

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2014
10:00 AM

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Judy Spring - Highway Department: Ms. Spring submitted a copy of the contract with Southworth-Milton, Inc. for the excavator and pointed out that the start date was not on the contract or was the signed date. She referred to the section of the agreement which states the lessee agrees not to use the equipment more than eight hours in any one day nor more than five eight hour days in one week and no more than twenty eight hour days in any one thirty consecutive day period. She questioned how the machine could be returned without the signed and when returned dates. Director of Public Works Goewey responded that the machine was rented by the month and not the hour. Selectman Doyle asked that hours and dates are put on all contracts in the future.

Ms. Spring submitted two pictures of Page Hill Road across from the Athletic Club showing the black top destroyed. She stated she did not want to see the Town plow in this manner and asked that whoever did the plowing not do it again. She was concerned for damage to the Town roads and well as homeowner's property.

Ms. Spring asked that an exit interview be done with Chris Smith by the Selectmen. Joanne will set up an appointment.

Ms. Spring noted referred to North and Wheeler Roads and stated the Highway Department had swept these roads. She did not see any reason to sweep these roads which are basically dirt roads. Director Goewey responded the roads were swept after culverts were installed to get rid of material on the roads. Also, Ms. Spring stated there were terrible potholes on Poor Farm Road and asked they be repaired. Director Goewey responded that they will be repaired.

Ms. Spring asked that a schedule for working on roads be posted. She noted recently a road was closed and there was no notification. Director Goewey was asked to include the post office in the list of emergency responders when a road is closed. Selectman Doyle added that signs and notification will be discussed.

Ms. Spring informed the Board there is no street sign for Boston View Drive. The Selectmen responded Boston View Drive is a private road and the Town does not provide signs for private roads. Ms. Spring added she was concerned for fire and police responders.

Ms. Spring inquired when the Road Committee will next meet. They will meet around the end of October. She volunteered to be a member of the Committee.

Ms. Spring suggested the landfill be operated by volunteers and offered to create a volunteer base. Certifications were discussed and Director Goewey will e-mail Ms. Spring information. Ms. Spring added having the landfill operated by volunteers would free up highway personnel.

Ms. Spring inquired if a phone policy for employees of the Highway Department had been created. Director Goewey responded he is working on it and has spoken to all personnel, and if anyone is seen talking on the phone while driving to contact him with the date and truck number.

1473 Turnpike Road: Selectman Lawrence gave an update on the clean-up of the property. He spoke to the real estate agent involved and they are putting the clean-up out to bid. Two people were seen last week dumping rubbish in the back of the building. He reminded everyone to contact the police if anyone is seen on the property who does not belong. Selectman Lawrence had a phone call from the State Health Department regarding the property and an abutter complaint. Water tests at Spindleback Lane and at the Straitiffs have come back uncontaminated. Selectman Meiszner suggested having the Police Department put up camera on the property. Selectman Lawrence will contact the real estate agent this week for an update.

Smithville Cemetery: Selectman Lawrence gave an update on the search for the pipe at the Cemetery. Selectman Lawrence, Director Goewey and a representative from JMPS located the pipe and staked it out. It is approximately 23.5 feet at its widest point and 14 feet at its narrowest. The Selectmen and Cemetery Trustees need to come up with a plan to submit to the State.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 19, 2014 meeting were reviewed and the following correction noted: page 1, under Article 21, second sentence should read "It is my interpretation that..." Selectmen Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Selectmen Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention.

Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the non public minutes from August 19, 2014. Selectmen Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention.

Selectmen Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting. Selectmen Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Selectmen Doyle made a motion to approve the non public minutes from August 25, 2014. Selectmen Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Deborah Holmes: An e-mail was received from Mrs. Holmes asking that she be permitted to hold a yard sale on Town property located off Joy and Old Country Roads. The Selectmen approved the request with the request that the property be left as found.

Jessica Olson: Payroll updates for Ms. Olson were reviewed for both Tax Collector and Town Clerk. Changes are effective back to August 4, 2014. Ms. Olson was present and announced she would not be in her office on Thursday, August 28 as she will be attending an election training. She will have her office open from 5 to 9 p.m.

PSNH: PSNH will be conducting aerial patrols of its transmission and distribution lines for vegetation issues on August 26 and 27 between 8 a.m. and 3 pm.

Nancy Lashua: A letter of resignation from Ms. Lashua as Deputy Treasurer was received by the Board effective August 29, 2014. A letter of appointment from Ms. Olson was received by the Board for appointment of Ms. Lashua as Deputy Tax Collector and Deputy Town Clerk effective September 2, 2014. The Board approved the appointment.

Director Goewey: Director Goewey informed the Board his department was working at the Fire Department installing fire alarms today. Selectman Meiszner thanked the highway department for loosening a flag pole rope so a new flag could be raised at the common at Bank Village. Selectman Lawrence thanked Selectman Meiszner for donating the new flag.

Highbridge: Work by the DOT on the building of a temporary bridge will begin next month along with an upgrade of Ypya Road.

At 11:05 Selectman Lawrence made a motion to enter into a non public session under RSA91-A:3II(c). Selectmen Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 12:05 Selectman Doyle made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced that Rickard Donovan has been hired as the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer.

Friday hours: The Board discussed whether or not to have the office open on Fridays. No decision was made.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Land Use Manager

August 26, 2014 Board of Selectmen minutes approved:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner

