

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 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.

Jay Hopkins: Mr. Hopkins stated after his exit interview he was told that Mr. Johnson had spoken with one of his peers and when he was asked what he was going to do about some of the concerns Mr. Hopkins had, Selectman Johnson had replied they felt there was no need to do anything about it because Jay had left as a disgruntled minion. Selectman Johnson responded that was totally incorrect and asked who the individual was and Mr. Hopkins would not divulge his name. Selectman Johnson stated they had addressed all of his concerns. Mr. Hopkins stated he left not as a disgruntled minion but as a disgruntled taxpayer.

Selectman Lage stated several of the issues had been addressed with Peter. Selectman Doyle stated there are two sides to every story and because something is not clearly visible does not mean action has not been taken. As far as people saying things that should or should not be said, the Board has an obligation to keep nonpublic sessions nonpublic. Further she added, if your friend wanted to come in and discuss it, that would be acceptable to the Board. Mr. Hopkins responded the friend had told the Board he would be happy to come in and corroborate what Mr. Hopkins had said. The Board stated they have talked to different people about some of the issues.

Mr. Hopkins stated he was concerned about the way things are being done. He referred to the recent paving of roads. You do not pave a road and then ditch it. Selectman Lage disagreed and stated all that has been done is the binder not the top coat. If you ditch a road and then pulverize and regrade, all the material is going back into the ditch. Mr. Hopkins further stated he looked at Goen and Thayer Roads that were paved, and they are washed out and undermined because the ditches were not cleaned and have not been done right. Some of the roads are falling apart, they are undermined, and the shoulders are broken up on Goen Road. Selectman Doyle stated she would look at the roads.

Mr. Hopkins questioned why about 20,000 yards of material was being dumped out back. Selectman Lage responded because of the timing to get the ditching done between the time they do the binder and paving and being shorthanded, rather than running material to the transfer station they are dropping it off here for a shorter trip to get more work done.

Minutes: Selectman Lage made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Safety manual: Selectman Doyle distributed a new safety manual for review. Copies will be sent to Chief Carpenter, Director Goewey and Chief Lund for their comments.

Heritage Commission: Selectman Doyle made a motion to appoint Carmen Madrid to the Heritage Commission. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Thank you letters: Selectman Lage suggested sending thank you letters to those people who have volunteered their time to care for the intersection islands and other areas of the Town,

Parks and Recreation: Director of Parks and Recreation Buxton sent an email to the Board recommending Kristen Stauffeneker as the Cheer Coordinator with a stipend of \$750.00. All Selectmen agreed as long as the stipend is paid from the revenues.

Pavillon: Selectman Doyle distributed a sketch of the pavilion being planned for Memorial Field. The area has been staked out and she suggested Selectmen Lage and Johnson look at the location. Different locations were discussed. It is necessary to keep outside of the septic line. Mr. Cotzin advised reviewing the Shoreland Protection Ordinance.

Fire Chief job description: The Board reviewed the job description for the Fire Chief prepared by the Fire Department. Joanne submitted the job description she had obtained from NHMA. Selectman Johnson will work a final draft.

Emergency Management: Director of Emergency Management Hicks met with the Board. He explained the update of the Local Emergency Operations Plan had been completed and a table top exercise was held last Thursday. The Selectmen now have to adopt the Plan. Selectmen Lage and Doyle asked to see the final copy before signing.

7:10 p.m. – 10 minutes recess:

Budgeting: The Board agreed to a 3% merit increase effective July 1, 2017. Joanne will begin scheduling departments to meet with the Board on their budgets.

11 Temple Road: Selectmen Johnson noted he had someone interested in 11 Temple Road and asked what the Selectmen were looking for as far as a proposal and Selectman Lage responded a letter of intent and a monetary offer. It was agreed an ad would be put in the newspaper and notice on the website stating the Board is entertaining any and all proposals for 11 Temple Road. The ending date for receipt of proposals is October 25.

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

At 8:05 p.m. Selectman Lage made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Johnson made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen September 27, 2016 minutes approved by:

Rebecca M. Doyle, Chairman

David S. Lage

Timothy Johnson II