

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
APRIL 21, 2015

PRESENT: George Lawrence, Chairman, Becky Doyle, Woody Meiszner, Joanne Meshna

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

Paving bids: The following bids for paving were submitted to the Board: Brox for \$583,761.05, JMI Asphalt for \$621,201.20, R&D Paving for \$566,694.50, F.W. Whitcomb for \$610,553.58, and Advance Excavating and Paving for \$616,812.00. A bid from Pike Industries was also received but the bid amount was not clear. The bids were given to Director Goewey to review and make a recommendation at the next Selectmen's meeting next Tuesday.

Selectmen Doyle expressed her concern for roads paved last year and now displaying cracks along the center seams, and that after one winter the seam should not be splitting. A representative from R&D Paving explained that the quality of the mix is not as good as it was five years ago with recycled asphalt and shingles being added to the mix. The DOT has been having the same problems. He noted that new roads should be crack sealed within one year. Rubberized sealant can be put in the seams and Director Goewey will determine a cost for fixing the newly paved roads.

Lawn care bids: The Selectmen received a bid from ANA Proscapes, LLC for \$8750.00 for 2015 lawn care at the Town Office, Memorial Park, Fire Station, Bank Village common, Appleton common and Smithville common. This was the only bid received. Selectman Doyle made a motion to accept the lawn care bid from ANA Proscapes for \$8,750.00 for lawn care in 2015. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Cemetery Trustees: Selectman Lawrence made a motion to appoint David Keurulainen as a Cemetery Trustee until the March election in 2016. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Smithville Cemetery: Representative Coffey reported to the Board that the enabling legislation had passed the Senate and gone to the Governor for his signature. He added that DES was not happy that the Little League was using the fields at Smithville.

Proposed gas pipeline: Wendy Freeman expressed her concern that the Board of Selectmen have not taken a stance on the pipeline. She noted the project violates the Zoning Ordinance and asked that the Selectmen reconsider and oppose the pipeline coming to New Ipswich. Wendy continued that the Zoning Ordinance protects wells and property values and the pipeline will hurt both of these.

Karen Miller stated she was concerned about emissions with the pipeline and her well and people need to know potential hazards. She asked the Selectmen to again request the emissions report from Kinder Morgan. Selectman Meiszner responded he had requested the report and Kinder Morgan had responded they would conform to requirements imposed on them by State and Federal agencies. Karen stated Kinder Morgan, at the open forum, had stated they would provide the report and it is unfair that

they are not giving the Town the real numbers. Selectman Doyle responded the Selectmen have no control over it and the SEC is responsible for overseeing the process. They are the ones that make recommendations to FERC and should be able to get the emissions report.

Wendy referred to the property known as Skinny Kat where there is a purchase and sales agreement with Kinder Morgan. It is assumed this will be the location of the compressor. She noted this is an extremely sensitive area because of wetlands, being located next to an aquifer for Greenville and Temple, and close to an elementary school. Anything in the air will end up in the water. She added that DES needs to come in and do an environmental impact study in the area. There will be a serious liability to the Town if public water has to be put in.

Selectmen Meiszner noted the Town needs to have intervener status with the SEC and FERC. He added the question is still what does the Town want as a whole. Karen Miller stated the majority of people have no clue about the pipeline and informational sessions should be held. Renee Juchnevics-Freeman stated as she speaks with people and makes them aware of the pipeline, they are horrified the Town is not opposing the pipeline.

Jay Hopkins inquired about petitions being circulated on the pipeline. Wendy responded one is for the Selectmen, one for the Governor, and one for the Conservation Commission. Renee added the Governor will be asked for help for the Town to do an economic study.

Jim Coffey cautioned the Board on taking the income figures to determine the taxes as that uses a depreciation figure, and the Town does not assess that way.

Wendy further stated seventy-five properties will be impacted by the pipeline and questioned if the Town has taken into account abatements they may request. Some of those properties have conservation easements. Further she stated the Selectmen need to help the citizens of the Town and uphold the Town ordinances, and the Selectmen's assistance is needed in putting together an economic study as well as an environmental study. She asked the Selectmen to help get the answers that are needed.

Wendy noted there is a group in New Ipswich formed in opposition to the pipeline. The petition for the Selectmen will be submitted the first week in May and the Governor's petition will be going to her this Friday. She further reiterated that the pipeline violates the Zoning Ordinance because of steep slopes and wetlands. Selectman Meiszner noted he had spoken with a water specialist and it was his opinion that if a ten foot trench is dug and a pipe put in it, the aquifer will not be destroyed.

The Selectmen took no further action.

Board of Assessors: Jim Coffey and Jeanne Cunningham addressed the Board regarding the rental of municipal property for non-government purposes according to RSA 72:23 and the need to tax that part being rented. They advised that the taxes should not be built into the rent.

Building #2: Jay Hopkins questioned when Building #2 had been cleaned out as he understood no-one could go into it. Selectman Doyle responded that the lessor is aware of the mold issue and has assumed the liability and relieved the Town of any liabilities.

Selectman Doyle reported that Warwick Mills is working on the insurance figures. With regard to the taxes, Selectman Doyle stated Warwick thought they were part of the rent. Also, they are now stating they want to use the entire first floor of the building.

Joanne will schedule Eric and Charlie from Warwick Mills to meet with the Board on Tuesday, April 28 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the remaining issues on the lease.

Old Town Hall Committee: Jay Hopkins reminded the Board in 2014 they had allotted \$10,000 out of general government maintenance to have plans drawn up to deal with the sill on the Old Town Hall building. There is a bill that will be forthcoming from Scully and Jay questioned if the Committee could use any remaining money once that bill is paid.

Selectman Lawrence noted that the Town had not approved a warrant article this year for \$12,500 to replace the sill. Selectman Doyle noted that Ed Rogers who is on the Committee has information on funding to share with the Committee that he has gathered since they last met. The Board took no action.

Minutes: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed with Selectman Meiszner abstaining.

Public Works Department: Director Goewey asked permission to lease purchase a new truck for \$152,000 to replace the 2006 truck. Trade in value of the old truck is \$13,000. The truck's transmission needs repairing in the amount of \$7,000 which will be the third time, a new dump body is needed in the amount of \$40,000, and \$3,400 has already been spent on new springs.

Selectman Doyle asked what would happen if the Department was down a truck and Director Goewey responded that services would go down. During winter storms the routes would be extended therefore taking longer and personnel working longer hours.

Selectman Meiszner made a motion to lease purchase a new truck. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Director Goewey noted that in 2-3 weeks they will begin replacing culverts, and as he is down a person he is looking for temporary help.

Memorial Field: Director Goewey reported that Mike Martel has offered to replace the dugouts at the Babe Ruth field using donations and at no cost to the Town. He added that the scoreboard should be in this weekend and power still needs to be run. The control box is wireless and is placed into a bag and stored when done.

At 8:15 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 8:25 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced that the minutes of the nonpublic session were sealed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

April 21, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner