

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2016

PRESENT: Becky Doyle, Chairman, David Lage, Tim Carpenter, Joanne Meshna

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

Fire Chief Lund: Chief Lund distributed an information sheet on the stipend process for firefighters. After a previous meeting with the Selectmen on stipends, Chief Lund reviewed the stipend process to make it easier to understand and fairer. She would like to institute it January 1.

The stipend rates for Level 1 certified firefighter w/EMT have been increased by \$300 for a total of \$1,500. Fire Wardens take their shift throughout the summer on Saturdays and remain as on call officers during the weekend. They will receive an additional \$200 bonus. Fire Wardens are approved by the State and appointed by the Town. Currently there are five Fire Wardens and they cover one weekend out of five.

Chief Lund described how the stipends will be determined according to a percentage breakdown of calls attended, attendance at meetings and training attended. There were a few corrections to the examples that Chief Lund will correct and resubmit. The percentages are equally weighted. Currently for details out of town the Department uses the standardized rates of Forest and lands which are low and Chief Lund is reviewing other towns for their rates. Chief Lund is also reviewing a revolving account for details so the money going out from the Department salary line comes back into the Department. The last item on the information sheets gives the Fire Chief the final say regarding individual stipend amounts. Chief Lund will make corrections and submit to the Board for approval.

Parks and Recreation Director Buxton: Director Buxton explained how the Parks and Recreation Department would like to have the girl's Bordertown softball program under the Department. People on the Bordertown board were leaving and it was a good time for a change. Bordertown thought it would be a good move and Director Buxton noted it was a good solid program. A coordinator would be hired for the program and that stipend paid from fees. Fees vary every year and are always covered. If it is a year with higher fees, fundraising is done. The league fees are covered by the fees paid by the participants.

Selectman Johnson stated his concern was that Director Buxton was going to walk away as the Director of Bordertown softball but now she was willing to take on the whole program. Director Buxton explained she was going to leave because it was a volunteer position and her daughter was not going to be in the program. Selectman Johnson added Director Buxton had stated there was a lot going on in the Recreation Department. Director Buxton stated because there were several people leaving she was concerned for the program and that was why she had offered to put it under Parks and Recreation.

David Cotzin reminded the Board the New Ipswich Athletic Association has baseball fields that can be used. He referred Director Buxton to Dick Lord or Brett Kivela.

The Board asked Director Buxton to submit summaries of the different programs showing fees received and expenses.

Director Buxton informed the Board of the new karate program. The company she is going to use is US Karate. They will be paying the fees of \$146 for January through May for using the school and rather than paying back a percentage of the fees, they are willing to offer self-defense classes for free. The Parks and Recreation Department will only have to oversee and advertise the program; the financials and insurance will be through the company. It is a no stress program that the Department was able and happy to get into Town.

Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the softball program for the Town of New Ipswich with a \$750 Coordinator stipend to be paid out of funds generated by the program. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lage and passed by a vote of two in favor and one abstention.

Moderator Bob Romeril: Moderator Romeril informed the Board the ballot machine will be tested on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. The election is on the 8th. Absentee ballots will be opened around 10:00 a.m. The Supervisors of the Checklist will be meeting on Saturday from 11:00-11:30 to register people to vote. Moderator Romeril also informed the Selectmen of a new RSA which permits the Selectman to appoint someone to fill in for them at the polls.

11 Temple Road: One proposal for 11 Temple Road for the renovation of the building was received from Kered management, LLC, Stephen Lowe, Manager. The offer was \$500. There was no completion date stated. Joanne will schedule Mr. Lowe to meet with the Board and will check with the Town attorney on which legal documents need to be filed.

Dental and life insurance: The rates for dental and life insurance from Health Trust, Inc. have been received. The rates remain the same as 2016. Selectman Lage asked for time to read the renewal document before signing.

Private road agreement: The Board approved a private road agreement for Robert Ojala, lot 10/6-19, Jacqueline Drive.

Minutes: Selectman Lage made a motion to approve the nonpublic session and public minutes of October 11, 2016. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention. Selectman Lage made a motion to approve the October 18, 2016 minutes and amended nonpublic session minutes. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Hiring Committee: The Committee will be meeting on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Police facility Committee: The Committee met Thursday and reviewed and approved the final draft of plans. The Committee will be making a presentation to the Board middle or late November.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): The CIP has been approved by the Planning Board. The Selectman will review the plan for discussion on November 15.

At 7:45 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 I(j). Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 8:45 p.m. Selectman Johnson made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Johnson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen October 25, 2016 minutes approved by:

Rebecca M. Doyle, Chairman

David S. Lage

Timothy Johnson II