

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Memorandum of Understanding: Chief Leel was present to discuss a Memorandum of Understanding Facility Usage agreement between the Mascenic Regional School District, the Town of New Ipswich 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 Boynton Middle School.

Selectman Lage asked why students would be brought over to the fire Station if the school is in an emergency situation. Chief Leel responded there is no other place for them. He explained there previously had been an agreement between the former Appleton Academy and the School District. The District is also pursuing the Community Church on Main Street. The students at Highbridge and the high school can swap places in an emergency. Selectman Lage asked the timing to get school buses to bring the students home or to the high school; he suggested an agreement with another bus company that could respond promptly. Chief Leel responded that has been considered. Selectman Lage noted there had once been an area on the left hand side of the driveway as you access Boynton and questioned if the students could be staged there. Chief Leel stated that could be done in good weather. Chief Leel stated they had done a trial run and the students all fit in the fire station without problem.

Selectman Doyle questioned where 400 students were going to fit in the fire station even if the two trucks were out. Someone might have to move trucks to get the students in the station and she asked where they would be parked. Selectmen Doyle also questioned what emergency services will be responsible for the safety of the students. Chief Leel responded it would depend on what the incident is, and all the emergency services and administrators work together.

Selectman Doyle noted restrooms, phone, and internet are to be provided. Chief Leel stated there is a restroom downstairs and wifi in the building. Selectman Doyle questioned how to ensure the safety of the students in the building. Selectman Lage expressed his concern that in an emergency with a volunteer fire department, by the time the rigs are being pulled out, the students will be at the fire station. He asked that the school administration come up with an alternative plan to evacuate with buses. Chief Leel noted it could take up to 20 minutes for the buses to respond. Chief Leel did not disagree with the Selectmen's concerns and will pass them along to the School District.

Chief David Leel: The Board read a memo to Chief Leel regarding inappropriate use of town computers. An investigation was held by the State Police regarding pornographic sites on the Chief's computer. The memo served as a first and final notice of warning on the misuse of Town computers.

The Board inquired as to how many computers were at the fire station. It was not clear and Chief Leel was asked to do an inventory of the computers and get back to the Selectmen with the information and also how many computers are needed by the Fire Department.

At 5:30 p.m. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to go into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 5:40 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced that the minutes of the nonpublic session were sealed.

Bob Boynton, Conservation Commission: Bob stated there have been a number of questions regarding the impact of the pipeline on the natural resources of the Town and he asked David McTigue, a member of the Commission and a hydrologist, to give a brief presentation on impacts to aquifers and wells.

Pipeline Task Force: Wendy noted that the evening before at a meeting in Temple, Tim Drew from DES, had made the assumption that there was a public well head in the stratified drift aquifer and there would be a protection zone around it. Wendy informed him there was no public water in New Ipswich. He suggested that at least one if not all 3 of the stratified drift aquifers be protected because of their potential to produce high volumes of water. The Town has never identified where a public well head could be drilled if there was a need. There is a protection program for stratified drift aquifers and funding for eligible projects. Wendy will follow-up with DES.

Wendy noted the Town will need an attorney when they go before the SEC. The Pipeline Task Force will provide their recommendation. This is in addition to the Municipal Coalition attorney.

A spreadsheet was forwarded to the Board from the Municipal Coalition suggesting attorney fees for 2016 based on population and valuation. The minimum fee is \$10,000. The range for New Ipswich is \$17,600 - \$19,400. A warrant article will need to be prepared.

According to Henry Underwood in the interagency conference call, FERC has identified potential alternative sites for compressor station locations and they are examining pipeline alternatives including a potential hybrid of the I-90 route and Tennessee Gas Pipeline's existing 200-Line. Wendy has contacted Eric Tomasi for more information.

The Board received a letter from Senator Ayotte thanking the Board for their letter. Joanne will forward a copy to Wendy.

Tax rate: Selectman Lawrence announced that the 2015 tax rate is \$27.91 using \$10,000 in overlay and \$125,000 from fund balance.

Private road agreement: The Board approved a private road agreement for San-Ken Homes, Inc., Old Beaver Road, lot 5B/18-1.

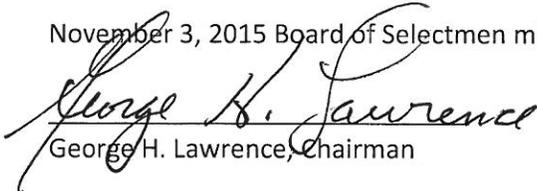
Employee health care: Selectmen Doyle explained the current health plan offered to employees increased by 6.7% for 2016. Because of that, two other plans were evaluated and a new HMO selected. The plan is the same, premiums are a little lower, and deductibles are higher. Selectman Doyle noted

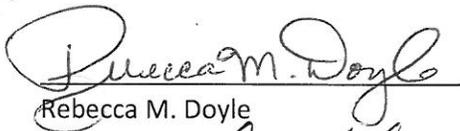
the need to address the Cadillac tax which will go into effect in 2018. Selectman Lage made a motion to approve the new HMO plan. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

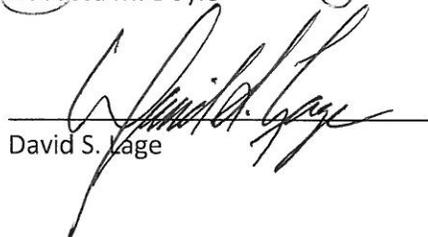
The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

November 3, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

  
George H. Lawrence, Chairman

  
Rebecca M. Doyle

  
David S. Lage