

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 – 7:00 PM**

Present: Chair, Lorn Buxton, David McGuckin, Selectman, William Stewart, Selectman, and Bette Jane Riordan, Secretary.

Also present: State Senator Nancy Stiles, and Teddy Golter.

Chair Buxton convened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. Approve Select Board minutes of September 8, 2015.

The minutes of the Select Board Meeting of September 8, 2015 were approved as amended.

2. Public Q&A. – None.

3. Items.

a. Sen. Nancy Stiles: Senate Bill 230.

Chair Buxton welcomed State Sen. Nancy Stiles, who discussed SB-230. The bill permits the Dept. of Transportation to establish seasonal speed limits on state roads under certain conditions. The governing body of the local municipality can petition the Dept. of Transportation to reduce the current posted speed limits in a designated area. The lowest speed can be no lower than 20 miles per hour, and may remain in effect for a four-month period as determined by the municipality. Costs of signage are to be paid for by the municipality. The bill passed on June 2, 2015 with an effective date of August 1, 2015.

Chair Buxton explained a local Men's Coffee group had already requested the Select Board to form a committee to petition the State for this purpose. Sen. Stiles stated she would work with the Town to obtain approval. She stated the Select Board could petition the State and she also recommended a petition of support signed by local citizens should be attached to the request. Selectman McGuckin noted that he would be meeting with Mr. Lambert of the State DOT in New Castle this Friday, September 25, 2015, along with with State Rep. Borden and Police Chief Don White to review possible crosswalks, and that may a good time to discuss the implementation of the speed reduction process. Sen. Stiles stated she would clarify the matter of signage with Mr. Lambert. The Board discussed the possible contiguous area of the speed reduction and agreed it would commence at Grist Mill Lane and end at Wild Rose Lane, if Chief White concurred.

After further discussion, Selectman McGuckin made the following Motion:

To adopt a temporary reduction in the posted speed limit to 20 miles per hour pursuant to the provision of SB-230 from May 15th through September 15th along Rte. 1-B beginning at Wild Rose Lane to Grist Mill Lane, contingent upon the input of Police Chief Don White

Selectman Stewart seconded, and the Motion carried.

b. Teddy Golter re: flag project.

Teddy Golter displayed a 2' x 3' flag as previously requested by the Select Board. The Board had viewed the larger flag at a previous meeting and believed the size could be too large once affixed to the telephone pole. The cost of the smaller flag is under \$50.00. The 2 ½' x 4' flag costs \$53.00. The proposal is to purchase 25 flags and affix them to telephone poles beginning at the intersection of Wentworth and Main Streets to the school. The purpose is to promote patriotism and costs would be covered from the 4th of July Parade Committee's budget. The Fire Chief has reviewed the poles and locations and has agreed to hang the flags.

After further discussion regarding the size of the flag, the Board agreed to have both flags hung to compare which one would be appropriate. This matter will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

c. MRI Contract.

Chair Buxton explained that Deb Knowles, current Town Accountant, had previously indicated her retirement date would be March 2017 and as a result, the Town would need to begin the process of finding a replacement in order to assure a smooth transition. In light of her recent illness and absence, the Town has had to find an interim solution and has retained the services of MRI (Municipal Resources Inc.) which has provided a temporary replacement to cover payroll, accounts payable and other necessary functions. After discussion and review of the contract terms, Selectman Stewart made the following Motion:

To accept the conditions as outline and presented in the MRI contract, and sign the document dated September 16, 2015.

Selectman McGuckin seconded, and the Motion carried.

d. Revised quote – DPW truck.

Chair Buxton explained that the Board previously approved the expenditure of \$49, 500 for the cost of a replacement truck for Public Works. This amount was only for the cost of the truck and not the necessary spreader attachment to spread sand and salt during the winter months. The cost of the attachment is \$5,569, and the total is within the allocated CIP budget. (\$55,968) After discussion, Chair Buxton made the following Motion:

To approve a withdrawal from the Vehicle and Equipment Trust Fund for an additional \$5,569.00 to be added to the previously approved \$49,500 for a total of \$55,069.

Selectman Stewart seconded, and the Motion carried.

Selectman McGuckin questioned how the current truck and spreader could be used or disposed of. He assumes they have some value. Chair Buxton stated they should be sold and should be publicly advertised. The sale will need to come before the Select Board for approval.

5. Other New Business.

a. Payroll checks.

Chair Buxton stated that payroll checks needed to be signed as soon as possible.

b. Outsourcing of Accounting Functions.

Chair Buxton stated that, the Board is considering outsourcing some the functions such as payroll, and water/sewer bills. General discussion about this process took place and will continue. Selectman Stewart offered some possible avenues to explore and will report back to the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Selectman McGuckin made a Motion to Adjourn, which was seconded by Selectman Stewart.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.