bounds.

Mr. Coffey inquired if any progress had been made at Smithville Cemetery. Selectmen Lawrence responded that Ed Rogers has been working on the ball field issue and should have a report shortly. There was nothing further to report on the cemetery issue.

Pipeline Task Force: Wendy noted the Task Force had supported the public information forum held last Thursday at the high school. She is trying to reach out to Dave Wheeler but has not heard back from him. The Task Force is putting together information to be submitted to FERC which will go to Kinder Morgan to be addressed in their application. She expects the scoping period to be extended to September. Kinder Morgan is holding an open house on September 9 from 6-8 p.m. at Mascenic High School.

The Board received a letter from Senator Ayotte in response to their letter. A copy was given to Wendy. Also, a memo from Henry Underwood, GIS Technician/Planner at Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC), was received by the Board. SWRPC has put together information on sensitive environmental areas in the vicinity of Northeast Energy Direct project facilities in response to a request from AECOM. Mr. Underwood asked that a meeting be set up with a few people from the Town to discuss the report. The Board agreed on August 20 at 7:00 p.m. with the Pipeline Task Force, Bob Boynton and Selectman Doyle.

LaDonna Howard: Ms. Howard questioned where she could find Town rules and procedures. Selectman Doyle responded they are in this office and once the new website is up and running they will be put on there. She advised Ms. Howard to contact Joanne for any help she might need. Ms. Johnson noted the town calendar on the Parks and Recreation site does not work correctly. She inquired if there were any bylaws or procedures for the Parks and Recreation Committee and questioned who oversees them. Selectman Doyle responded the Board of Selectmen oversee the Committee. If there is a question, Ms. Johnson can contact Director Holmes or Joanne.

Turnpike Auto Parts, LLC: A copy of a letter sent to Turnpike Auto Parts, LLC, was received by the Board in which they verified that the facility was in compliance with the Best Management Practices for Motor Vehicle Recycling Facilities. A few issues were not in compliance and must be in 45 days.

Marshall Cain: Mr. Cain submitted an application for a release from the noise ordinance for August 15 from 3 p.m. to 12 a.m. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the application. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the nonpublic session on August 4, 2015. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Town of Bedford: A notice was received from the Town of Bedford regarding a public hearing to be held on August 18 regarding the construction of a cell tower.

Children's Fair Committee: Selectmen Lawrence received a request from Linda Kivela for use of the Old Town Hall for sorting of clothes for the Children's Fair. The minutes from last year state that unless the building is repaired it cannot be used.

David Cotzin: Mr. Cotzin reported there were kids at the mall after hours causing cane. The police were called but nothing changed. Selectman Lawrence will contact Chief Carpenter.

7:55 p.m.: Recess.

7:15 p.m.: Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced that the minutes of the nonpublic session were sealed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

August 11, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

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George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

