

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MARCH 19, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Office.

Warwick Mills: Mr. Charlie Howard and Mr. Eric Sadowski from Warwick Mills met with the Board to discuss the leasing of Building Number Two. Mr. Howard stated they were looking for a place in New Ipswich to store inventory and tools. They toured Building Number Two and would like to lease the entire building. They would prefer a three year lease. Electricity is needed but no heat. They are aware of the mold problem in the building but Mr. Howard stated that was irrelevant as employees would not be in there for any amount of time. They would need the building cleaned out (desks, lights, etc.). Those item could be stored in the radio room.

Cost for leasing was discussed. Because of the initial move and preparation of the building (removal of walls), he would expect the lease to be lower for the first two years and then higher for the remainder. He agreed Warwick Mills would be responsible for the electricity. The Town will retain access to the building.

It was agreed that Mr. Howard would prepare an agreement to be reviewed by the Selectmen hopefully by next week. They would like to lease the building as soon as possible.

Recess: At 9:30 a.m. the Board recessed to 10:00 a.m. for discussion of the default budget.

Default budget: The Board reviewed the budgets of the Highway Department, Transfer Station and General Government Building with Director Goewey, Fire Department with Chief Leel, and Police Department with Chief Carpenter and made changes items that could be funded lower than proposed and items that should be funded higher. The Board then reviewed the remaining budgets with the same results. The Pool and Parks and Recreation will be reviewed on Tuesday evening, March 24.

Selectman Doyle will redo the budget with the agreed upon figures and distribute it.

Warrant article #5: Warrant article #5 on eliminating the permitting and inspection requirements for outbuildings up to 500 square feet, additions up to 250 square feet and renovations of any size has been found by legal counsel to be inconsistent with State statute and is therefore void and unenforceable. The Town enforces the State building code and cannot make the code less stringent. A notice will be prepared and printed in the newspaper.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

March 19, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by the Board:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner