

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JULY 14, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Parks and Recreation: Deb Holmes and Mindy Buxton informed the Board a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on July 11 was held in honor of Bob Gammel. Mr. Gammel passed away earlier this year. He was very involved in New Ipswich basketball. Twenty-five teams participated and 250 people attended. Snacks and t-shirts were sold and \$3,500 was raised. Selectman Meiszner read the list of sponsors of the tournament and thanked everyone for participating

Mindy noted that the basketball courts are in bad shape; hoops are off or not there at all and not located at the right height. The court is cracking and the grass around the court is eroding. Mindy and Deb recommended that the courts be sealed. A preliminary quote for sealing was \$5,500-\$7,000. Mindy stated they could buy the supplies and have volunteers do the work. The hoops including posts and backboard will cost \$1,300 each. They could replace a few of the hoops and do the sealing.

Mindy stated they were concerned about safety at the playground. Monadnock Security provided a quote of \$1,500 for a surveillance system upgrade (new HD system). In the discussion it was noted that no-one calls the police soon enough after something has happened so the cameras are not checked and they are recycled every 24 hours. Selectman Doyle asked what good it would do to spend more money on the system if the cameras are not monitored and questioned if they could go for a longer time such as a week. Selectman Meiszner questioned if the cameras were placed in the best spots for security. Deb and Mindy will get more information on the security cameras.

Deb was asked if the wooden rails had been replaced on the fence along Playground Road. She will check on the status.

Selectman Meiszner stated he had no problem with spending money to seal the basketball courts but suggesting deferring until Deb and Mindy have a firm number. The money would come from the Parks and Recreation capital reserve account.

Joshua Gammel, Mr. Gammel's son, was asked if there was something he would like to see done at the park and he suggested a nice stone with a plaque. Mindy's husband offered to donate the stone, bring it to the park, install it and landscape around it.

Deb informed the Board there were some trees in the park that need trimming. The Selectmen will view the site.

Deb stated that Kelly Collins from Greenville had informed her the pool will not be opening this year. Ms. Collins inquired if there was a number that the Town could charge for open swim at our pool. Selectman Doyle asked how many people it would involve and the number was not known. Deb

suggested \$2,500 for 200 people. Selectman Meiszner questioned how many New Ipswich residents are using the pool and if the Greenville people could be fit in; he added the Board needs to hear from Liz.

Deb inquired where monies were deposited for basketball last year and Selectman Doyle responded they are in a revolving fund and when things are purchased for the basketball program the money is taken from that fund.

Deb and Mindy were scheduled for the Selectmen meeting next week at 1:00 p.m.

Proposed pipeline: Wendy Freeman asked if the letter to FERC requesting reconsideration of a scoping meeting to be held in New Ipswich had been sent. The letter was signed this evening and will be sent tomorrow. Wendy submitted another letter to FERC regarding a request for third party environmental document preparation. The Selectmen agreed to sign and send the letter. Also discussed was a teleconference call the Task Force had with a legal defense fund. This is a not for profit group. They talked about a rights based ordinance and about the right to self-governance and the right of clean air and water. The Task Force will be taking the information to the Planning Board. Selectman Meiszner added the Planning Board is working on a commercial and industrial noise ordinance. The Task Force will be discussing a blasting ordinance at their meeting on Thursday and will make a recommendation to the Board.

With regard to the scoping meeting, the closest to New Ipswich is Milford at the Milford Town Hall. There will be a period of time at the beginning of the meeting for politicians to speak which includes selectmen. Wendy stated the Task Force will put together an outline of a presentation of what the Town should make and the Board should decide who will make the presentation.

Mr. Culhane expressed his appreciation for all the work Wendy has done on the pipeline. Selectman Meiszner added he was happy to have the Task Force and grateful for all the work everyone is doing.

Next meeting: The Selectmen meeting on Tuesday, July 21 will be held at 1:00 p.m. Department Heads will be asked to attend at 1:30 to discuss budgets.

David Cotzin: Mr. Cotzin informed the Board the stop sign at the intersection of North and Poor Farm Roads is hidden by brush. Joanne will let Director Goewey know. Also, Mr. Cotzin announced that on Saturday night the New Ipswich Athletic Association will have a free fireworks show and the public is welcome.

Police Department: Chief Carpenter informed the Board in an email that Dr. Giamo has informed him the building is being listed with a realtor and the listing price is \$535,000. The Chief suggested the Town draft an official lease with Dr. Giamo to protect the Town should the building sell. Joanne will ask the Chief for a copy of the current lease. Becky will discuss the lease with Attorney Mayer. Only one person signed up as a volunteer to serve on the Emergency Services Building Committee. The Board discussed soliciting members to include department heads from the emergency service departments.

Highway Department: An email was received from Tim Jones, 55 Old Tenney Road, in which he commended the Highway Department, in particular Jay Hopkins, for a job well done on the grading, rebuilding of drainage ditches on both sides, rolling and salting of the road. Mr. Cotzin added the Highway Department had also done a good job on Lower Pratt Pond Road.

At 7:30 p.m. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:31(c). Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 7:55 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced that the minutes of the nonpublic session were sealed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Minutes from the July 14, 2015 meeting approved by the Board:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner