

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2014
10:00 A.M.

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

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

Smithville Cemetery: The Cemetery Trustees met with the Selectmen to discuss Smithville Cemetery and the issue with the State. Mark Stevens from the NH DES Dam Bureau contacted Selectman Lawrence asking for a plan for the removing of the graves. Selectman Lawrence noted Representatives Coffey and Parison are planning to submit enabling legislation to allow the Selectmen and the State to enter into an agreement to resolve the issue. The intent will be to prevent the moving of the graves and to come to an amicable agreement with all parties. Selectman Lawrence will contact Senator Gilmour and invite her to a meeting so the issue can be explained to her and asking for her support.

Jay Hopkins informed the Board it would cost approximately \$130,000 to move the graves and 192 total grave lots affected. Not being able to use the site also means loss of cemetery land. Selectman Lawrence noted the Town had taken a tax deed for a parcel of land next to Center Cemetery and Jay requested the land be considered for cemetery land. There is a three year period of time before the Town can do anything with the lot.

Jay asked the Selectmen bring the Town attorney into the process. He noted burials have been in the area since 1968. State inspections are yearly and the problem was never discovered. Oliver Niemi asked that the State produce documents from the 1960s where the Town agreed not to use the area. All were in agreement that Selectman Doyle contact the town attorney.

1808 Corporation complaint: Selectman Meiszner received a telephone complaint that the 1808 Corporation is using a part of their building intended for storage as office space. This would be in violation of their Town approvals. Selectman Meiszner will follow-up and report back at the next meeting. The same complainant also requested agendas for the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen be put on the website and the minutes be updated. Joanne is taking care of the request.

Autumn festival: Deb Holmes was present to report on the autumn festival held on October 5. There were 32 vendors, 12 nonprofit and 20 profit. Ten dollars was charged for profit booths. There were well over 300 people in attendance. The total earned for various nonprofit groups was \$1,644. The total income was \$720 and costs totaled \$808 which left a \$88 cost for the Town. Deb noted this year she had two bounce houses and next year would only have one which would reduce the costs. Nennie's Restaurant sells food at the festival. The Town does not share in her profits and Deb stated she would like it kept that way. Nennie's profits are small and she does a lot for the community as a whole.

The Board discussed whether or not a police detail should be required. Currently the police on duty drives by and is available if need be. Also discussed was whether the monies being taken in and paid out should go through the Town books. All agreed that the vendors should sign receipts that they received the donation. Deb will go back to the vendors and have them sign receipts.

Paving of roads: Director Goewey reported that paving of roads has started and should be completed in a week and a half weather permitting. If there is any money left after paving Locke, Perry, Wheeler and North, he will be working on Greenbriar and Mason Roads. Roads that are newly paved should be seal coated and Director Goewey quoted \$200,000 to do the job. Selectman Doyle suggested a warrant article.

David Keurulainen: David inquired why children are not taught to ride bikes. In the past the Police Department had provided instruction. Also, he noted people are not stopping for stop signs and are passing on yellow lines.

Election: The Board signed a warrant for the election on November 4 to be posted at the Town office, post office and at the polls. The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

63 King Road: Selectman Meiszner reported Mr. Salo is doing the planting around the stream. Selectman Meiszner suggested that the 3 large stones at the end of the walkway be removed and replaced with curbing. Mr. Salo will consider it.

Meetings: The Board will not meet on November 4 because of the election. As November 11 is Veterans' Day and the office is closed, the Board will meet on Wednesday, November 12 at 10:00 a.m.

TAN: Selectman Doyle is working on contacting banks for rates for the TAN.

Basketball program: Registrations for the 2014 winter basketball program will take place on October 15 from 6-8 pm, October 30 from 6-8 pm, and November 6 from 6-8 all at the Boynton Cafe. Cost is \$45 per person.

Minutes: Selectman Meiszner made a motion to approve the minutes of the 9:00 a.m. October 7, 2014 minutes. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6:00 p.m. October 7, 2014 minutes. Selectman Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the 9:30 a.m. October 7, 2014 non public minutes. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the 6:50 p.m. October 7, 2014 non public minutes. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Meshna, Land Use Manager

October 14, 2014 Board of Selectman minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner