

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
DECEMBER 16, 2014

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. Selectman Lawrence announced a toy drive at the Town office until 12/18/14.

Public hearing for weight limits: The public hearing was for setting of six-ton weight limits/12,000 pounds for through truck traffic on Davis Village Road, Ashby Road, Mason Road and River Road. The purpose of the weight limits is to reduce wear and tear on Town highways, to improve traffic safety and to protect the investment of the taxpayers on the newly paved roads. David Keurulainen stated the limits made it difficult for the common working person to get around town in their truck. The Board explained this would apply for through traffic and not for trucks doing business on those roads.

Selectman Meiszner made a motion to approve the ordinance to establish weight limits for through truck traffic on Ashby Road, Davis Village Road, Mason Road and River Road. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bob Lussier: Mr. Lussier reported there had been an incident on Oak Hill Road this past Saturday. A fire truck could not get up the hill on the road because of ice. A Town truck was called and sanded the road. Oak Hill Road is a private road. Mr. Lussier stated Richard Aho is the owner of the road but does not maintain it and felt Mr. Aho should get the bill for the sanding. Joanne will ask Chief Leel for a report on the incident.

Private road agreement and release: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approval a private road agreement and release for Robert Ojala, Jacqueline Drive, lot 10/6-16. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The Board discussed adding a line to the agreement stating if a private road is unpassable and damage is incurred by a Town vehicle, the owner of the road would be liable.

Purchase order form: The Board agreed department managers need to submit a purchase order for items costing \$1,500 and over.

At 7:00 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a non public session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 7:40 p.m. the Board returned to public session. Selectman Lawrence announced that the minutes from the non public session were sealed.

Al Jenks: Mr. Jenks was present to discuss the proposed gas pipeline through New Ipswich. He has received notice from the pipeline company they want to meet with him and begin surveying. Mr. Jenks described problems that are connected with the pipeline. He asked the Board to hold a public forum with Kinder Morgan. The Board asked that Mr. Jenks present them with a petition signed by at least 25

people requesting the Board hold a meeting and then Selectman Meiszner will contact the company and request a public hearing preferably on a Saturday morning.

Peter Goewey: The Board signed a request for vacation for Peter from December 25 to January 5.

Rick Nantel: Mr. Nantel sent a letter to the Board offering his service to the Souhegan Valley Ambulance Service board. Selectman Lawrence referred him to Jim Hicks.

Joint Loss Committee: Mary Fortier and Tim Carpenter have resigned from the Joint Loss Committee which leaves only two members. The Committee is required by the Town's insurance company. Joanne will contact Phil St. Cyr for direction.

Petition warrant articles: Four petition articles were received by the Board as follows:

- 1) To see if the town will vote to eliminate the permitting and inspection requirements for outbuildings up to 500 square feet, additions up to 250 square feet, and renovations of any size.
- 2) To see if the town will vote to eliminate the sign permit. Signs will still have to conform to all other existing sign ordinances and zoning regulations found in Article XII Section F of the Town of New Ipswich Zoning Ordinances.
- 3) To see if the town will vote to rescind Article #20 of the 1991 Annual Town Meeting requiring that 50% of Land Use Change Tax revenues be deposited in the Conservation Fund per RSA 79-A:25 II with a maximum of \$10,000 to be deposited in any one year. By this action, all monies collected would be deposited in the General Fund for the purposes of defraying taxes.
- 4) Are you in favor of amending the New Ipswich Zoning Ordinance as follows: amend Article XI-District Boundaries, Section 6 Description of Districts to establish boundaries for the Limited Commercial District (Article VII)? This includes all lots along both sides of Route 123/124 from approximately the Western intersection with Davis Village Road to Thayer Road: all lots along the North side of Route 123/124 from Appleton Manor to the town garage/salt shed inclusive: all lots along the South side of Route 123/124 from Matt Glavey's office to King Road. All lots on both sides of Temple Road from Route 123/124 to Furnace Brook.

Selectman Lawrence made a motion to forward the zoning articles, #1 and #4, to the Planning Board. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes: Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the non public session minutes of November 12, 2014. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed with one abstention. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2014 meeting. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Budgets: The Board worked on the following budgets: Legal – The Board agreed to request \$30,000 for next year. Regional Associations: Joanne will try and get a figure for NH Municipal Association. Health and Animal Control – Workers compensation was change to zero and a final budget of \$2,454 will be requested for 2015. Interest bonds: Next year requested is \$12,908. Auditor: The Board will review the expenditures for this year before deciding on a figure for next year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Land Use Manager

December 16, 2014 Board of Selectmen minutes approved:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner