

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JUNE 16, 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.

Public hearing for Permissible Fireworks Ordinance: The Ordinance was read by Selectman Meiszner. Chief Carpenter explained that the purpose of the Permissible Fireworks Ordinance was to substantiate the permitting process the Town has in place. The ordinance is derived from the State Fire Marshall's office, modified to fit the Town's needs, and concurs with NH RSA 160. There are not a lot of problems in New Ipswich with fireworks. The ordinance brings the Town in line with the State. It is an opportunity to educate the community as to what is allowed and not allowed by State law. The fine schedule has been vetted throughout the court system in New Hampshire and if there is a violation where a fine is assessed, it will come back to the Town under the Town ordinance. If someone is cited under State law, the fine will go to the State and not the Town.

Fire Warden Meredith Lund stated that the ordinance helps to identify where the fireworks permits are so they can keep tabs on the surrounding areas. It also gives the ability to suspend the permit because of the weather. Further she stated they want to use the ordinance as an education tool as well. There is no permit required for sparklers.

Mark Mansfield asked if the ordinance applied to the pipeline compressor and the response was it did not.

David Cotzin questioned the difference between permissible fireworks and non-permissible fireworks. Chief Carpenter responded they are covered by statute. Fire Warden Lund offered to put the link on both the Fire and Police Department website. Most fireworks are Class C and they are marked if they are commercial fireworks. Mr. Cotzin stated if fireworks have never been a big problem, the ordinance might make a problem. Chief Carpenter responded he would rather have the ordinance to make sure they are discharged safely. Mr. Cotzin asked how many firework displays are going off each year without permits. Fire Warden Lund stated the issue is not becoming better or worse with the ordinance. If enforced with the ordinance the fees come to the Town.

Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the Permissible Fireworks Ordinance. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Public hearing for Fireworks Prohibition Ordinance: The Ordinance was read by Selectman Doyle. Chief Carpenter explained the Ordinance follows NH State law and makes local officials aware of any public display of fireworks. If there is a fine, the fine would come back to the Town.

Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the Fireworks Prohibition Ordinance. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Kathy Gauvin asked Fire Warden Lund and Chief Carpenter if they had any concerns about the proposed pipeline. Chief Carpenter responded he was waiting for all the information and Fire Warden Lund responded she was putting together and pros and cons and would report back to the Board. Sam Matthews stated they had completed a survey for the NH Coalition and they would be interested in the Chief's and Fire Warden's concerns for safety. They responded they would reserve comment until later.

The public hearing was closed at 6:35 p.m.

Ken Carpenter from Temple added that George Clark from Temple has a lot of good information that the Fire Warden and Chief of Police might be interested in. Maria Szmauz added there will be a scoping meeting and this would be a good time to voice any safety concerns. Mark Mansfield stated he found it interesting at this time that the Police and Fire Departments have no concerns or comments. Ken Carpenter noted that the Temple elementary school is an evacuation site and their safety departments.

6:45 p.m.:

Monadnock Community Hospital: The Monadnock Community Hospital will be holding a meeting of the Community Health Needs Assessment Focus Group on Thursday from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. Selectman Lawrence will attend.

Fireworks permit: Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve a fireworks permit for Leo Ross, 382 Ashby Road for July 4 at 9:00 p.m. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Building Number 2: The Board received an email from Director Goewey that he and the Building Inspector had inspected building number two and found there were no issues except for two electrical panels that need covers which he will take care of this week.

Old Schoolhouse inspection: The Board received a project description and scope of work to be done on the inspection of the old schoolhouse at a cost of \$1,000.

Beechwood Drive: Selectman Lawrence referred to the complaint received from Kathy and Dennis Gauvin on Beechwood Drive. The road was inspected by Selectmen Meiszner and Lawrence and Director Goewey and work was done on the road last week. Mr. Gauvin stated the road was improved. Selectman Lawrence added it would be discussed at the Road Committee meeting on June 25.

Usage of town fields: The Board approved applications for the usage of town fields submitted by Allen Howard for AYSO.

Proposed pipeline: Selectman Meiszner gave a report on the meeting of the coalition held this morning. FERC has contacted Gary Somero to schedule a scoping meeting. Selectman Meiszner noted the ad hoc committee would be helpful in getting organized for the meeting.

The Ad Hoc Committee was discussed. There were seven volunteers willing to serve. The Committee will report to the Board of Selectmen, hold noticed public meeting and do minutes. Selectman

Lawrence made a motion to appoint Wendy Freeman, Patricia Canaday, Maria Szmauz, Stephen Matthews and Karen Miler as members of the Committee, and Stephen Barthelmess as an alternate member. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The name of the Committee was changed to New Ipswich Pipeline Task Force.

Irene Jenks submitted a charge for the Task Force which stated: "Advice and assist the Select Board in actively and effectively opposing the proposed NED pipeline and compressor station project. Keep up to date on Kinder Morgan pipeline issues and advise the Select Board on actions the Town should take to protect public health, safety and property values and the environment generally. Specifically, the Task Force should work to make the public aware of the implications of the pipeline and compressor station, stay on top of activities at the State (DES, PUC and SEC) and Federal (FERC) levels, engage and work with other towns in the region and communicate the Town's concerns to elected officials." Selectman Doyle stated she would like to see the Task Force identify the exact number of homes impacted and also the area around the compressor that will be impacted. Selectman Meiszner encouraged the Task Force to communicate with the other towns in the coalition. Selectman Meiszner made a motion to adopt the charge for the New Ipswich Pipeline Task Force. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Jennifer Dahler from the Temple committee stated they would be happy to help the Task Force in any way they could. A meeting was held in Temple on Thursday in opposition to the pipeline. Those that attended stated it was a great meeting and suggested the same presentation be held in New Ipswich. Sam Matthews noted he had spoken to Bob Boynton about obtaining maps. Bob contacted Southwest Region Planning Commission and he suggested the Selectmen also contact them.

Selectman Meiszner spoke on the scoping meeting. The presentation to FERC needs to be organized, and who will speak and their topics need to be identified. He suggested the Task Force work with the coalition. He also reminded those present that comments can be filed with FERC by going to their website.

Suggestion was made to have Bob Boynton do his presentation at the school on June 30 at 6:00 p.m. Patricia Canaday also suggested the group from Temple do their presentation. Wendy Freeman suggested the New Ipswich Pipeline Task Force could present what they are proposing for the scoping meeting at the June 30 meeting. A member of the Temple group stated they would be happy to attend and to present whatever was requested.

Mike Mansfield stated he was working on an alternate intervener. He along with Attorney Charlie Moser have requested the Archbishop of Manchester and the Cardinal of Boston draft a letter asking the Pope to be an intervener on behalf of the Convent on Stowell Road.

At 7:40 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 8:35 p.m. Selectmen Lawrence made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced that the minutes of the nonpublic session were sealed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen June 16, 2015 minutes approved by the Board:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner