

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 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.

Peggy Gilmour: Peggy Gilmour was present and announced she is running for the State Senate. She stated she would like to represent the Town of New Ipswich again and asked the Selectmen for any issues they might have. The Board discussed New Hampshire Retirement, the highway block grant, funding of Police Standards in Training and unfunded State mandates.

Minutes: Selectman Lage made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Parks and Recreation Department: Selectman Doyle gave an update on Parks and Recreation. The calendar fundraiser has been very successful and raised over \$4,000. Bordertown youth softball voted to put their program under the Parks and Recreation Department. Parks and Recreation will stay in the Monadnock Youth Softball League. Bordertown will pay the league fee for the past season as well as make any equipment upgrade purchases beforehand. The League is willing to donate the remaining funds they have towards reinstalling a batting/pitching cage in its previous location next to upper field. Director of Parks and Recreation Buxton asked for a coordinator for program with a stipend of \$750 to come from the revolving funds. Selectman Johnson asked to see a cost analysis of what has to be paid out and revenues and questioned why Bordertown was giving up the program. He added he would like to know what the Town will have to purchase and what Bordertown is providing.

Selectman Doyle also noted Director Buxton has been approached by some parents about starting up a karate program and she is working on getting some quotes. The program would be one day a week after school, grades K-8, at 3:30 at Highbridge Elementary. One quote she has is \$25.00 per month per child and they would give 10% back to the Recreation Department. The Selectmen approved Director Buxton getting more quotes from local karate organizations.

Highway Department resignation: Selectman Doyle announced Brian Belliveau had resigned from the Highway Department effective October 17, 2016. The Board wished him well.

Building permit fees: Building Inspector Donovan submitted proposed changes to building permit fees. The Board will review them.

Drought: Selectman Johnson stated he had checked the State website before coming to the meeting. Ninety-five percent of the town is still in extreme drought while the area around Timbertop Road is in a moderate drought. He asked the public to watch their water usage.

Jim Coffey: Mr. Coffey asked for a copy of the attachments on the latest letter from the attorney on the Kane case. Joanne will email the attachments. He also noted the Board of Assessors cannot make the

appointment that was scheduled for them with the Selectmen and Budget Committee for review of their proposed 2017 budget. Joanne will reschedule the Board.

Highway Department staffing: Selectman Doyle suggested the Board may need to look at contracting for snow plowing this year. The Board asked Joanne to schedule Director of Public Works Goewey next week to discuss staffing.

To Do List: The Board discussed reviewing stipends. Joanne will provide a list of when stipends are paid. The Board would like to get them on a schedule where they are all paid at the same time. Selectman Doyle stated she would also like to review the amount of the stipends. The Board discussed benefits for part time permanent employees. Selectman Johnson stated he would like to review what is in place for full time employees.

Jay Hopkins: Mr. Hopkins asked why the Town would have to contract for snow plowing. He noted the Board had stated there was a stack of applicants for his position and he questioned why some of those could not be used. Selectman Doyle replied they had not worked out.

Halloween: Halloween will be October 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Budgeting: Selectmen Lage will research an amount to use for budgeting for fuel and travel. The Board needs to work on the Town Office budget and any warrant articles.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen October 4, 2016 minutes approved by:

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Rebecca M. Doyle, Chairman

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David S. Lage

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Timothy Johnson II