

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2015

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

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

Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG): Director of Emergency Management Jim Hicks announced that an EMPG had been accepted for rewriting the Local Emergency Operation Plan. The total cost of the project is \$10,186 in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$5,093). Director Hicks noted there is \$3,000 in his budget and the rest will come from in kind services.

Selectman Lawrence made a motion that the Town of New Ipswich's Board of Selectmen, in a majority vote, accepted the terms of the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) as presented in the amount of \$5,093 for the updating of the Local Emergency Operation Plan. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of the project will be \$10,186, in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$5,093). Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Director Hicks noted the project may go into next year and asked that the \$3000 be encumbered at the end of the year if not spent.

Parks and Recreation: Deb Holmes and Mindy Buxton were present to give an update to the Selectmen. The sand for the playground was delivered on August 20 and spread on August 23. The sand was donated by S&S Materials. This was a savings of \$900.00. Selectman Doyle made a motion to accept the donation of sand for the playground from S&S Materials. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Board will send a letter of thanks to S&S Materials.

Deb stated the Department is proposing to charge a fee of \$3.00 per child per sport which would cover the cost of porta potties. There was \$1,059 budgeted this year and the cost was \$1,088. They would like to have the right to waive the fee as needed as they did not think it would be appropriate to charge Boynton to use the fields as they waive the fee for them to use their facilities. A discussion was held at the Parks and Recreation meeting with representatives from softball, baseball and soccer and all agreed to the fee. The fee will be included in the registration of each child. LaDonna Howard representing AYSO stated they have just closed registrations for this year and the fee would be a financial burden to them now. It was agreed the fee would not start until baseball season of 2016.

Memorial Field was discussed and placement of a stone with a plaque for Bob Gammel. Selectman Doyle questioned the Town doing individual memorials at Memorial Field as it raises the question of representation of other individuals that donated their time. Suggestion was made of a walkway with brick pavers with names. Mindy noted long term they were looking at the building of a pavilion with picnic tables and a walkway where the names could be placed.

Deb stated they received a quote of \$30,000 for repair of the tennis court. The tennis court will not be repaired because of the cost and the location of the court.

With regard to the cameras at the field, the Department had four cameras and DVR given to them and installed from Monadnock Security at a cost of \$1,500 which was a \$3,500 discount. The old DVR system in the pool house will be moved to the black box by the Playground Road side so the camera will be specific to the basketball court. One camera will point toward the lower driveway and the Highway Department will put in a new post between the skate park and upper field and a camera will be put on either side. The new DVR which holds up to eight cameras will be in the pool house. The costs were \$1,260 in parts, \$100 for permits and \$400 for labor for a total of \$1,760. It was estimated there was \$21,400 in the capital reserve account. The cost for the camera system would be \$3,260. Deb asked that \$2,000 be taken from the capital reserve account. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 for the security system at Memorial Park from the Parks and Recreation capital reserve account. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Meeting schedule: The Selectmen announced that all Selectmen meetings will now to be held on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Pipeline Task Force: Wendy Juchnevics-Freeman, Chairman of the Pipeline Task Force, submitted an e-mail to the Board summarizing the Pipeline Task Force's activities. The first item requested the Selectmen send a letter to Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) asking them to not send their maps to AECOM/KM as it is not in the best interest of the Town. Selectman Doyle noted information on the maps excluding the tax maps and wells were from other sources other than the Town. The Town could request they do not include the tax maps and wells in the information they are providing, or request they do not include New Ipswich as part of their submission.

Bob Boynton referred to RSA:36A which states the Conservation Commission as part of their duties has the right to collect, print, distribute maps, charts, reports, etc. if they deem it necessary. The Commission's job is to protect the natural resources. They feel they would be temporarily disabling state law by not providing information. The Commission has not decided if they want to submit information but they believe under the RSA they have the right to do so. NH Plan and Mass Plan recommend the same thing and it would be fool hardy not to provide information on resources in order to protect them. Selectman Doyle noted the Town was a member of the SWRPC and whether or not the Conservation Commission provides information are two different issues.

Selectman Doyle asked Bob Boynton his impression on the well information and the tax maps. He responded the tax maps are not accurate enough to use plus it provides a locus for everything on there. If you provide a map of the wells without the tax maps, they are going to be anonymous. He suggested the maps are inaccurate enough to generate discrepancies. The remaining information on environmental concerns because it is obtained from other sources other than the Town is really at the discretion of SWRPC to provide.

Kathy Gauvin stated she was concerned that any information would be given to anyone that is feeding it to Kinder Morgan. Selectman Doyle responded that the information is public information and the only information SWRPC has from the Town is wells and tax maps; all other information was obtained from other sources such as Granit. It is public information. As a member of the organization the Town could

choose not to forward the compiled map that they have put together for New Ipswich but they are not held to that, it is all public information.

Selectman Lage stated he understood that SWRPC was looking for the Town to give information on local knowledge of the area that they did not know about and he thought that was information they should not provide.

