

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

June 13, 2016

PRESENT: SEAN P. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN; CHAD R. BENNETT, PRISCILLA R. LINDQUIST, SELECTMAN; SALLY THERIAULT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Visitors: Chief Beaudoin, J. Worthen, T. Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. Hanides, N. Gallo, Mr. and Mrs. Farhadian, Mr. and Mrs. Skafas, F. Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Benoit, J. Mosher, K. Emerson, and P. Williams (Tri-Town News)

Public Announcements

- Hampstead Firemen's Association will be hosting a shredding event on Saturday, June 18th from 9 am to noon in front of the town office.
- The Cable Committee announces the first concert of the season is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21st with Steve Blount, a kids' performer and followed by the Smoothies. The concert is to be held at the Middle School at 6 pm.
- Saturday, June 25th will be the 4th of July festivities. The celebration starts around 3 pm with the frog jumping contest, and continues until the fireworks, which are scheduled for dusk.
- Compost bins are available at the Town Offices. The cost for each bin is \$50 each.
- Waste Oil, car batteries and thermostats are collected at the Town Garage on the first and third Saturdays of the month 8 am to 1 pm. Books may be dropped off anytime.

Visitors Comment

Natalie Gallo- Library Trustee

Mrs. Gallo was present to announce that the Public Library will be asking the patrons to complete a survey. They are looking for input while doing their strategic plan. She noted that they would like input from all residents age 5 and up. The survey can be completed online or by paper. There is a flyer coming out that will have the survey in it. All the people that respond will be entered for a chance to win NE Patriot tickets for an exhibition game against the Chicago Bears or a \$50 Freshwater Farms gift card. Mrs. Gallo explained that they want to know what people want from their library and where do they see the direction going. To make the survey valid, they would need at least 1000 responses.

Tim Lovell- Conservation Commission

Mr. Lovell was present to follow up on the letter the Conservation Commission sent the Board of Selectmen regarding the property that was part of 405 Main Street. The Town took the property by tax deed back in 2010. A warrant article around 1994 allowed the Selectmen to deed land to the Conservation Commission if they request it. Mr. Lovell stated that the Conservation Commission is interested in having this parcel placed in the name of the Conservation Commission. He reported that in the past few years there were parcels that the Selectmen were selling and they checked with the Conservation Commission to see if they had any interest. The Conservation Commission had reported that those parcels were of no interest to the Commission or had any benefit to the parcels that they already had, such as the trails. There were some parcels offered that would be of no value to anyone else, but they would just remain as town property without being deeded to Conservation. He did note that the Commission is interested in this parcel and would like for it to be deeded to them. He said that it is attached to Cedar Swamp, which is a unique and valuable property to them. This would give them another access into the property. He walked the property and said that

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going in at about 1500 feet there is already a trail there that would may need about one day of work to clear the brush. He also said that it leads to a wildlife corridor. He noted that walking on the trail you get the view of the 7-8 horses in the ring next to the parcel as well. The woodlands are in great shape and the trees are good trees (oaks and maples). He knows that the town could sell the parcel to get the tax revenue from it, but noted that the \$8,000 to \$9,000 in tax revenue would be quickly eaten up by having a child in the school system. The short term benefit of the tax revenue is offset by the long term enjoyment of the open land. Selectman Lindquist stated that from what she understood, people in the past had looked into building on the parcel and weren't able to. Selectman Bennett stated that he understood that it was potentially a buildable lot and he asked for Mr. Emerson (Chief Building Official) to look into what the lot could be used for.

There were abutters to the parcel present tonight that wanted to speak to the property. Mr. and Mrs. Skarfas, the owners of 405 Main Street spoke about the love they have for the town and their property. When they purchased the property, they thought that the land next to it was part of their property. They would love to be able to purchase the parcel themselves, but if they couldn't they would prefer to see it left as open land.

Karen Hanides-351 Main Street spoke about the issues the abutters have had with wells going dry since Sarah's Way was put in. She noted that they were concerned that if this was opened up for development, it would greatly impact their wells.

Lori Benoit-424 Main Street spoke about the same concerns and her recent history issues with her well. She asked that the Selectmen consider leaving this parcel as open land or allow the owners of 405 Main Street to keep it unbuilt.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to convey the property to the Conservation Commission. Chairman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed with two in favor (SM, PL) and one against (CB).

Department Heads

Police Department- Chief Beaudoin asked the Selectmen for permission to cordon off the area of the old police station during the June 25th celebration. He stated that would leave it open for the public safety vehicles (fire and police) to stage their vehicles there. The Selectmen were okay with closing that off around 6:30 pm.

Chief Beaudoin announced that the Hampstead Academy had 12-13 students come to the police station to do landscaping work. He stated that they worked very hard and did a great job. The materials were donated by Freshwater Farms and the police treated the students to a pizza party. He wanted to thank Freshwater Farms and Hampstead Academy.

Chief Beaudoin also asked that he be allowed to have some weekend overtime patrols in the area of the OHRV trails. He is looking to be on Route 121 with a patrol car and an ATV on the trail for about 3-4 hours every other week. He estimates the cost to be about \$800-\$1000 for these patrols, but had not considered it into his budget when created for 2016. He said that there are issues and Fish and Game is not always around to handle the issues. The police department actually gets the calls. He would like to have the patrol car with the radar gun to catch them speeding. He also asked that the detail fund be used to fund this if necessary. The Selectmen were okay with it.

