

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

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

At 5:50 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced no decision had been made in the nonpublic session and the minutes were sealed.

Cascade and High Range Roads: Mr. and Mrs. David Person submitted a letter to the Board requesting the requirement for chip sealing of both roads before acceptance as town roads be reconsidered. They stated in their letter the chip sealing was not required when the subdivision was approved. Director Goewey added the cost that was quoted back in February of \$9,000 for chip sealing is now around \$16,000. Selectman Lage stated chip sealing is a waste of money. Unless there is a lot of volume of traffic on the road the chip seal will not stick and wash away. Selectman Doyle questioned why the price was higher and Director Goewey stated the price of oil and stone went up.

Selectman Doyle stated the Board has advocated chip sealing for every road and questioned why Selectman Lage did not see any benefit. Selectman Lage responded chip sealing does not stick on the road. He referred to Old Wilton Road that was done a month ago and the chips have washed off. If you have high traffic flow, it would be crunched in. He advocated that roads with cracks should be sealed with an asphalt joint sealer to prevent water getting into the cracks. Selectman Lawrence noted Butch Leel who works for the State DOT recommends chip sealing. Director Goewey added chip sealing provides traction on hills in winter. He added chip sealing can extend the life of a road if done in a timely manner. High Range and Cascade were paved a few months ago. Chip sealing those roads could extend their life an additional 5-8 years.

Director Goewey noted it was too late in the season to chip seal. Selectman Doyle stated she would look at studies and at Old Wilton Road. Jay Hopkins suggested contacting the Town Engineer for his opinion. Wendy Juchnevics-Freeman was an advocate for chip sealing and stated she had looked at road plans across the State, DOT guidelines and had talked to Butch Leel to form her opinion.

Selectman Lawrence noted this was the first time chip sealing of a road has been a requirement before acceptance as a Town road. It was done on the theory of extending the life of the roads and every road from now on has to be chip sealed.

The Selectman had set a deadline of November 15, 2015 for the guardrails to be changed and the road to be chip sealed. The guardrails have been changed. It was agreed that Director Goewey would

contact Town Engineer Kent Brown. No further action will be taken until the Board hears back from the Town Engineer.

Parks and Recreation: Director Mindy Buxton gave an update on Parks and Recreation activity. The electrical work on Memorial Field has been completed and Monadnock Security will be coming on Friday to finish the camera work. The original quote was \$3,260 and \$365.47 was saved by using their own electrical supply company. The sealing of the courts will be done in May. The Autumn Festival had a good turnout. There were 26 vendors. Total expenditures were \$665.00. The event was at a loss of \$103. The vendor prices were supposed to go to \$15.00 but it was omitted on the paperwork so they paid \$10.00; that will change next year. Stearns Burton paid for two great bands. The Fire Department never showed up and there was no bon fire because of the wind. Nennie's did the food. An apple press had been rented but Ben Cargill did not provide the apples as planned and apple pressing did not go forward.

Director Buxton had a meeting with the Superintendent, Mr. McArthur, and Gary Somero, to discuss basketball. There will be a meeting Thursday night with Shawn Talbot, Mike Conlin and Kelly Vaillancourt to iron out everything before the season begins. Kelly will be taking Mike Conlin's place for running the basketball program.

Selectman Doyle noted the stipend for running the basketball program needs to be discussed. Currently it is \$2,500. The Recreation Director gets \$2,400 for the year as does the Coordinator. Selectman Doyle stated it needs to be revised and suggested looking at other towns for pay scales for similar positions. Director Buxton noted the price for the program is going to go up; currently it is not a self-supporting program. The travelling team will have to go into another league and the cost will be higher. The figures for the basketball program need to be reviewed.

Cemetery Trustees: The Cemetery Trustees, David Keurulainen, Jay Hopkins and Michelle Pelletier, met with the Board to discuss Smithville Cemetery and what the next step with the State should be. Jay suggested keeping the status quo and keep on going. However, Selectman Doyle noted the State is forcing the Town's hand by having the Attorney General's office contact our attorney. If the Town does not come up with a plan, the State will.

Jay explained there is an easement that the Town has encroached upon as well as the staging area. The Town has proposed another staging area that DES did not accept. Selectman Doyle added there is an easement that runs along the dam and there is a 12 inch pipe at the base of the slope. The State is saying they need a 25 foot easement to replace the pipe.

Selectman Doyle stated the Town needs to start communication with the State again. Letters were sent out to people directly in the easement area; they need to be evaluated and the State needs to be presented with that information. The Town needs to present a written plan to the State.

Both Boards agreed to hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 20 at 5:00 p.m. to work on a proposal for the State.

Pipeline Task Force: Wendy stated the scoping comments to FERC have been completed. She asked the Board to review the document and provide feedback. The goal is to send the letter to FERC Friday. The Municipal Coalition has also written a letter with their final scoping comments. Eric Tomasi from FERC was compiling the last of his comments to Kinder Morgan and they become the requirements for their application. He sent it prior to the end of the scoping period. A letter now needs to be sent to the congressional delegation noting the Town's comments were not incorporated. This shows the process is being broken and the towns are not being heard.

Lower River Road: Some of the residents from Bank Village have suggested changing Lower River Road to a one way road flowing down the road onto Turnpike Road. The road has just been paved and there is a weight limit on it. The Police Chief and Director Goewey agreed to change the road to a one way. Selectman Doyle questioned the rationale for the change and stated she needed more information. Selectmen Doyle and Lage will visit the site and it will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Minutes: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2015 meeting. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lage made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015 meeting. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lage made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lage made a motion to approve the nonpublic session minutes of October 6, 2015. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention.

Cash flow report: The Board reviewed Treasurer Vaillancourt's cash flow analysis to year end 2015.

Mascenic Regional School District Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) Facility Usage: The MOA submitted by the School District is between them and the New Ipswich Fire Department to establish shelter site locations and terms of use in the event of an excavation of the students and staff at the Mascenic Regional School District. The Board had questions and Chief Leel will be asked to attend the October 27, 2015 meeting.

Department Heads: The Board would like to have the Police Chief, DPW Director, Emergency Management Director and Fire Chief schedule monthly meetings with them. Joanne will schedule.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

October 13, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

David S. Lage

