

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN  
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Selectmen's Meeting

March 10, 2016

**MINUTES**

Selectmen: Christopher P. Shipp, Chair, Russell C. Wakefield, Vice Chair, Josiah H. Bartlett, Jean M. Beadle, Paul T. Punturieri; Walter P. Johnson, Town Administrator; and Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chris called the meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- III. **REVIEW / APPROVAL MINUTES:** Josh asked to amend the public minutes of March 3, 2016, page 2, Old Business, item #1, striking *Joel* and replacing it with *Josh* as it was he who had asked Walter to count the lights on Lake Shore Drive. Paul Made the Motion to approve the March 3, 2016 Meeting & Non-Public Minutes as amended. Josh Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.
- IV. **PUBLIC HEARING: RSA 79-D Preservation Easement Applications:** Chris opened the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. and reported that the three properties, 1) William & Judith Mack, 932 Bean Road, Map 015 Lot 015, 2) Peter Robinson, 97 Holland Street, Map 043 Lot 004, 3) Pennwoods Nominee Trust, 56 Singing Eagle Road, Map 084 Lot 005, were all 10 year renewals of the "barn easements". The Board agreed that the RSA 79-D Preservation Easements applications were clear and there were no questions. Jean Made the Motion to approve the Preservation Easements for the three properties as listed and per the applications presented. Paul Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously. Chris closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.
- V. **CITIZEN INPUT:** Chris reminded the audience to please come to the podium and speak into the microphone. He acknowledged at last week's meeting that several people didn't come to the podium, but he required Mr. Austin to do so. Chris apologized, saying he didn't mean to single him out. Mr. Austin replied that no apology was necessary. 1) Jerry Hopkins, the Town Moderator thanked the Board for their work at Tuesday's election. He requested that more handicap parking be set up for Saturday's Town Meeting, adding that the Academy's Principal suggested marking off all the parking spots that face the softball field for this purpose. Mr. Hopkins thought that would make 6 handicap parking spaces. Walter said he would coordinate this. As in year's past the Selectmen will alternate reading the articles. Russ suggested that if anyone has amendments to present them to the Town Moderator before the meeting. Mr. Hopkins agreed that would be helpful. 2) Joel Mudgett suggested that the Selectmen not make a motion or second to move forward the "hearts and flowers" articles, which would require those who support the citizen petitions to make the motion and to second. He added if the supporters don't come forward then pass them over. Mr. Hopkins said in that event, he would make the motion required for the articles to be voted on. 3) Ken Kasarjian commented that he would be happy to be a valet for Town Meeting to assist the elderly or handicap. 4) Hollis Austin asked the Selectmen if they knew of any upcoming facility repairs that were needed, specifically the flooring in the Fire Station bay, and the Public Safety Building parking lots. Josh replied that as

a CIPC member, the fire bay floor has not moved in 3 years. If there is no more movement then a decision will need to be made whether to cap it or leave it alone. The parking lots at the Public Safety Building, the cost is estimated for the front at \$175,000 and the back also at \$175,000. The reconstruction of the back parking lot is included in the 2016 budget, and the front is expected to be done in 2017. Josh added that the Lions Club roof is in need of repair, but this isn't an immediate need.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Review for Action: Consent & Signature File as of 3/10/16:

3/10/16	Veterans Tax Credit	100-008
3/10/16	Elderly Exemption, Renewed	17-2016-E
3/10/16	Elderly Exemption, Renewed	11-2016-E
3/10/16	Elderly Exemption, Renewed	4-2016-E
3/10/16	Elderly Exemption, Renewed	19-2016-E

Josh Made the Motion to approve the Consent and Signature File for March 10, 2016 as written. Paul Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously.