Fireworks- Chief Beaudoin wanted to remind the public that fireworks do need a permit that is approved by the Police Department and Fire Department. He suggested that both departments could be present at the next meeting to explain the process. He noted that they get a lot of calls starting with around June 25th through July 5th.

New Business

RFP-Winter Sand

Jon Worthen asked that the winter sand proposal be awarded to Plourde Sand and Gravel at \$13.25 per ton (low bidder). He looked at the sand and it is screened down to ¼ sand and it looked good.

Chairman Murphy motioned to accept the recommendation of the Road Agent to award the winter sand to Plourde Sand & Gravel of Penacock NH. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Worthen also noted that he has LED information from a recent meeting that he is forwarding to the Highway Safety Committee. They will meet to discuss it and come back with a recommendation.

Strategic Planning

Mrs. Theriault noted that she had previously given the Selectmen some information about Strategic Planning explaining what it encompasses and the key points to think about.

Selectman Lindquist questioned why we would need one. Chairman Murphy responded that no one did, but he suggested that it would be good to be proactive on issues instead of being reactive. He went on to use building maintenance as an example. He stated that it would be good to have a plan in place to deal with building issues and some simple things such as is it better to go with contractors or with our own equipment. The plan would also address where they want to go as a town and what they want to be as a town. It was noted that a lot of this would follow up from what the Master Plan states and asked for copies to be made available to each member to review.

Liaison Reports

Selectman Lindquist- The RAWD committee recently held a farewell meeting for outgoing Chairman Pat Bracken. She also noted that there were two residents interested in taking the two open spots.

Selectman Bennett- Attended the HMS Graduation ceremony on behalf of the Selectmen.

Chairman Murphy- Attended the closing of the 15 Hilltop property and everything went well.

AA Report:

Audit

The Town's audit starts this week. Vachon, Clukay and Company will be conducting the audit.

Website updates

The website has been updated to include the tax maps and can be found under the Planning Board's webpage. Mrs. Theriault previously requested updates from various committees/commissions and boards. The request for changes have been made and have been updated. Approximately six committees submitted changes.

EAP

The Emergency Action Plan (Shop Pond Dam) not to be confused by the Emergency Operations Plan (Town-wide plan) has been updated. A deficiency was found during the last test and it will be monitored during the next test to see if the test is successful. Jon Worthen

will be conducting the test as soon as all of the agencies and departments who are part of the notification flowchart have received an updated EAP.

EOP

Jon Worthen, Chris Dane and Mrs. Theriault met with Jon Alberghini to submit the initial changes to the Emergency Operations Plan. Additional department heads as well as the Selectmen are encouraged to attend future meetings. They are in the process of scheduling the next meeting. The BOS and Department Heads will be advised when it is scheduled. In preparation of the upcoming meeting Mrs. Theriault will be sending out copies of the draft Emergency Support Function (ESFs) to the "primary" person/board to review. Chairman Murphy responded that he would like to attend and to see if any of the meetings could be held in the evening.

Activity Log

Open items were read. The schedule for a port-a-potty at Meetinghouse Park will be determined to see if it scheduled long enough to coincide with activities scheduled into the fall. Mr. Emerson will be contacted concerning the location of a possible comfort station.

Re- Appointments/Appointments

Call for candidates:

- o Ordway Park, full members and alternates – monthly meeting
- o Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee – monthly meeting
- o Recreation Commission, alternate member – monthly meetings
- o Trustees of the Trust Funds, alternate members – meetings as needed
- o Zoning Board of Adjustment, alternate member – monthly meeting

There was a request from Proctor Wentworth and Carol Cipriano to be appointed to the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee. They have both submitted letters to the Selectmen and Mrs. Cipriano attended the last meeting of the RAWD committee.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to appoint Proctor Wentworth as a member of the Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee for a three year term. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to appoint Carol Cipriano as a member of the Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee for a three year term. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Fairpoint- There was a request for a pole licenses to be placed near 450 East Road. There are 3 poles being replaced and one new pole being installed.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to approve the Fairpoint poles as stated in the notice for 4 poles on East Road. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. They then signed the permits

Visitors Comments

There were none.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (a) employee matters at 7:50 pm. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Bennett, yes; Selectman Murphy,

yes.

There was an update on some changes that were required after the NHRS Audit that was held in 2015.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to come out of nonpublic session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (a) employee matters at 8:03. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Bennett, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes:

Mrs. Theriault stated that she had anticipated a local business owner would be in to talk with the Selectmen regarding an issue they were having, but stated it must be resolved because they weren't here.

She also announced that there was a request from Camp Tel Noar to use Shop Pond Park for a few hours on Wednesday, June 29th for a meet and greet with parents after the kids are dropped off. It is expected that they will have a tent and need parking for about 20 parents. The Conservation Commission and the Road Agent are both aware of the request and had no issues. Mrs. Theriault will also notify the police department so they are aware.


Selectman Lindquist motioned to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.




Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman

Chad R. Bennett, Selectman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman