

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JUNE 23, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. at the Town Office.

Pool Director Liz Pogorzelski: Liz stated she had been looking at the fees charged at the pool and she proposed some changes. Currently water aerobics and guppy and me classes are \$5.00 each. She considered the fees to high. There is an instructor present anyway so there is no extra cost involved. She recommended \$2.00 to \$3.00 for water aerobics and \$4.00 for guppy and me classes and the Selectmen approved a fee of \$3.00 for each class. Also discussed was the fees charged for swim team. The numbers of members on the swim team does not change the fees charged when participating in swim meets and there is no limit on the number of members. The Selectmen approved a \$50.00 fee with a family cap of \$150.00. The daily use of the pool fee for out-of-town people will be kept at \$3.00.

Liz reported the pool had a smooth opening. Come July 1 is will not be working 30 hours a week as she is now. She will be doing more of the administrative work. Sarah Sharp is her assistant. Session 1 is underway, session 2 beings on July 10 and session 2 on August 3. The pool will be closed on July 4, July 18 and the evening of July 14. There will be a few other days that will be closed for meets and Liz will post the dates. The Farmer's Market has helped bring in people.

Liz spoke of her need for purchasing a computer for the pool. The one that was donated does not work. A lot of work is done on a computer. The pool is wired for internet. The computer can be used for swim team meets, medical records, printing of tags, a scanner and barcode system, and swim lesson records. She estimated the cost to be \$1,000 and would like to pay for it from the revolving fund. A high tech program for \$200 will be purchased from her budget. So far approximately \$3-4,000 has been collected through fees. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to allow Liz to purchase the computer and program. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Ipswich Pipeline Task Force: Karen Allen reported that Patricia Canaday had, along with other members of the Coalition, met with Senator Shaheen on Monday. Funds are going to the Coalition in the amount of \$2,500 and the Task Force is looking at expected expenditures. Wendy Freeman is the Chairman of the Task Force and Maria Szmaz is the Vice Chairman. Patricia Canaday takes minutes and is a liaison to the Coalition. Sam Matthews is a liaison to other towns.

Patricia Canaday reported on the meeting with Senator Shaheen and submitted a summary of the meeting to the Board. The agenda put forth by the Coalition was followed. The Senator listened to the presentation and took notes. She is trying to schedule a meeting with Kinder Morgan within the next two weeks. The Coalition intends to use the meeting as leverage to get meetings with Senator Ayotte, Congresswoman Kuster and Governor Hassan.

The June 30 meeting was discussed. Patricia noted it would be hard to get everyone together for that date. It was agreed to postpone the meeting until sometime in July. Patricia added that is it the intent

of the Task Force to prepare flyers on the meeting with the date and time of the meeting and hang them on doors so everyone will be aware of the meeting.

Public Works Department: Director Goewey reported the engineer from T. F. Moran had inspected the old schoolhouse and a report will be forthcoming. The Road Committee will meet on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. Selectman Lawrence noted he had been approached regarding the formation of a new committee that meets once a month and does not include a Selectman or the Director of Public Works.

Selectman Doyle inquired about the difference in cost of adding more liquid to the mixture for paving. Director Goewey responded that the more liquid that is added the bigger the expense.

Police Chief: Chief Carpenter is on vacation until July 6 and Lt. Cavanaugh is in charge.

Fireworks permit: A permit to display fireworks was received from Kathleen Blease, 230 Old Country Road for July 4 at 9:00 p.m. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the permit. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Brandon Cardinal: A letter was received from Mr. Cardinal, 208 Old Wilton Road, in opposition to the pipeline.

Private road agreement: Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve a Private Road Agreement and Release for Andy Krook, Green Farm Road, lot 10/6-46. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NHIT refund: A letter was received from New Hampshire Interlocal Trust. Funds are to be returned to the Town in the amount of \$3,553.70 based on the Town's pro-rata share of the overall contributions to the Trust for the Plan year ended June 30, 2014. The funds can be returned to the Town, applied as a "premium holiday" to contributions beginning in February 2015 until paid in full or can be used as a credit to monthly contributions. The Board agreed to have the funds returned to the Town.

Minutes: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 nonpublic session. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the June 16, 2015 nonpublic minutes. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Turnpike Auto: An application for renewal of a junkyard license for Turnpike Auto Parts, LLC was received. The Board will inspect the property on June 30, 2015 at 8:00 a.m.

Risk MAP: A letter was received from FEMA regarding an upcoming Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP) meeting.

David Cotzin: Mr. Cotzin suggested that since the landfill is closed on July 4 a dumpster could be placed outside. Director Goewey stated he did not want to do that. Mr. Cotzin asked about the progress in filling Joanne's job. Joanne responded that Louise has moved into the 28 hour position and she is in the process of hiring someone for the 20 hour position. He also asked for a copy of the new Fireworks Ordinance.

11:40 a.m.: Recess.

12:05 p.m.:

Chief David Leel: The Board met with Chief David Leel. The Chief had submitted a letter to the Board stating Gary Somero, Meredith Lund, Wendy Leger and himself were authorized to approve any and all documents related to the department including but not limited to invoices, expenditures, and permits. The Board questioned why Wendy would be approving items and not the Deputy Chiefs. Chief Leel explained they would be approving if he was out of town or on vacation. Selectman Doyle noted people have questioned who is in charge at the Fire Department and Chief Leel responded that would be him. She added that everyone at the Fire Department needs to be aware of that. Selectman Doyle stated it was disconcerting that three people sign in his stead and questioned who is responsible and Chief Leel replied that he was. Chief Leel was asked to clarify the letter to indicate approval by others during his absence only. Selectman Lawrence added that only the Fire Chief and Fire Deputies should be approving items.

Selectman Doyle questioned if Chief Leel was turning out for alarms as Fire Chief as he did not come to the one this morning; there were only four people that turned out which included Gary Somero and three firefighters. Chief Leel responded that he does not respond to all calls and that none of the three chiefs come out for all calls. Selectman Lawrence inquired if the officers take turns on call and Chief Leel responded they are on call only on the weekends. Chief Leel added that for the more serious calls more people show up. Selectman Doyle inquired how many hours Chief Leel is working and he responded an average of 12-15 a week. She explained the hours may need to be tracked for the ACA. Chief Leel informed the Board he will be out of town this weekend.

The Board questioned how many hours Wendy was working and Chief Leel responded 20-25 a week. She gets a stipend and does administrative work. She is not doing firefighting.

Building number two was discussed. A few weeks back the Acting Fire Chief at the time expressed concern for what was to be stored in the building and that adequate fire protection would be provided. She is now on leave and the Board asked Chief Leel to follow-up on the matter.

Regarding the temporary bridge at Highbridge, the Selectman requested that Chief Leel make it clear to Fire Department personnel that it is to be used for emergencies only.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

June 23, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner