

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Office.

Pipeline Task Force: Karen Miller reported the Task Force spent a lot of time at last Thursday's meeting on the maps submitted by Southwest Region Planning Committee. They were concerned some things were not included such as aquifers and the compressor station. Wendy has requested these be addressed. Selectman Doyle noted she had asked Wendy for an example of the discrepancies. There will be a meeting on Wednesday with Henry Underwood from Southwest Region Planning Commission to review the document they have prepared on sensitive environmental areas in the vicinity of the Northeast Energy Direct project facilities. Karen added the Coalition group will be meeting with Representative Giunta tomorrow.

Police Building Committee: Chief Carpenter had submitted the following names for serving on the Committee: Lou Alvarez, David Lage, Mark Hopkins, Bob McArthur, Bert Hamill and Tom Humphrey. Chief Carpenter will form the Committee but not sit on it. The term of service will be for one year. Joanne will send a letter to each acknowledging their appointment. Chief Carpenter will set up the first meeting.

The Selectmen prepared a charge for the Committee as follows: Evaluate existing and new opportunities for housing the police station for 50 years or more. Status updates should be provided to the Selectmen at approximately two month intervals.

Budget: Selectman Doyle will prepare a document indicating adjustments from one line to another in the current budget.

Minutes: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 11, 2015 nonpublic meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Parks and Recreation: Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the spending of up to \$9,000 from the Parks and Recreation capital reserve for basketball court repairs previously submitted by Director Holmes. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Board did not approve the \$400 request for a plaque.

Selectman Doyle reported on the last Parks and Recreation Committee meeting held on August 12. A volunteer has offered to provide a fitness program for adults and children, one hour long and twice a week. Another person is working on forming a volleyball program for children and adults. Representatives from baseball, soccer and Parks and Recreation will be meeting to discuss their needs for storage at Memorial Park.

David Cotzin: Mr. Cotzin reminded the Board they were to prepare an addendum to the Police Department lease. Also, Mr. Cotzin commented on the large number of nonpublic sessions the Board has had over the past year and a half and that the majority of them remain sealed.

Private road agreement: Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve a private road agreement and release for San-Ken Homes, 20 Arrowhead Lane, lot 5B/18-8. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Highway Block Grant Aid: A letter was received from the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation announcing the State Highway Block Grant Aid available to the Town of New Ipswich during fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) as follows: July 2015 actual payment: \$42,337.64, October 2015 actual payment: \$42,337.64, January 2016 actual payment: \$27,225.09, and April 2016 estimated payment: \$28,225.09.

Fireworks permit: The Board approved a Permit to Display Fireworks application for Jeremy Lunn, 1249 Turnpike Road, for September 4, 2015 at 9 p.m.

At 11:45 a.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session according to RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 12:30 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced the minutes of the nonpublic session were sealed and that David Lage had been selected to serve as interim Selectman until March 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

August 18, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

