

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 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.

Northeast Wilderness Trust: Attorney Ray Lyons representing Northeast Wilderness Trust explained to the Board that the Trust was in the process of buying 486 acres of land owned by Green Crow Corporation on Binney Hill Road. In the title search the court case by Green Crow against the Town was discovered. Attorney Lyons stated the court's decision does not clearly state that only Green Crow is entitled to improve Binney Hill Road at Green Crow's expense and therefore places a cloud on the property's title. The Trust wants to leave the road as is and seeks assurances the Town will not attempt to force them to improve Binney Hill Road. He asked the Board to sign a Release of all rights and interests the Town holds arising from the Superior Court decision including any obligation Green Crow and Northeast Wilderness Trust may hold pursuant to such court decisions to improve Binney Hill Road to Class V or better standards. Upon the recording of the Release the court decision shall be null and void and without recourse to any party or entity. The Release is intended to provide assurances to Northeast Wilderness Trust.

Selectman Lage made a motion to accept and execute the Release with Northeast Wilderness Trust regarding Binney Hill Road. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Hiring Committee: Selectman Johnson noted he would be setting up a meeting next week of the Committee. He is working on the job description which he will have the Committee review and then it will be presented to the Selectmen for approval.

Law Lecture Series: Selectman Lage attended the Law Lecture Series on October 15. He referred the Board to the NHMA final legislative action report.

Police Facility Committee: The Police Facility Committee will meet on Thursday to review the final draft of the site plan.

Parks and Recreation: The Autumn Festival was a huge success. They collected \$3,059.75, total expenses were \$1,322.48 with a profit of \$1,737.27.

Worker's Compensation: Selectmen Doyle stated currently Worker's Compensation is allocated to different departments. There is no breakdown of department with the statement. She suggested putting Worker's Compensation under Insurances rather than the breakdown into departments. The Board agreed to the proposal.

Budget Committee: Selectman Lage reported the Budget Committee met last evening. They will be attending and participating in the weekly budget meetings with the Selectmen. They are still requesting a multi-year budget plan.

Flex Time Policy: Selectman Lage stated whereas currently the DPW is going to be looking to retain new employees, he would like to discuss a policy requiring flex time. For example, in the winter if a storm is expected at 4:00 p.m., rather than begin work at 7:00 a.m., work until 4:00 and then have over time, have them start at 2:00 p.m. Selectman Doyle noted this had been discussed in the past and met with resistance. The Board agreed to meet with Director Goewey for his input.

David Cotzin: Mr. Cotzin stated with regard to the pool never being open on Sundays, it has in fact always been open on Sundays. For the benefit of the townspeople, he suggested the pool be open on Sundays.

Earl Somero: Mr. Somero was present to see if the tax rate has been set. Selectman Doyle noted the Board would be going into a nonpublic session to discuss the tax rate.

Audit: The Board approved the draft audit. Once the final has been received by the Town, the auditor will be scheduled to attend a meeting for clarification on some of the items.

Safety manual: The Board made initial changes to the manual. Selectman Doyle will integrate some of the sections in the other safety manual into this one.

Building code fees: Selectman Lage would like to check other local town fees. Selectman Doyle questioned the expired permit renewal fee and if it just applied to new dwellings. Joanne will check with the Building Inspector.

Transfer station fees: Selectman Johnson questioned if the transfer station fees compared to costs for disposing of items were adequate. This will be discussed with Director Goewey.

At 7:30 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II(j). Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen October 18, 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

