

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2014
6:00 P.M.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Old Town Hall Committee: Jay Hopkins, Chairman of the Old Town Hall Committee, met with the Board. He requested \$9250 from the building maintenance capital reserve account in order to have engineering plans prepared for the repair of the Old Town Hall. Once the plans are completed, the Committee can then prepare a warrant article for the 2015 warrant with an amount for the repairs. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to take no more than \$10,000 from the capital reserve account for engineering plans. Selectman Doyle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Board of Assessors: Jim Coffey and Jeanne Cunningham met with the Board to discuss the disabled exemption. The exemption mirrors the elderly exemption in asset income limits. The applicant would have to be 100% disabled according to Social Security. It was agreed that the Board of Assessors would prepare a warrant article for the Town to adopt the disabled exemption. They will also speak with the Welfare Director to get an idea how many people might qualify. The Assessors were asked why the Town needs a Board of Assessors and the response was for administrative decision making. The pros and cons of inventory forms was also discussed.

Smithville Cemetery: State Representatives Coffey and Parison have spoken to Mark Stevens at the NH DES Dam Bureau regarding the Smithville Cemetery and encroachment of the Town onto the State land. Representative Coffey explained enabling legislation could assist both the State and Town in resolving the problem. Further, he stated that there are two issues, the ball field and the cemetery. The State wants the fill removed from the ball field and are waiting for the Town to let them know that has been done. With the cemetery, they do not want graves moved and would be willing to do a lot line adjustment provided no one else gets buried there. The owners of the empty lots would need to be refunded or other locations provided.

Selectmen Doyle and Lawrence noted the information being provided from Mr. Stevens was much different from what was discussed at a previous meeting. Representative Coffey will set up a meeting with all parties with a list of topics to be discussed, the meeting will be recorded and minutes taken.

Representative Coffey: Representative Coffey announced there will be a Meet the Candidates night on October 30 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Nennie's Restaurant sponsored by our two Republican representatives. He also complimented the Selectmen on their working with the school to come up with solutions with the cash flow.

Perry Road: Jason Rodenhiser and Mark Mansfield from Perry Road were present to discuss the recent paving of Perry Road. Mr. Rodenhiser stated the road has not been paved as far as it should be and that Perry Road extends approximately 85 feet more than has been paved. Further, he stated that the portion that has not been paved was paved in the past. Selectman Lawrence noted there was only so much money to do the paving and where the money should be used was the question. Mr. Mansfield stated he had voted favorably on the warrant article to have Perry Road paved and at a certain price. Selectman Doyle explained that the paving companies will not lock into an amount until the time of the job; therefore, the amount being voted on will not necessarily cover all the paving.

Also discussed was sanding and salting and that often times the Town stops at Collins Road and does not do Perry Road.

The Selectmen will discuss the road with the Director of Public Works and took the issues under advisement.

TAN: Selectman Doyle reported she had three quotes for the a \$600,000 TAN: Lake Sunapee Bank, 2.15%, maturity on 12/31/14, Walpole Savings Bank, 1.5%, 90 day maturity, and Citizens Bank, 1.95%, maturity on 12/31/14. Selectman Lawrence made a motion to go with Walpole Savings Bank for the TAN at 1.5% for 90 days in the amount of \$600,000. Selectman Meiszner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Trustees of the Trust Fund: Selectman Meiszner reported he had met with the Trustees along with Warren Mackensen, financial advisor. By the end of the year, the Trustees will have requests for \$200,000-\$250,000, \$200,000 of which is for the new dump truck. Mr. Mackensen informed the Trustees of a new law which states all monies must be given to the Trustees by December 15. There is also a new RSA which allows fees for management of capital reserve monies to be taken directly out of the income of the capital reserve if a warrant article is approved to do so. The Trustees discussed the perpetual care income which the Trustees can spent if the expenditure is supported.

Town Administrator: Selectman Meiszner referred to an article in the Monadnock Ledger which stated that the Antrim town administrator is leaving and becoming Derry's town administrator. In Antrim, he was making \$72,000. Question arose if New Ipswich's salary for a new town administrator was too low.

Xfinity: A letter from Bryan Christiansen was received which stated Xfinity 3D will no longer be available effective December 18, 2014.

Requests for funding: Requests for funding for the 2015 warrant were received from Big Brothers Big Sisters and CASA.

Boston Post Cane: Ralph Bickford is the oldest person in New Ipswich but he does not want the cane. No further action taken.

Unemployment contribution: The Town's unemployment contribution for 2015 is going down by \$21.00 or 1.8%.

Ballot clerks: The ballot clerks will be getting a raise. Their hourly wage will be increased to the minimum wage amount effective immediately.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Land Use Manager

October 21, 2014 Board of Selectmen minutes approved by:

George H. Lawrence, Chairman

Rebecca M. Doyle

Woody Meiszner