

BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORK SESSION  
JUNE 3, 2015

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

Permissible Fireworks Ordinance and Fireworks Prohibition Ordinance: Chief Carpenter prepared a draft of both ordinances for the Board's review. He noted they were derived from State law.

It was agreed to change the fireworks permit approval block to add to Police Chief "or designee" and to Fire Chief "or designee". Also, for the Selectmen approval, the form will be signed by a Selectmen or the Town Administrator.

The ordinances need to be numbered and the fireworks permit referred to in the ordinance.

The Board agreed to change the hours when fireworks can be discharged or used (#12. On the Permissible Fireworks Ordinance) to between the hours of 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm. Selectman Doyle recommended that #13. on the Permissible Fireworks Ordinance stating when permits will be issued according to the Fire Danger should also be on the Permit to Display Fireworks. Continuing with the Permissible Fireworks Ordinance, #15. should state that the permit fee is payable to the Town of New Ipswich.

Each ordinance is to have a number assigned to it.

Chief Carpenter recommended the noise ordinance be redone. Also, he should be the first one to sign the waiver from the noise ordinance.

The Board agreed to hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinances as soon as Joanne can get the notice in the newspaper and posted.

Chief Carpenter agreed to draft an ordinance for the firing of cannons.

Emergency Services Committee: The need for a committee to be formed to assess facility needs for emergency services (Fire Department, Police Department, Emergency Management) was discussed. At this time, the Police Department is a priority as the building where they lease space is going on the market.

It was agreed to have a five member committee with 3 members from the public, a general contractor and an architect. Joanne will put an ad in the newspaper asking for volunteers to serve and to apply by July 1 to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen will prepare a charge for the committee.

Peter Goewey: As July 4 falls on a Saturday, the transfer station will be closed that day. There was a general discussion of roads being impacted by the bridge closure.

Minutes: Selectman Lawrence made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2015 meeting. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed with Selectman Doyle abstaining.

Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2014 meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed with Selectman Meiszner abstaining.

Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 nonpublic session. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed with Selectman Meiszner abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

June 3, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by the Board:

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George H. Lawrence, Chairman

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Rebecca M. Doyle

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Woody Meiszner