

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 pm in the basement meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Leon Holmes Sr and Brett Hunter; Town Administrator Heidi Carlson. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A Safety Committee meeting was held on Tuesday 10 September 2013. There was discussion this evening in light of the storms, to get a chargeable flashlight for the Town Hall for use in starting the generator when the power is out.

2. The Budget Committee meeting for next week has been moved from Wednesday to Monday September 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm so it will not conflict with the Ellis School Curriculum session that will be held on Wednesday September 18th at Ellis School. All Selectmen and Budget Committee members are urged to attend the Curriculum session. * At the meeting it was updated that the School Board curriculum session has been cancelled, but the Budget Committee meeting has already been renoticed and posted, so will remain on Monday next week.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

Carlson reported on the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting she attended this week. There was a lot of discussion and planning for the 2014 budget, overall camp operations, and the fields maintenance plan.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectmen reviewed the minutes for 05 September 2013. Motion was made by Holmes Sr and seconded by Hunter to approve them as written. The vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS

Andy Kohlhofer did not come in for a School Board update.

6:45 pm Public Input - none

7:00 pm Department Heads - none

7:30 pm Grassdrags Public Input Session

All abutters and Martin Road residents had been invited to attend this annual session, by letter of 08/28/2013. Present were neighbors Sam & Betty Harris; Bob Doherty, Evelyn Ferrell, and Roger Wright from the NH Snowmobile Association; Abutters Gary & Tanice Cloutier, Albert Peterson; and Richard Butler, Fire Chief.

Mr Doherty referred to the map of the site (which was mailed to all Martin Road residents and abutters), indicating that the Monster Truck Ride will not be held this year. They have added a snowcross oval exhibition race. This will practice on Friday afternoon and run periodically on Saturday and Sunday when there is not something else going on in terms of racing. There are probably 6-8 racers (they were hoping for 12). They may run 2-3 races at a time with a few laps, stop and cool down (the sleds overheat) and entertain people (kids can chat with the racers about the events.)

They do not sell alcohol on the premise, but it is allowed in coolers. The other change is they have done away with the VIP tent and the band on Saturday night. Instead they are hoping for a bonfire event on

Saturday night, with a DJ there (a small music setup) to bring campers to enjoy the social time. They plan to shut the music down at 11:00 pm. This will still require the same police presence, and two fire personnel would stay on site until the bonfire is extinguished that evening.

Parking will be the same with ticket booths on site to keep cars off the road, moving them as quickly as possible.

Helicopter rides will be available, and it was confirmed the route will be out of the way of the Cloutier's barn. If they have another photographer up there, they will advise them to keep the same flight pattern. Abutters were given contact numbers in case of any problems.

Carlson brought up Bob Meade's concerns regarding electrical systems, which they are addressing. Doherty said he has been in contact with Meade, and they will also have a licensed electrician on site throughout the weekend.

Notes from Bob Meade include: *John Plourde and I went out when set up began. I went back the day before opening day and then again the morning of. John went out again during the event. One of the portable generators was not grounded (and we had no specs/calcs on them), wires where pedestrians or sled travel were unprotected, outside receptacles were not GFI (and it rained a couple days), homemade panels were not listed, waterproof and had too much fill inside the panel to meet code (a lot of dead end plugs up and down each side), last, some of the panels had holes not being used and could see inside the panel.*

As a temporary measure we had them put the wires inside tents (the vendors only moved them back outside), after swapping out the receptacles, there were still some that were not approved for outside use, those were covered with pails (the overnight guests used a lot of them to get water from the pond). As I recall, the state said they would be much more stringent this year and I was to warn the electrical supplier and the Grass drags were to warn those set up in there and those working there not to move anything we do for safety reasons.

We will need a copy of the responsible electrician's license on file.

A full copy of the report is on file, and Meade will be in contact with the State Electrical Inspector to be sure there is nothing further he would like to add.

Abutters and the adjacent neighborhoods will get into the event for free with appropriate ID. Mrs Harris asked about the helicopter ride logistics.

A follow-up meeting was set for 7:30 pm on Thursday October 17, 2013. The attendees left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Richard Butler stayed to briefly discuss some budget items. He indicated that Bulldog Fire Apparatus is coming to meeting with the Truck Committee on Monday night to get quotes on a stock truck. He said they will be coming forward with that warrant article again. He mentioned that the roof is separating at the panels on the top of Engine 1 and he is getting a quote from Schreiber to repair it.

Time was scheduled to meet with Butler at 7:15 pm on Thursday September 26th to review the Fire Rescue Budget. He left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. BUDGET WORK SESSION

4141 Election & Registration – Department Request \$11,433

The Budget was reviewed, and includes a State primary and election; and the Town election in March, plus the Town's Deliberative Session. There is also time set aside for the data entry required with Election Net and some training sessions. Motion was made by Holmes Sr to recommend \$11,433 for Election & Registration. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

4316 Street Lights – Department Request \$4,848

This is a contract amount for the Town's covered street lights. Motion was made by Holmes Sr to recommend \$4,848 for Street Lighting. Hunter seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

4520 Parks & Recreation – distributed for future discussion

4550 Library – distributed for future discussion

4902 Warrant Articles

Police Cruisers – Chief Twiss is proposing a lease/purchase for two cruisers since the fleet is so badly in need of repair.

250th Celebration – The Committee is requesting an article for \$5,000 to be added to the Town Expendable Trust Fund for the June 2014 celebration.

2. Only one bid was received for the printing of the 2013 Town Report. It was from the vendor that the Town has used for the past two years. The bid amount is \$1,819.44 for 650 copies of the book to be printed. Having had good luck with this vendor for the past few years, Selectmen accepted the bid.

3. The paving company has pushed out the paving work to next week.

4. Selectmen discussed a replacement Board member, and came to agreement on Gene Cordes, who will fill the term until March 2014 and is currently not interested in running.

5. Selectmen reviewed proposals for camera and audio equipment. The Board wants to have three proposals to review prior to making a decision on a vendor.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Selectmen reviewed the payroll manifest \$19,551.50 and accounts payable manifest \$55,678.84 for current week dated 13 September 2013. Motion was made by Hunter and seconded by Holmes Sr to approve the manifests. The vote was approved 2-0.

2. Selectmen reviewed bills and invoices for payment.

3. Selectmen reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence; and signed outgoing correspondence to Sarah Lamirande and Nicole Cloutier in thanks for service to the Parks & Recreation Commission.

4. Road Agent Mark Pitkin has recommended Peter Porter to fill the Highway seasonal truck driver vacancy. Based on his recommendation, Holmes moved to hire Peter Porter for the vacant part-time seasonal Highway Department position. The vote was approved 2-0. He will be asked to attend the meeting next week with Mark Pitkin.

5. Selectmen signed the 2012 MS-5 Financial Report completed by the Auditors and received 09/11/2013. This will be mailed to DRA on Friday.

Gene Cordes came in to the meeting at 8:05 pm. Gene discussed with the Board his interest in the position and said he was not currently interested in running in March. He had some other commitments that he advised the Board of.

There was discussion about his transition from the Budget Committee, and he decided that he would attend the Budget meeting on Monday and share his resignation from that Committee at the end of that meeting. Selectmen will sign an appointment form next Thursday, and he will begin participating as a Selectman at that time.

VIII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A - none

The next regular Board meeting will be a work session, to be held on Thursday September 19, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – by 9:00 pm

Motion was made by Hunter to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Holmes Sr seconded and the vote was unanimously approved 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson
Town Administrator