

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Office.

Request for public forum on proposed pipeline: Al Jenks submitted a copy of a letter from the Tennessee Gas Pipeline to the Selectmen in which they state they would like to meet with them and one of their representatives will provide dates of open houses. He presented the Board a petition signed by 148 people requesting the Selectmen hold an open forum as soon as possible with one of their representatives to explain the project, answer questions, and receive comments from townspeople and other experts. Mr. Jenks stated the forum had to be held on a Saturday. Selectman Meiszner stated he would find out when the company, the Moderator and the school auditorium are available Mr. Andy Jenks stated that the company tries to avoid Saturdays.

Mr. John Palmer noted that Channel 9 had reported that representatives from the pipeline had not been invited to the meetings held in Mason and other places but in fact they had been. Mr. Palmer also noted that most people in Town do not know anything about the proposed pipeline. Those present asked if Kinder Morgan is not available could the forum still be held and the Selectmen responded that it could. Selectman Meiszner gave a report on what he had learned when he met with representatives of the pipeline. He also reported he had looked at a compressor in Pelham and would be looking at another one south of Springfield, MA. Steven Riggs requested that the call to Kinder Morgan to schedule the forum be documented and a complete record kept of any conversations, etc. between the company and the Selectmen. Al Jenks will be the contact person and the public forum will be advertised in the newspaper when it is scheduled.

Selectman Meiszner was asked when the pipeline is expected to be completed and he responded they want to be up by 2018. The Selectmen were asked if there will be a reassessment of the Town if the pipeline goes in and the Selectmen were not sure.

Primex resolution: Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve a resolution to enter Primex Worker's Compensation Contribution Assurance Program (CAP). Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Oak Hill Road: Mr. Bob Lussier was present to see if anything had been determined regarding the incident on Oak Hill Road with the fire truck and ambulance. He asked who was going to get billed for the Town's sanding. He reiterated that the owner of the road is responsible for maintaining the road and there is no homeowners association. Property owners' deeds reflect they are responsible for the maintenance. As a taxpayer, Mr. Lussier stated he did not want town tax money spent for private use.

Minutes of December 16, 2014: Selectman Meiszner made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2014. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Tenney Road: Attorney Jeff Crocker has asked for a meeting with the Selectmen, Dixie Blease, Tim Jones and Deborah Harrity to discuss changes to the restrictions on the lot donated to the Town by Mrs. Blease. The Board agreed to meet with them on January 27. Selectman Lawrence will inform them of the date.

Warrant articles: The Board discussed a warrant article for a 3% increase for employees with 1% across the Board and a 2% merit increase. The total including wages, retirement, FICA and Medicare comes to \$30,500. Selectman Doyle will prepare the warrant article.

Also discussed was a warrant article for new positions. The Parks and Recreation Director has asked for a new position for a recreational coordinator at an annual salary of \$2,400. The Selectmen were not in favor of this position. Another new position of administrative assistant to the Town Administrator was discussed. This would be a part time position of 20/hours/week at a salary of up to \$15.00 per hour. Selectman Doyle will prepare the warrant article.

The Board also discussed salary adjustments. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector has requested a salary increase for her deputy. The Board was in favor of increasing the pay rate from \$11.00 to \$12.00. This would be a salary adjustment of \$1,600. The Town Administrator's salary range was discussed with the Board agreeing to an increase up to \$15,000. All were in favor and Selectman Doyle will prepare the warrant article.

If approved, the increases were be effective April 1, 2015. Stipends will be reviewed next year.

Children's Fair: Mr. David Cotzin inquired if the Board had made a decision regarding putting a report from the Children's Fair into the Town report. Selectman Doyle made a motion to not include outside organizations in the Town report other than those that are directly involved with the Town that the Town's supports. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed with Selectmen Lawrence and Doyle in favor and Selectman Meiszner opposed.

At 11:40 a.m. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to enter into a non public session under RSA91-A:3II(c). Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 12:10 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced that the minutes of the non public session were sealed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joanne Meshna, Land Use Manager
December 22, 2014 Board of Selectmen minutes approved:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner

