

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 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.

Acceptance of Cascade and High Range Roads: Mr. Lars Traffie appeared before the Board in February petitioning the Selectmen to accept Cascade and High Range Roads as public roads. The Selectmen agreed to accept the roads contingent upon completion of the changing of the guard rails and chip sealing the roads. At that time the cost for chip sealing was estimated to be between \$8,000 and \$9,000. Mr. Traffie noted the cost of chip sealing is now estimated to be at least twice that amount. The guard rails have been installed. He added the roads have been built to Town specifications. He asked that he not be required to chip seal the roads.

Selectman Lawrence stated the roads deteriorate faster without chip sealing and the Board can request conditions not in the regulations if it is in the best interest of the Town, and chip sealing is in the best interest of the Town. Selectman Doyle noted there have not been any other roads chip sealed but a precedent has to start some place. Selectman Lage raised the question as to whether chip sealing is best for the roads, and Director Goewey responded it is another tool for preserving the roads as they will not oxidate as quickly. Also, Director Goewey stated he was of the opinion chip sealing will help if done within two years of paving. Selectman Lage stated the roads break from heaving. Also discussed was whether chip sealing or rubberized coating was better for the roads. It was noted there are still several lots on the two roads that are not built out, and it might be a waste of time to chip seal what with the heavy trucks that will be using the roads. It is too late to chip seal this year. Suggestion was made to have the applicant put an amount of money for future maintenance of the roads rather than chip seal.

Selectman Lage made a motion to accept Cascade and High Range Roads as Class V town maintained roads pending the payment of \$7,500 for future maintenance of the roads. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Director of Public Works Peter Goewey: Director Goewey stated his Department completed ditching on Mountain View Drive, and seed and hay will be spread. His plans for the next month includes ditching, maintenance on the sander and addressing complaints on Whittimore Hill Road. Appleton and Thayer Roads need work but it is too late for this year. Selectman Lage asked for a plan to be developed for what is going to be done monthly.

River and Goen Roads will be paved next year. Money left in the 2015 warrant articles are non-lapsing and can be used next year.

Fuel was discussed. Director Goewey noted he has had problems with gasoline purchased at stations other than the State's. There is water in the gas that causes problems in the trucks during the winter months. He had no problem using the other gas stations during the summer months.

Director Goewey was asked why there are not two part time attendants at the landfill rather than one part time and one full time. He explained with the full time person there is more and better communication. The full time person also knows how to use the equipment and takes pride in his work.

Director Goewey had a quote for the replacement of the roof on the Highway Department in the amount of \$75,000 which does not include the plywood around the outside.

Parks and Recreation Director Mindy Buxton: Director Buxton distributed a draft of a job description for the Director of Parks and Recreation. She discussed the \$2,500 stipend being paid for the basketball coordinator and recommended reducing the amount to \$1,000-\$1,500. This stipend comes from the revolving account. It was agreed to \$1,000 for the first season and \$1,500 the following year. Director Buxton also discussed metal detecting on the fields which is allowed on sports fields by the State. There have been incidents where holes have been dug up, debris left on the field and the holes not filled back up properly. The Town would need a Town policy to keep the metal detecting off the fields. Director Buxton will draft a policy for discussion. She also noted she had purchased a 10' screen and projector and would like to have movie nights at the field in the summer for kids and adults.

Pipeline Task Force: Wendy reported the Pipeline Task Force scheduled for tomorrow evening has been cancelled in order that the members can attend the public information session put on by Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company at Hidden Hills in Rindge from 6-10 p.m. Another session will be held on Thursday evening at Hampshire Hills in Milford. These are informational sessions regarding the Application for a Certificate of Site and Facility to be filed with the NH Site Evaluation Committee for the construction of the pipeline and compressor station.

The attorney for the Coalition has been working on getting the cost of the pipeline out to the public domain. The total cost of the pipeline is going to be paid by an electrical tariff by the entire State of NH. It will be amortized over 20 years and appears to be approximately \$54 M which will have to be raised each of those 20 years.

Wendy has been reviewing the resource reports to see if they address our questions and there is practically nothing.

Karen Miller reported that on December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in Temple, a physician from Children's Hospital will be speaking on the effects of the compressor station. Also, on December 11 is the Concord rally and the presentation of the petition to the Governor.

Comcast: The Board received a letter from Comcast outlining increases in services starting December 20, 2015.

Foster Family Health Report: The Board received a request for inspection at 178 Thayer Road. Selectmen Doyle and Lawrence will do the inspection on Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Conservation Commission: The Commission recommended Bob Boynton be re-appointed as a member for a three year term and Lori Rautiola be appointed as an alternate member for a three year term. Selectman Lage made a motion to appoint Bob Boynton as a member and Lori Rautiola as an alternate member for three year terms. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention and two in favor.

Minutes: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 minutes. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2015 minutes. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

HealthTrust: HealthTrust provides dental and life insurance to the employees. Each year the Town must adopt the Certificate of Authorizing Resolution prior to the execution of the Membership Agreement. Selectman Doyle made the following Resolution: Be it Resolved that the Town of New Ipswich shall participate as a Member in the Health Trust pooled risk management program for the provision of group medical and/or other benefit plans in accordance with the "Application and Membership Agreement" and NH RSA 5-B. Be it Resolved that George H. Lawrence is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to HealthTrust, on behalf of the Town of New Ipswich the "Application and Membership Agreement" in substantially the form presented to this meeting. The resolution was unanimous in vote.

Arrowhead Drive: A letter was received from the attorney of Deirdre Daley and Bernard Satterfield, 30 Arrowhead Lane, regarding completion of the road by San-Ken Homes. Selectmen Lage will discuss with the Planning Board.

Police Department Lease: Selectman Doyle spoke with Dr. Giamo. They are working on putting together a 5 year lease. The rent will increase from \$1,500 to \$1,700 a month and a clause will be added that the rent cannot increase more than 5% annually.

Property Liability Trust: Property Liability Trust will not be offering liability insurance after June 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

December 1, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

David S. Lage

