

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
DECEMBER 22, 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.

Jim Hicks: Director Hicks met with the head of the NH Public Works Mutual Aid and one of the things brought up was to be sure the Building Inspector was registered with them. That way if there is an emergency and the Building Inspector needs to be involved, he will be covered until the agreement. Director Hicks agreed to be a backup on the agreement. Director Hicks also reported there will be a meeting to begin working on the Local Emergency Operation Plan (LEOP) on January 19.

Pipeline Task Force: Karen Miller noted Attorney Kanoff will meet with the Selectmen on January 12 at 6:00 p.m. Karen inquired if signage could be placed outside the Town office announcing the Town is in opposition to the pipeline. The Selectmen were not in favor of doing so; as the governing body they have opposed the pipeline but the legislative body has not voted on the subject. Karen also encouraged better working relationships and communication between boards.

The intervenor letter to be filed by the Selectmen was discussed. The draft letter sent by Wendy and prepared by Attorney Kanoff was modified and signed by the Selectmen. It will be filed tomorrow.

Minutes: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2015 meeting. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Holiday pay for part time employees: The Board received a request from an employee to provide holiday pay for part time employees. The Selectman agreed research was needed to see how other towns handle part time benefits.

Dollar General Store: The Board received a notice from the Zoning Board of Adjustment announcing a public hearing for a special exception for New Ipswich DG, LLC on January 7 at 7:00 p.m. to permit location of a Dollar General Store at 786 Turnpike Road.

Budget and salary review: The Board reviewed budgets that had not been completed. Also discussed was the wage for deputy treasurer and deputy town clerk/tax collector. It was agreed a wage of \$14.00 would be put in the proposed budget.

At 8:30 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II.a. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 8:45 p.m. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced the minutes of the nonpublic session were sealed.

Smithville Cemetery: Selectman Lawrence reported he had a call from Matt Stevens at the Dam Bureau. They are not willing to meet with the Town until a written plan is submitted to them. The Board agreed to send a letter with options for the staging area of Taylor Road, part of the ball field or part of the Morrill land. The State has accepted Ed Rogers' report but still contend the Town has no justification for using the ball field.

Default budget: A draft of the default budget was distributed for the Board to review.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

December 22, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

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George H. Lawrence, Chairman

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Rebecca M. Doyle

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David S. Lage