

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2014
10:00 AM

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

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

Mary Fortier: Mary volunteered to help out the Town Office if needed. She stated she was more than willing to ease the burden. The Board thanked Mary for her offer of help. Joanne will contact Mary as needed.

Budget Committee: Selectman Doyle reported that the Budget Committee had met last evening and approved budgets for the Planning Board, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Elections and Registration, Trustees of the Trust Funds, and Town Office. The Board reviewed the Municipal Budget Law and determined the default budget is prepared by the Selectmen. Greg Colby will work on figures for the default budget.

Police Department: Selectman Lawrence reported the appraisal on the building housing the Police Department and the empty lot is \$450,000 and the assessed value is \$450,800.

Computer services: Cadnet has been asked for a figure to update the software and computer systems for the Town. Many of the programs being used are old and need to be updated. Robin is working on getting figures.

Website: Robin will be working with Virtual Town website to get it up and running. She will be the lead person on what needs to be done and communicate with the company. Deb Holmes and Nina Dilger offered their assistance if needed.

2015 holidays: Selectman Lawrence read the recognized holidays for the Town Office. He made a motion to approve those listed. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Minutes: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2 and 3 meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the non public minutes of December 3 at 10:00 a.m. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the non public minutes of December 2 at 7:45 p.m. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Ipswich Market: With regard to the notice of violation for the public water system that serves the market, Central School and a few houses along Temple Road, more tests are being done.

Old Tenney Road Town land: An e-mail from Attorney Crocker regarding the Town land and the change in the terms of use for the property was received. Selectman Lawrence will contact Attorney Crocker.

Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company: A letter was received from the town administrator of Fitzwilliam informing the Board of a meeting on December 15 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the pipeline route and share thoughts, information and explore potential collaboration. Joanne will forward the letter to the Conservation Commission.

Chief Carpenter: A letter was received from Chief Carpenter expressing his concern for the Town and the employees of the Town and the ramifications of the passing of Article 21 in March. The Board took the letter under advisement.

Pipeline: Selectman Meiszner met with representatives of Kinder Morgan and Liberty Gas on Friday. They had requested a meeting with a Selectmen to allow them to give a presentation on the proposed pipeline. The company has decided to run the pipeline across southern New Hampshire in the PSNH right-of-way. They estimated annual taxes to be paid to the Town to be \$700,000. They are also looking for a large piece of land to locate a compressor. The approval of the pipeline is by FERC which looks at the needs of the country. The company will need to buy easements from those landowners whose properties they cross over and it is estimated that approximately 50 landowners will be effected.

There are several issues that are not clear and Selectman Meiszner is in contact with the company for answers. The company plans to hold open houses in southern New Hampshire and then a public hearing. The completion date of the pipeline is 2018.

Employee annual meeting and Christmas party: The Board agreed to hold the annual staff meeting on December 16 at 10:00 a.m. A Christmas party for staff and volunteers was discussed. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to have a Christmas party and to fund it from the Barrett Fund. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Land Use Manager

December 9, 2014 Board of Selectmen minutes approved:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner

