

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2015

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

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

Pipeline Task Force: Kathy Gauvin noted she had forwarded the Board a copy of a letter from the Temple Selectmen to DES thanking them for coming on November 2 and asking some questions. She urged the Board to do the same.

Senator Ayotte's office held office hours at the Temple Town Hall on Tuesday and Dennis and Kathy attended. It was well received with several people attending. Office hours will be held here on Tuesday from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

The NH Pipeline Resistance groups and NH Plan have organized a march on Concord to deliver a petition with 10,000+ signatures opposing the pipeline. The march is December 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Kathy was asked by Karen Miller to report that at the last Conservation Commission meeting they did not take a vote to oppose the pipeline.

Minutes: Selectman Lage made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26 and October 27 meetings. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the nonpublic minutes from November 3, 2015. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Hutter Corporation: The Board discussed the requirement of chip sealing of Cascade and High Range Roads in order to be accepted as Town roads. Hutter is requesting the requirement be removed. The Town Engineer states in his letter chip sealing would add to the lifetime of the pavement; however, it is not required in the road construction standards of the New Ipswich Subdivision Regulations. Residents of the roads do not want the chip sealing done.

Selectman Lawrence noted when a petition is received by the Board, the Selectmen can put additional requirements on the road. The Road Committee and Road Agent have recommended roads be chip sealed. The Selectmen made a decision to require chip sealing for all new roads and these roads are the first ones that need to comply. Selectman Lage noted there is no factual evidence indicating chip sealing will be of benefit to the roads; roads do not fail because of degradation of the top layer but because they are on a bad sub base. It is necessary to keep the water out to prevent heaving. Selectman Lage read RSA 231:28.

David Cotzin stated Malthouse Road was built 25 years ago and suggested if it was chip sealed now it would last another ten years. Selectman Doyle noted the Town started chip sealing roads this year. Selectman Lage stated chip sealing will do nothing for Malthouse Road, but crack sealing would keep water from getting into the road and breaking apart. Selectman Lawrence noted according to Butch Leel, who works for the State and is on the Road Committee, chip sealing will help preserve roads.

The Board discussed a possible conflict of interest with Selectman Lage as he is employed by Hutter Construction. He stated he did not see a conflict as he has nothing to gain. Selectman Lage stated he had done a lot of reading to see if there were benefits to chip sealing. He also researched other options to preserve the roads. Selectmen Doyle stated the standards need to be outlined in writing as well as our expectations.

The Board agreed to invite Mr. Traffie to a meeting and have Peter present as well.

Noise ordinance: Selectman Lage reported the Planning Board is working on a noise ordinance to be put on the 2016 Warrant. They are also looking at a lighting ordinance.

Police Facility Committee: Selectman Lage reported the Committee will be meeting with the Selectmen in the next 2-3 weeks to present options to the Board.

Fire Department payroll: The Fire Department payroll is now paid on the third week in June and December. It was changed from being paid in May and November and the Department would like it changed back. Members use their pay to pay taxes and buy Christmas gifts. Upon conclusion of the discussion, the Board agreed to keep the payroll dates at June and December because of decreased cash flow in May and November.

Tax Collector/Town Clerk: The Board met with Jessica Olson to discuss the number of hours she needs for deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector. It was agreed that 21 hours would be sufficient. As far as a new computer for the deputy, that will be determined once the inventory for the Fire Department is completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

November 10, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

David H. Lage