2. Review for Action: Launch Requests (2), NH Bass Casters: Jean Made the Motion to approve the Launch Requests for NH Bass Casters, Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Lee's Mills, and Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, at Lee's Mills and States Landing. Josh Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:**

1. Board Update Reports: None.
2. Town Administrator's Report: Walter reported that the background and reference checks for the Town Planner candidate is ongoing. He asked and the Board agreed, subject to a final report on the background checks, to schedule an interview with the candidate and the Selectmen for March 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6 p.m. Walter provided the Selectmen with a reference guide to use for most of the warrant articles if they wished during Town Meeting. The Board liked the idea and Walter will have additional copies made. He informed the Selectmen that representatives of DOT advised him today that the state will be rebuilding the bridge over Red Hill River, starting around April 15<sup>th</sup> and to be done by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Route 25 before and after the bridge will be limited to one lane with temporary traffic lights for traffic control. DOT will seek approval to reduce the speed limit in that area from 45 to 35 mph during the construction. Walter added that the DOT representatives did talk with both the Police and Fire Chiefs to inform them of the upcoming construction and to make any necessary arrangements. When the time gets closer this information will be posted on the Town's website under News & Announcements. The FY15 auditors were here Monday through Wednesday. Walter said he received a positive initial report. The auditors will return sometime next week to speak with the Finance Director, who has been out sick this week. Regarding Josh's request, Walter reported that there are 6 street lights on Lake Shore Drive, of which all were working. He wasn't sure if some had been removed. Josh asked who was paying for them and Walter replied that at this time he didn't know, but has requested the information. NH Electric Cooperative told him that there would be no cost to the Town to replace street lights with LED fixtures. Walter informed the Board that they would need a Non-Public Session for a personnel matter.

Russ asked if the Board was aware of a House Bill to allow towns to bond for broadband. Paul said that the HB didn't pass. Walter added that towns have the authority to bond for broadband, but can only do it in unserved areas.

3. Zoning Board of Adjustment Minutes, March 2, 2016: Acknowledged.

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. Time Warner Cable, March 2, 2016, Possible Program Changes: Acknowledged.

- X. CITIZEN INPUT:** 1) Joe Cormier suggested that the Board contact Carol Miller of DRED for information about funding broadband. He added as a marketing tool for the Town, it could become a beta test area to increase broadband throughout the Town. 2) Mr. Kasarjian expressed his concern that the 2016 school's budget was cut minimally considering the decline in the student population. He asked if the Selectmen had any leverage on the school district to get them to further reduce their budget. Chris replied that the school system is a separate entity from the Town's budget. Mr. Kasarjian asked about the school's bond retiring in 2018 and how does the Town know if they won't require another one in the near future. Paul replied that there isn't anything on their needs list other than the parking lot, and they also have a good capital reserve fund for this purpose. The Selectmen agreed that Mr. Kasarjian needs to ask the School Board these questions. 3) Mr. Austin referred to an article in the *Laconia Daily Sun* which was written by the Moultonborough Academy's After Prom Committee requesting donations to fund the after prom party. He questioned the students for asking for donations versus working for the funds needed such as having car washes, etc. Chris said he can't comment about this effort, but as a parent of Academy students he is at the school often and the students are always fund raising through activities. 4) Mr. Kasarjian asked if there was any way the Selectmen could get leverage over the school district. Chris replied that taxpayers do have leverage by voting and electing School Board members. Josh commented that this past election there wasn't any competition for the School Board openings. 5) Mr. Austin suggested that Superintendent Noyes is open to talking with taxpayers and listening to suggestions, however now is not the time to do it. The time to ask questions is during the School Board's monthly meetings. Mr. Austin felt that the school system is on the right track. Josh agreed, reporting that he just judged the History Competition and saw a dramatic improvement which was a major change from last year. 6) Mr. Cormier added that there are 4 portions to the tax bill: town, school, county and state education. The Town has no say or control over the county and state education portions.

- XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** Chris said that the Selectmen need to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II 91-A:3 II (a) and (b) for personnel matters which discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, and will reconvene for adjournment only. Paul Made the Motion to go into Non-Public Session and to return for the sole purpose to adjourn. Josh Seconded. A roll call was taken: Josh – Aye; Paul – Aye; Russ – Aye; Jean – Aye; Chris – Aye. The Motion carried and the Selectmen went into Non-Public Session at 7:46 p.m.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 8:04 p.m. Paul Made the Motion to seal the minutes for as it is determined that divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member of the public body itself and to not disclose the minutes and decisions reached to the public until, in the opinion of a majority of the members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply. Josh Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** Josh Made the Motion to Adjourn. Paul Seconded.  
Motion Carried Unanimously  
Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Christopher P. Shipp  
Approved

3/17/16 Hope K. Kokas  
Date  
Respectfully Submitted  
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant

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