

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, October 19, 2015 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Bussiere, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman O'Brien, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil. Selectman Hatch was absent.

Chairman Clark welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing for the acceptance of a FEMA Grant for the Young Road culvert in the amount of \$203,644 at 6:31 p.m. This is a 75/25 grant with the town responsible for 25%. The Board appreciated the work put in by Marcia Gasses and Peter Cook along with Fire and Police Departments in applying for this grant. This is to replace an undersized culvert. A mitigation grant has also been applied for. The town portion of the money will come from a Capital Reserve Fund. Selectman Bussiere moved to accept and expend the money and to take the town's share from the transportation revenue and/or Bridge-Culvert Capital Reserve, seconded by Selectman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing on the issuance of a building permit for a garage for James O'Donnell on Bassett Drive at private road at 6:37 p.m. Clerk McNeil explained that the road agent had looked at the road, the Planning Board, Fire Chief and Police Chief had reviewed the request. Selectman Bussiere asked if an apron should be paved where Bassett Drive comes off of Wildcat Road as the Board has requested it in some other cases. He would like to see the Policy changed to add wording that new homes dictate an apron when coming off of a paved road but garages don't. Selectman Bussiere moved to issue the building permit, seconded by Selectman O'Brien. The public hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

REVIEW OF MINUTES – October 5, 2015 – review of the minutes were deferred to the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Administrator Scruton noted that four bids came in for the sale of the Leach property on Pond Hill Road that included clean-up of the site. One bid came

in late and he asked the Board if they wanted to accept it or not since none had been opened. The Board agreed to accept the bid. Chairman Clark opened the bids and noted the following: D & D Hatch Excavation - \$212,000, Russell Freeman - \$500, Yesterday Construction - \$1,002 and George Philbrick - \$21,000. Administrator Scruton noted that the new owner will receive a Quit Claim deed and he will need to meet with the Code Enforcement Officer for details on the clean-up.

2. Administrator Scruton noted that four bids came in for the demolition of the old town office. Chairman Clark opened the bids and noted the following: S & R Corp. of Lowell - \$74,999, Cross Excavation of Bethel Maine - \$76,200, NH Demolition of Auburn NH - \$79,800 and Jay-Mor Enterprises of Hudson, NH - \$177,400. Administrator Scruton will review the bids further.
3. Two bids were received for paving in front of the new highway shed. Chairman Clark opened the bids and noted the following: Precision Paving of Barrington - \$25,525 and GMI - \$43,147.72.
4. Administrator Scruton presented the 2016 proposed budget. He noted that the tax rate has been set at \$25.22 with the town portion of the tax rate going down. The proposed 2016 operating budget is up 2.8%. It doesn't include the bond for a new town office or warrant articles. The budget lines with over \$6,000 in increases are the following: Elections, Legal, Heating/Oil/Gas, Cemetery Expansion, Transfer Station additional hours. Operating budget lines increase over \$6,000 other than regular salary lines include the following: EMS on-call stipend, highway administrative assist. and town clerk administrative assist. both going from part-time to full-time. Decreases over \$6,000 include the following: demolition town hall, building design, highway layout and general assistance. The following warrant articles were presented: road maintenance, bridge and culvert capital reserve, cemetery capital reserve, library technology capital reserve, fire truck capital reserve, fire communications capital reserve, fire equipment capital reserve, highway heavy equipment capital reserve, proposed town office, and contingency for road/winter emergency.
5. On Monday, October 26, 2015 Peter Cook and Linda Markiewicz will be presenting their budgets.
6. The estimate for replacement of the culvert on Old Settler's Road is \$640,000. The State will pay 80% having scheduled it for 2024. The engineering requires that we have approximately \$95,000 in design money and it is proposed that the money be designated from the Capital Reserve for Bridges and Culverts. Selectman Gaudiello moved to make application for the 80% state funding and ask that Hoyle, Tanner Associates be allowed to do the work, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
7. The solar issue will be discussed when there is a full board present.

8. The Board agreed to support a warrant article to add the Leahy and Renna purchases to the easement by the Forest Society in keeping with the rest of the Tamposi land.
9. Administrator Scruton noted that the town's fund balance, after setting the tax rate is \$3,041,459. This is within \$15,283 of the town's stated target to be 12%.
10. The Conservation Commission is requesting the appointment of Dan Ayer as an alternate to the Commission until March, 2016. Selectman Gaudiello moved to support this appointment, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested that the Board approve the name of an island off of Young Road as Harper Island. This is a request from E-911. Selectman Bussiere moved to approve the name Harper Island, seconded by Selectman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: Land Use Change Tax in the amount of \$6,775, two supplemental Intent to Cuts, 2 Quit Claim deeds, four deed waivers, payroll manifests dated 10/4 & 10/11, vendor manifests dated 10/8 & 10/14. Two deed waivers will be discussed in non-public session.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudiello recently attended a Conservation Commission meeting where they heard a presentation from UNH regarding moving their boat dock on Mendums Pond.

Selectman Bussiere stated that he recently attended a Planning Board meeting with multiple applications and he will be attending the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday night.

Selectman O'Brien has been unable to attend the Recreation Commission meetings as they take place the same time as Selectmen meetings.

Chairman Clark reported that the School Board will start their budget discussion at their meeting on Tuesday night.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Cook will review the paving bids to see if they correspond to the advertisement that was posted.

He recently received the design from Norway Plains on the Town Farm Road turn-around. The design will be reviewed by John Wallace and John Scruton.

On Saturday, October 24th there will be a representative from Waste Management at the transfer station/recycling center from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon to answer questions.

Selectman Bussiere moved to go into non-public session at 7:14 p.m. per RSA91 A: 3 II for reputation, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, O'Brien – aye, Clark – aye. The motion passes.

The Board discussed whether to deed a certain piece of property.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to come out of non-public session at 7:31 p.m. seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.