

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

JULY 15, 2014

9:00 AM

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Office.

Pool benefit: Selectman Lawrence announced that there will be a cookout at Nennie's Cafe on July 27 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. to benefit the Town Pool. Tickets are \$10.00.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 8 meeting were reviewed and the following corrections noted: page 2, first paragraph, second sentence under Planet Aid should read "...1,095 pounds..." and under Primex, first sentence should read "...the Town auditor how to handle..." Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the July 8 non public minutes. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bob Boynton: The Board met with Bob Boynton, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, to discuss an alleged wetland violation at 63 King Road. Mr. Boynton explained that cutting had been done up to Willow Brook and in the Town's Zoning Ordinance there is a stream buffer setback of 25 feet; also cutting of trees is limited to 50% of the basal area of trees and 50% of the total number of saplings in a 20 year period. Further, Mr. Boynton stated that the owner had not applied for a building permit so there was no way to inform him of the stream buffer. Mr. Boynton distributed a handout to the Board with information on the stream buffer and before and after pictures of the site. He recommended the hiring of an environmental remediator.

It was agreed that Selectman Meiszner would speak to the owner, Mr. Salo and inform him that the Selectmen are requiring the remediation at his expense. Mr. Boynton will oversee the project and Mr. Salo will be asked to contact him.

There was general discussion on how to prevent these issues from happening in the future.

Old Town Hall Committee: The Board received a letter from Chief Leel in which he stated that members of the Fire Department have volunteered to conduct a safety watch of the Old Town Hall the day of the Children's Fair allowing the Church to utilize the building. Chief Leel was present at the meeting and elaborated on the letter stating that the volunteers would be watching the building and if there were any issues would be able to deal with them; this would allow for the use of the building for one last year.

Selectman Doyle noted that the Children's Fair had already made other arrangements and suggested that would be better than using an unsafe building. However, Mr. William Kivela stated he was not aware of any other arrangements that had been made. Selectman Meiszner reported he had spoken to

Mr. and Mrs. Romeril and the Fair Committee had made plans to relocate the white elephant and clothing across the street on the church property. Mr. Kivela stated they would rather use the Old Town Hall.

Selectman Doyle reiterated that the building was unsafe and according to the structural engineer should not be used for public gatherings. Her decision was not a personal one but based on the findings of the engineer. Selectman Lawrence added that at last week's meeting the entire Board had voted that the building would not be used.

Mr. Jay Hopkins stated it was a shame the issue had come up at the eleventh hour. Further, he noted that the Fire Chief will keep people on standby and maybe the number of people in the building should be limited. Chief Leel stated he had planned to limit the number of people to fifteen to twenty. Selectman Doyle responded that the decision had not been an eleventh hour one, the issue has been brought up each year for the past seven years, and the church was well aware of it.

Mr. Kivela asked if the building could be used as a drop off point for items to be organized and as a storage area until the fair. Chief Leel noted he had no objection to using the building for storage.

Mr. Edward Rogers deferred to the licensed professional engineer and his report. He added that the building has been neglected and a warrant article for monies for plans to repair the building failed. Further he stated the Town needs to determine if they want the building maintained, if it should be sold, or torn down.

Selectman Lawrence made a motion that the Children's Fair could use half of the Old Town Hall building for storage only. Selectman Meiszner added to the motion that the building was not to be used the day of the fair and everything had to be out of the building by that day. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed with two in favor and one abstention.

Mr. Kivela then requested a discussion on repairs to the building adding he had several volunteers ready to repair it. Selectman Lawrence recommended the Old Town Hall Committee first meet, elect a Chairman, and decide on what action to take. Selectman Doyle added that before repairing the building there were several things to consider and Selectman Meiszner added that only someone who knows how to work on historical buildings should be doing the work.

Volunteer Status Declaration for SHSGH Reimbursement: The form was submitted by Chief Leel. Selectman Doyle noted the form is used for volunteers that do not have a regular rate or schedule. Selectman Lawrence signed the form.

Amendment to Employee Handbook: Deputy Treasurer Lashua submitted an amendment to the employee handbook as follows: "Upon termination of any employee, be it voluntary or involuntary, the final pay of said employee shall be in the form of an actual paycheck and not processed through Direct Deposit, if applicable." She stated in a memo to the Selectmen that the reason for the amendment is to

allow time to verify worked and vacation hours, and to ensure any Town property the employee has in their possession is returned. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the amendment. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DOT Grants; An e-mail was received from Southwest Region Planning Commission informing the Board that NH DOT will be accepting letters of interest for communities interested in applying for federal funds to implement projects that promote walking, biking and other forms of non-motorized transportation. Areas discussed for potential grants were the left side of Temple Road from Turnpike Road, down Temple and Playground Roads, and on Turnpike Road to the Boynton Middle School. Public Works Director Goewey and Selectman Doyle will work on the grant.

Snowplowing: Director Goewey informed the Board he has difficulty hiring part time people to snowplow because of the low rate of pay which is \$12.00 per hour. Sometimes highway employees snowplow for 24-36 hours straight with few breaks. He recommended a wage of \$18.00 per hour. Hiring the part time employees would give him more flexibility with full time staff and allow longer breaks. Selectman Doyle made a motion to set the pay rate for part time snowplow work at \$18.00 per hour. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Private Roads: Director Goewey inquired if the Board felt he should issue driveway permits on private roads. The Board was in agreement that a driveway permit is required on a private road.

Fire Department: Director Goewey had prices for smoke detectors for the Fire Department of \$13,000 from Monadnock Security and \$8,978 from Bob Gammel. Selectman Doyle made a motion to have smoke detectors installed at the Fire Department at a cost not to exceed \$9,000, and the funds are to be taken from the capital reserve account. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 10:30 a.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter a non public session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 11:00 a.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to return to public session. Selectmen Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced that the minutes of the non public session were sealed.

The Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for next Tuesday is cancelled.

Selectman Lawrence spoke with Dr. Giamo regarding the sale of the building where the Police Department is located. An appraisal of the building to include the extra lot will be done this week.

Mr. Boynton returned to the meeting. He asked that the Selectmen clearly inform Mr. Salo of what is required on his property before he speaks to him, and asked that their recommendations be put in writing to Mr. Salo.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Land Use Manager

July 14, 2014 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner