

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2016

PRESENT: Becky Doyle, Chairman, David Lage

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

Lisa Beaudoin: Ms. Beaudoin is running for the NH House of Representatives. She spoke on her background and goals if elected. The Board discussed the Highway Block grant, New Hampshire Retirement fund, and Police Academy as areas where the costs are being pushed down to the Towns and as items that need to be reviewed. Jay Hopkins objected to the fact that Town employees must belong to the New Hampshire Retirement System.

Director of Public Works Peter Goewey: Director Goewey met with the Board to discuss staffing issues and possible solutions. Director Goewey had candidates for the vacant Highway positions and the Board agreed to go into nonpublic session to review them.

Budget Committee: Selectman Lage reported the Budget Committee had met last evening and one of the items that Wendy was advocating was that the Department Heads should be presenting not only one year budgets but five year budgets. Selectman Lage referred to the Capital Improvement Program for five year plans. Wendy stated there were other items that do not fall into the Capital Improvement Program 5 year budgets should be done for those items. Selectman Lage disagreed but said he would discuss it at the Board meeting this evening. Selectman Doyle stated it would be difficult for a department head to extrapolate out anything for five years where some costs are going up every year such as fuel costs. The Capital Improvement Plan is designed for capital improvements meaning additions and major upgrades. Currently the Plan is being worked on and changed to include not only maintenance items but anticipated expenditures of items over \$5,000. Selectman Doyle agreed with Selectman Lage that all that can be expected from Department Heads is a one year budget. Selectman Lage added he could not get an answer to the question of what the Budget Committee was going to do with the information from a five year budget.

Selectman Lage noted next Monday evening the Budget Committee will be reviewing current estimated revenues along with town evaluation and backing into what the tax rate should be and then giving the Selectmen that number for the budget. Selectman Doyle stated that is not the function of the Budget Committee and Selectman Lage agreed. He advised the Budget Committee to focus on the charge of the RSA and look at reviewing the costs that the Selectmen put forward as the budget by looking at services that need to be provided. Selectman Doyle stated the Budget Committee is not appreciating that the Town needs funds to operate the Town and even if they never want to expand Town services, an operating budget is still necessary.

Minutes: Selectman Lage made a motion to approve the October 4, 2016 meeting minutes. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Selectman Lage made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 I(b). Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Upon return to public session, Selectman Doyle made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted (transcribed from tape),
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectman October 11, 2016 minutes approved by,

Rebecca M. Doyle, Chairman

David S. Lage