

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
JUNE 9, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Lisa Murphy, Southwest Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC): Ms. Murphy explained that a study of portions of the Souhegan River was recently completed to help identify fluvial erosion hazard areas and perform culvert assessments in New Ipswich. SWRPC produced a map which indicates one area in New Ipswich near the Highbridge dam which is at high risk for fluvial erosion. She noted the study was done before the bridge repair on Route 124. Selectman Meiszner responded that the bridge construction will not change anything and the flow will remain the same. The study was funded through a grant from NH Homeland Security Emergency Management and NH Department of Environmental Services, and also supported the update of the New Ipswich Hazard Mitigation Plan which was recently completed. Ms. Murphy distributed a list of riparian buffer plantings that could be done in the high risk area.

Ms. Murphy stated she was working with Jim Hicks to prepare an addendum to the Hazard Mitigation Plan to include the River Road culvert which was originally listed in the plan but should be reinforced, and perhaps the Taylor Road bridge. Once Jim and Ms. Murphy have completed the addendum, the Selectmen will need to adopt the Plan.

Bob Boynton asked for a shape file of the map so the Conservation Commission could review it and Ms. Murphy said she would have SWRPC provide it.

Bob Boynton – Johnson property: Bob explained that Barrett Hill Farm has an annual agreement to mow the fields of the Johnson property which is owned by the Town and managed by the Conservation Commission. The original deed of the property to the Town stipulated the fields be kept open. Barrett Hill Farm provides a service to the Town free of charge.

Selectman Doyle referred to the RSA which states leased Town land must be taxed. Bob stated there were two different situations, that being Town land managed by the Selectmen which has to be taxed, and Town land managed by the Conservation Commission which is not taxed; further, there is no correlation between RSAS 36-4 and 72:23. The Selectmen agreed to contact the Town attorney.

Pipeline ad hoc committee: The Selectmen agreed to form a Pipeline Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee will have five members with 2 members having one year terms, two members having two year terms and one member having a three year term, hold public meetings at the Town Office, notice the meetings and have minutes taken. The Board discussed a charge for the Committee and referred to a mission statement sent from Temple's Town Administrator. The Committee could attend meetings in Brookline as representatives of the Town. Any decisions to be made must come before the Selectmen.

The Board discussed the purpose of the Committee. Bob Boynton suggested the Committee be unbiased and provide information and education on the pipeline. Irene Jenks stated the Selectmen

voted to oppose the pipeline and her understanding was the Committee formed would be opposed to the pipeline. Further she stated the Committee would advise the Selectmen on how to best oppose the pipeline. Bob Boynton suggested a Committee be then formed in favor of the pipeline. Selectmen Meiszner stated the Committee would be asked to provide unbiased, factual information on the pipeline and compressor. He expected the Committee to assist the Selectmen with such things as the survey submitted to the Town from the Coalition attorney. Karen Miller stated she expected everyone would work together and not be adversarial. Bob Boynton suggested the members not hold positions on other Town Committees or Boards. The Selectmen stated at this point they would not discourage anyone from volunteering to be on the Committee.

Selectman Doyle suggested the Committee should also look at the impacts of the pipeline should it go through. Patricia Canaday stated the Committee could educate themselves on issues of quality of materials used for the pipeline, health aspects, etc. in order to better educate the Town.

The Selectmen agreed to wait another week to form the Committee. So far those interested in serving on the Committee include Karen Miller, Maria Szmauz, Irene Jenks and Patricia Canady.

Funding was discussed. Bob Boynton stated public funds cannot be used on private land. Selectman Doyle questioned if the Coalition attorney would adequately represent New Ipswich as far as the additional issue of having the compressor located here. Selectman Meiszner stated he would find out at the next Coalition meeting. He added that hiring a separate attorney for this one issue could be expensive.

The Selectmen had prepared a letter to be mailed to FERC requesting a scoping meeting be held in New Ipswich. Selectman Lawrence read the letter and made a motion to send it. Selectmen Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Selectman Lawrence noted another petition had been filed to go along with the original one on opposition to the pipeline. There were 20 signatures on the petition for a total of 855 altogether.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the elementary school on the compressor.

Beechwood Drive complaint: A complaint was received from Dennis and Kathleen Gauvin regarding the horrible condition and deterioration of Beechwood Road. The Selectmen and Director of Public Works will inspect the road.

Treasurer's report: The May 2015 report from Treasurer Beverly Vaillancourt was received by the Board.

Fireworks permit: The Board approved a firework's permit for the New Ipswich Athletic Association to July 18.

Minutes: Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2015 work session. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and

it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 nonpublic session. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 emergency meeting. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Hillsborough County Executive Committee: The Hillsborough County Executive Committee will hold a meeting on June 22 at 10:00 and a meeting of the Hillsborough County Convention on June 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Video Committee: The Video Committee needs new members. If anyone is interested, contact the Town Office.

Comcast: A Comcast franchise fee payment for the first quarter of 2015 in the amount of \$5,536.29 was received by the Town.

Parks and Recreation: The Parks and Recreation Committee held a meeting on June 3 and submitted their minutes to the Board. Their next meeting is July 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Pool: Director Pogozelski reported to Selectman Doyle that Greenville is not offering swim team or swim lessons this year. Director Pogozelski suggested not charging an out-of-town fee for the swim team. The fees are \$50.00 for swim team and \$75.00 for out-of-town swim team members. The Selectmen disagreed. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to charge out-of-town swim team members the \$75.00 fee. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Old Tenney Road lease: Attorney Crocker is in the process of revising the deed.

Freedom Pond Coop: Selectmen Meiszner and Lawrence along with Director Goewey viewed Greenbriar Road and the Vaillancourt Trailer Park road. To remedy the situation of extra traffic on Greenbriar from the trailer park, jersey barriers with chains were suggested on the park road. The Board of Directors of Freedom Pond Coop need to meet and decide what action to take. Mr. Cotzin reminded the Board that when the trailer park was formed, two emergency exits were required. Selectman Lawrence noted there would still be two exits.

1808 Corporation: Selectman Lawrence contacted Sandra Lehtonen regarding the complaint of dumpsters being emptied between 4:00 and 4:30 a.m. She was unaware that was happening. Selectman Lawrence will contact the hauler.

At 11:55 Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3II(a). Selectman Mesizner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

At 1:00 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Lawrence announced that the minutes of the nonpublic session were sealed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

June 9, 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