

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2014
6:00 PM

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.

Building permit: Bob Boynton met with the Board to discuss proposed changes to the building permit application to help protect surface waters in Town. Joanne distributed changes she and Robin suggested in response to Bob's memo. Mr. Boynton recommended an inspection be done of the site before excavation and/or logging. Selectman Doyle questioned if this would add another layer to the Building Inspector's position and if it was necessary to inspect for all permits. A suggestion was made to add a question to the permit of whether or not there were wetlands on the property and to have the applicant sign the form stating they had read the building permit guide. All agreed outreach to the public was important. At the conclusion of the discussion it was decided that the Selectmen will review Joanne and Robin's suggestions and the issue will be tabled until a new Building Inspector is on board.

Judy Spring and Mark Hopkins: Ms. Spring submitted a bill to the Board for two signs destroyed by the Highway Department during winter plowing and summer mowing. The total due on the invoice was \$125.50. Further, Ms. Spring stated the Highway Department needs serious looking into and she noted that bids are not done at the proper time, an excavator was rented and sat on North Road for two weeks, there is no daily plan for work, two good employees left, a sweeper was rented and was used on North and Wheeler Roads all day long and then gravel and dirt was brought in, employees are texting while working and driving, the snowplowing hours exceed safety standards, and the position of Road Agent and Assistant Road Agent needs to be reviewed. She offered to sit on the Road Committee. She questioned the work hours and how nothing gets done on Fridays, and suggested that volunteers run the landfill rather than highway employees. She added that the roads are important for the value of the town. With regard to the excavator, Ms. Spring asked for the start time when it was delivered and the end time for when it was returned.

State Representatives Parison and Coffey: Representative Parison noted that the State House was on break. Selectman Doyle brought to the attention of the Board that two separate letters had been received from the NH DOT regarding construction on Turnpike Road and noted there were two different dates for the same project. Representative Coffey questioned why a state trooper had called him regarding his fob usage. Selectman Lawrence responded that circumstances required it and the Board could not give out any further information. Representative Coffey inquired when the Town was going to pave North Road and the response was in the fall.

Fireworks permit: The Board approved a fireworks permit for William Pillsbury, 258 Ashburnham Road, for August 9 at 9:00 p.m.

Trustees of the Trust Funds: The Board approved three requests for payment from the Trustees of the Trust Funds not processed in 2013, and two requests for payment for 2014, all from the Stearns Burton Committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 29, 2014 meeting were reviewed and the following correction made: page 2, under Fire Chief Leel, last sentence should read "Once the warrant is approved, a request for bids can be put out." Selectman Meiszner made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Selectmen Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the first non public session minutes of July 29, 2014. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the second non public session minute. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Senator Ayotte: A representative from Senator Ayotte's office will hold office hours at the Town Office on Wednesday, August 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Charrette: Plan New Hampshire had awarded the Town a community charrette to begin in September. Selectman Meiszner made a motion to table the charrette for now. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle will contact Plan New Hampshire.

Hillsborough County Budget: The Board received the Hillsborough County Budget for fiscal year 2015.

Smithville Cemetery: Attempts to find a pipe along the dam at Smithville Cemetery failed. If the pipe can be located, it can then be determined if there is space between the pipe and the graves for a truck to pass through. Representative Coffey offered to call Bettina Eames at Loureiro Engineering for ground penetrating radar. He will report back.

David Cotzin: Mr. Cotzin inquired if Selectman Doyle had an answer to his question regarding Article 21 and hiring of part time snowplowers with raises. She is awaiting a written response. Mr. Cotzin inquired about the old cruiser and Selectman Doyle responded that the title was received yesterday and her and the Chief will be putting together specifications for an ad to sell it.

At 8:00 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a non public session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 8:30 p.m. Selectman Meiszner made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced that the non public minutes had been sealed.

At 8:40 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Land Use Manager

August 5, 2014 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner