

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MARCH 31, 2015

PRESENT: Selectman Lawrence, Selectman Meiszner, Selectman Doyle, Joanne Meshna

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

Oliver Niemi, Sexton: Mr. Niemi questioned if he was allowed to bury anyone at South Cemetery, in particular Charlie Aho in row R. Selectman Doyle responded there had been agreement between the Town and the State not to inter anyone in the cemetery until the issue was resolved with the dam. She suggested they identify exactly where the burial would be and send it to the State for review. Upon further discussion it was agreed that area was not in the staging area or 25 foot strip and the burial site was not in dispute. Selectman Lawrence and Selectman Meiszner agreed Mr. Aho could be buried in his plot.

Beverly Vaillancourt, Treasurer: Beverly distributed information on the Recreation Department revolving fund. She stated there are no revolving funds in the Treasurer hands; it was taken away in 2012 and the money comingled with the general fund. It was her understanding that come the end of the year the money goes away into the general fund. She stated it should be in a separate passbook. The Pool does not have any money either. Selectman Doyle explained the money sits in the general fund and does not get counted as part of the unreserved fund balance. Even though it is sitting in the same checking account it is a reserved amount that goes with each fund. The Treasurer has the control over the general fund which means she has the control over the monies that are associated with the revolving funds. Beverly stated she did not like the accounting of the funds; there is no physical backup of what is going in or out. Selectman Doyle responded they needed to find the right reports that would show the backup. She added the revenue and expense accounts have now been set up in the new chart of accounts so they come out one on top of each other to make it clearer and easier to reconcile.

Jim Coffey: Mr. Coffey gave an update on the legislation for the Town and DES to deal with the issue at South Cemetery. The legislation has passed the House and is now in the Senate, and he will keep the Town informed when it is acted upon.

Connie Kylie: Mrs. Kylie is from Temple. She asked if the Board of Selectmen were going to take a position on the pipeline. Selectmen Lawrence asked the other two Selectmen and the three were in agreement that they were not going to take a position. A petition was signed in Temple and the Temple Board of Selectmen felt that the Town is opposed to the pipeline. Temple is having an open forum this evening. Selectman Meiszner noted it is hard to determine how the whole Town feels about the pipeline; a relatively small percentage of the population are vocal and in opposition to the pipeline. Further, he noted the biggest lure of the pipeline is the tax benefit which could be up to a million dollars a year.

Little League: Mark Krook, President of New Ipswich Little League, submitted a letter to the Board asking for approval to install a new electronic scoreboard on the lower field at Memorial Park. He requested that the Town pick up the minimal fee for electricity. Questions raised by the Board were

where is the control panel going to be located, who will operate it and from where. The Recreation Director will be asked to review it and consult with the Director of Public Works.

Appointments: Selectmen Meiszner will be the liaison to the Planning Board and the Highway Department. Selectman Doyle will be the liaison to the Budget Committee, Town Office and Parks and Recreation. Selectman Lawrence will be the liaison to the Fire Department, Old Town Hall Committee and Conservation Commission.

Private road agreements: The Board approved private road agreements for San-Ken Homes, 79 Old Beaver Road, lot 5B/18-1, and Andy Krook, Green Farm Road, lot 10/6-48.

FEMA funds: FEMA funds have been awarded to the town in the amount of \$17,000 of which the Town will receive 75% for the first snowstorm of the season in January.

Police station: Selectman Doyle referred to the Police Department being located in a building up for sale and what will happen if the Town cannot get a lease. She suggested an exploratory committee to look at options. The committee should be made up of lay people and professionals along with the Director of Public Works. Chief Carpenter suggested a needs assessment should be done specific to the Police Department. A few years back Bruce Hamilton had quoted \$13,000 to do an assessment which would look at site locations and develop a plan.

The landfill was discussed as a possible site for a safety complex. Director Goewey noted it had been discussed in the past but some felt it was too far out and there was only one road into Town. Also discussed was Central School and whether the school reverts back to the municipality if it is not used. Representative Coffey is researching. The Selectmen will also consult legal counsel.

Minutes: Selectmen Doyle made a motion to approve the nonpublic minutes of March 26, 2015. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the nonpublic minutes of March 24, 2015 (8:15 am). Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 meeting (6:00 pm). Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

MS232: The Board approved the MS232, Report of Appropriations Actually Voted 2015, to be submitted to the DRA.

Highbridge Road: A test run was held at Highbridge temporary bridge for school buses. The jersey barriers and guard rails are to be moved back.

Warwick Mills: Town counsel has prepared a lease agreement for Warwick Mills for Building Number 2. The Selectmen made some revisions and the lease will go back to counsel for the final draft and then to Warwick Mills.

Fire Chief Leel: Selectman Lawrence announced that Chief Leel is on administrative leave without pay at the present time effective March 27, 2015. Meredith Lund and Gary Somero are the acting fire chiefs.

Director Goewey: Director Goewey submitted the capital improvements program for 2013-2018 to the Board. Not enough money is being put in the reserve accounts.

At 12:15 p.m. Selectman Doyle made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

Selectman Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joanne Meshna, Town Administrator

March 31, 2015 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by the Board:

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George H. Lawrence, Selectman

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Rebecca M. Doyle

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Woody Meiszner