Sam Matthews stated timing was important and they are trying to delay. He suggested asking SWRPC not to provide any information for six, eight months, etc. Bob responded the information is important for filing and if the information is not submitted it will be to the detriment of the natural resources of New Ipswich. The Commission's view is it is very important to submit earlier rather than later. Sam noted that the Task Force is trying to delay. The thing that can prevent the pipeline is if it is delayed enough, there are other pipelines out there that will take the load. Bob stated he appreciated and respected the strategy to delay but delaying is not going to solve anything. The Commission should not be restricted to the same tactics as other committees and should be able to submit in a timely matter. The Commission may submit information to SWRPC so they can put it on the maps and hope areas can be protected. That has not been voted on by the members as yet.

Linda Stevens noted one of the reasons they did not put the pipeline in Massachusetts was there was not enough care of the conservation areas. Further she stated we do not want them to be careful of conservation areas, we want them to have that problem up here.

Evelyn Taylor noted Kinder Morgan has pointed out they have destroyed wells and their solution to that is to provide bottled water. They do not care.

Selectman Lage asked Bob if Kinder Morgan is submitting an application in November and the information is not provided, will the application be incomplete and will there be another process whereby the Town can state there are areas that were not addressed. Bob responded there are deadlines Kinder Morgan is marching through. The Commission has certain responsibilities and feels it is best to give the information and believe they have that authority, and want to make sure the Board of Selectmen are not trying to censor the Conservation Commission.

Sam stated if the Commission feels they have to provide the information they do not have to provide now and can still comply with the RSA Bob responded there was no advantage to delaying.

Ashley Saari stated that as part of the FERC process, FERC has to create an environmental statement which is gathering statements from the comments. There is another comment period where other impacts from the pipeline can be addressed.

A member of the public remarked Eric Tomasi from FERC at the Milford scoping meeting was particularly interested in Windblown, Tim Jones' remarks on organic farming, the person who remarked on their husband who is deployed fighting for our rights and the pipeline goes right past their house and what are their rights, and Wendy's presentation.

Selectman Lawrence completed reading Wendy's email on the Pipeline Task Force.

Bob Boynton commented that AECOM had requested information approximately six months ago on natural resources. He asked them for a shape file which was provided and the Commission completed the work and are ready to send them a link to the website showing the resources.

The meeting with SWRPC was discussed and the resignation of two members of the Task Force who stated the Selectmen were rude and dismissive. Sam Matthews commented the meeting was set up differently than what was expected. Selectman Lawrence apologized if he had been rude although he did not feel he had been. The meeting was set up as a workshop with SWRPC and the public was invited to speak at the end.

Selectman Lage asked why the Conservation Commission would not hold off on submitting information when there appears to be a conflict of interest. How can the Town be paying for representation but yet they are working for a private entity? If the Board decides to ask them not to provide the information provided by the Town, have they indicated they will go by that direction or will they provide it since it is public information. Bob responded they have not yet decided.

At 7:23 p.m. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 8:10 p.m. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced that the minutes of the nonpublic session were sealed.

8:10 p.m.: Five minute recess.

8:15 p.m.: The Board continued the public meeting.

Permit to Display Fireworks: Daniel Blanchette, 113 Lower Pratt Pond Road, submitted a Permit to Display Fireworks for August 29 at dusk. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the Permit. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Private Road Agreement and Release: The Board approved a Private Road Agreement and Release was submitted for Robert M. Ojala, 47 Jacqueline Drive, lot 10/6-18.

Minutes of August 4, 2015 meeting: Selectmen Doyle made a motion to amend the minutes of the August 4, 2015 minutes as follows: First page, under Chief Carpenter, second paragraph, second sentence should read "Furthermore, the Board acknowledges that the total cost of this project will be \$15,120 in which the Town will be responsible for a 50% match (\$7,560)." Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention.

Minutes: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting. Selectmen Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention. Selectman Doyle made a

motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2015 nonpublic session. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention.

Fire Brigade Account: The Board received a letter from Treasurer Beverly Vaillancourt requesting the Board send a letter to TD Bank closing out the New Ipswich Fire Brigade account which was opened using the Town's tax ID number. The account has had a balance of \$10.26 since August 2011 and the auditors and the bank have recommended the account be closed. The Board will send a letter to the bank.

SWRPC: The Board continued the discussion on Town information to be released by SWRPC. Selectman Lage made a motion the Selectmen send a letter to SWRPC stating they prefer SWRPC not provide any information from New Ipswich because the Task Force has recommended against it and there is a conflict of interest. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Selectman Lage: Selectman Lage agreed to serve on the Planning Board and the Police Building Committee and will continue as a member of the Zoning Board.

Police Department Lease: Attorney Mayer has been sent the Police Department lease and will prepare an addendum to it.

Blease/Jones Lease: Selectman Doyle prepared a draft lease and forwarded it to Attorney Mayer for his review.

The September 1, 2015 meeting is cancelled.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

August 25, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

David S. Lage

