

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JUNE 3, 2014

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Office with the pledge of allegiance.

Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 meeting. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Emergency Management Director Jim Hicks - Jim discussed the public health trailer which is located in the garage of building 3 and the need to keep it under cover; it does not need to be heated. The trailer is important as it holds supplies for disasters. Discussed was switching the location of the trailer with the fire equipment in the old highway garage. Currently in the old highway garage is the communications trailer with radios, computers and printers and that trailer should be in a heated location. Also discussed was the CERT trailer which is housed in the old schoolhouse. This trailer had at one time been located in a shed attached to building 2. It was agreed that the Selectmen, Jim and Peter would assess the shed and decide if the trailer could be placed there.

There are still items in building two that need to be removed. The communication equipment is in the building and Peter stated he had been given a quote of \$22,000 to remove it. Jim was asked if he would check into any grants that could be used for the removal.

Jim is working with the schools on an evacuation drill and trying to improve communication between departments. There is a new level of code red with more abilities.

Chief Carpenter added that the town entities cannot communicate with each other and the school. To reprogram the radios by Beltronics would cost \$1,000. Selectman Doyle will review the communications budget. Jim suggested having each department contribute \$100 toward the cost; he is also interested in having the ambulance be tied in and they would pay their share.

Jim and Daryl Oja are re-writing the ambulance contract that was signed last week by the Selectmen. Once that is done, he will bring it back to the Selectmen.

Carnival - Mrs. Buxton was present to discuss the carnival. The Heath Officer is concerned about gray water, etc. Port-a-pottis will be used. A dumpster will be located on site and trash will be removed from bins and placed in the dumpster. There was discussion of conflict with baseball games but the Selectmen noted that all baseball games were to be completed by this time. Chief Carpenter stated that all issues with baseball have been rectified. Chief Leel will go down to the field on Wednesday; there is nothing for him to inspect as the State Department of Safety will be doing inspections on Thursday. Mr.

Joe Fionda, an abutter to the field, was concerned about damage to the bridge and his property. No trespassing signs have been placed and the AYSO will set up temporary fencing.

Dennis Eastman and Mike Deblasio - Mr. Eastman and Mr. Deblasio have applied for a permit to display fireworks on July 12 at 9:00 p.m. at 234 Page Hill Road. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the permit pending Fire Chief and Police Chief approval. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Amanda Carvill and Peter Lawler - Ms. Carvill and Mr. Lawler applied for a release from the noise ordinance on August 9 for a wedding reception from 8:00 p.m. on August 9 to 1:00 a.m. on August 10. There are to be approximately 200 attendees and the applicants have been given permission by the State of NH to use the state property (dam) for parking. There will not be any parking on Ashburnham Road. The permit was approved.

Pool - Selectman Doyle stated there was an issue with the pool budget. There is \$22,000 in the budget but with the extra hours to be open and money needed for chemicals, \$25702 is needed. There are two new applicants for the pool and one of the lifeguards has been promoted to Assistant Director. Kailey Allen was approved as an employee and Brenna Boulerice was approved pending a successful background investigation. Selectman Doyle added that the Pool Director would like to have a policy on shutting the pool when there are only one or two people there. The Board will wait for Selectman Meiszner to return before making policy.

There will be a Splash Into Summer Popsicle Party at the pool on June 11 from 12-6.

Summer basketball - Summer basketball sign-ups will be held on June 3 from 6-6:30 p.m. and on June 5 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Boynton Cafe.

Police Department - An e-mail from Aamir Shahzad concerned about police actions was given to Chief Carpenter to address.

David Cotzin noted that since April 10 there has not been any New Ipswich police information in the Monadnock Ledger. Chief Carpenter responded that the log is e-mailed to them each week but he has no control over what they publish. Selectman Doyle will call the Ledger to find out why this is and Mr. Cotzin added that he too would be looking into it.

Stearns Burton - Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve a request for transfer of funds from Stearns Burton to the Town for \$1,000 for a presentation by Mary Sckepker at the Highbridge Elementary School. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Director of Public Works Peter Goewey - Peter reported that the deck at the pool has been replaced and the coping is done. The pump is working. There are still some electrical issues and they will be worked

on tomorrow. He ordered a sunset awning for \$1,700. There have been some problems with the work that was done last year and the company has been called and will take care of them. The bids for the paving are to be opened at next Tuesday's Board of Selectmen meeting.

At 11:35 a.m. Selectmen Lawrence made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna

June 3, 2014 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by the Board:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle