

NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
New Durham Library
October 19, 2015, 7:00p.m.

Present

Chair David Bickford
Selectman David Swenson
Selectman Gregory Anthes

Also Present:

Carter Terenzini, Interim Town Administrator
Scott Drummey, resident
Jen Nyman, resident
Dot Veisel, resident
Carol Allen, resident
Terry Jarvis, resident
Ellen Phillips, resident
Reginald Meattley, resident
Don Vachon, resident
Bob Chase, resident
Rudy Rosiello, resident
Clayton Randall, resident
Joan Swenson, resident
Mike Clarke, Road Agent
Susan Randall, resident
Mark Foynes, resident and Baysider Reporter

Call to Order

Chair Bickford called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Public Input

Ellen Phillips, resident, asked if the Board of Selectmen was going to respond to the questions made by 600+ citizens.

Selectman Swenson stated the Board of Selectmen did spend time reviewing the Municipal Resources, Inc. report. He stated there are legal proceedings that have been filed and it makes it difficult to speak to those issues.

Chair Bickford and Selectman Anthes agreed it was inappropriate to comment on those issues.

Department Reports/Issues

Highway Department

Road Agent Clarke explained a situation with one of the trucks that occurred last week and they had to take it to DiPrizios Truck, Inc. He stated it would be \$7,242.50 to make

all the repairs and requested the Board of Selectmen sign a purchase order to authorize the repairs. Road Agent Clarke noted the Freightliner truck is un-drivable.

Chair Bickford made a motion to waive the purchase policy for the impracticality of getting other quotes. Selectman Anthes seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.

Chair Bickford made a motion to approve the repair of the 2008 4x4 Freightliner in the amount of \$7,242.50, Purchase Order #2203 with DiPrizio Truck, Inc. Selectman Anthes seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.

Road Agent Clarke stated the paving work is finished and it came in \$1,300 under budget. He stated the work came out well.

Road Agent Clarke stated the sand has been delivered and been put in the building. He stated there are still a couple plows that need to be welded.

Chair Bickford asked if any more crack sealing could be done before winter. Road Agent Clarke replied he could check with the sealing company.

Old Business

Presentation: Town Administrator's Recommended Budget for FY 2016

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini gave a presentation to the Board of Selectmen which gave an overview of how staff processes requests and recommendations made. He stated the Budget Committee requested a \$100,000 cut to the FY 2016 Budget from the FY2015 Operating Budget.

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini gave an overview of the areas where the reductions would be made to meet the cut as well as additional funding of various accounts. He gave extensive recommendations for improving function coverage throughout departments.

Selectman Swenson stated Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini presented some excellent concepts.

Chair Bickford thanked Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini for his input.

Update Budget Hearing Schedule

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini will check on availability for meeting date which will be scheduled for the last week of October.

Police Department Administrative Assistant Position

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini stated over the last few weeks Sergeant Meattay, Officer in Charge, has been filling some of the administrative tasks along with patrols and he has requested they fill the administrative assistant position.

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini stated there are multiple applications and asked the Board of Selectmen to move forward with filling the position.

After discussion of the position, it was agreed Selectman Swenson would participate in the interviews as the Board of Selectmen representative.

Renaming of the Cocheco River

Scott Drummey, Planning Board, stated the Rochester City Counsel is considering changing the spelling of the Cocheco River name due to a typographical error made many years ago. He stated he presented this to the Planning Board and they have submitted a letter to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, showing the Board's support of the name change.

After discussion, Selectman Swenson made a motion that the New Durham Board of Selectmen support the spelling change for the Cocheco River to the spelling of "Cochecho" with the understanding that the support does not require the Town as mandatory action to change the various maps and other filings. Chair Bickford seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.

Request for Trapping on Town Lands

Chair Bickford stated Dave Waniski has submitted a request for approval to do trapping on Town land, specifically the Town Pit on Stockbridge Road.

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini explained he has contacted Town Counsel as well as Primex for their opinions on this. He stated it is up to the Board of Selectmen as to approval of this request.

Road Agent Clarke stated the pits are posted as Town property and doesn't think he can restrict the individual from trapping as many hunters already have access to it.

Selectman Anthes stated he is against trapping and it is a huge liability. He stated he doesn't mind shooting coyotes and looking into putting a bounty on coyotes.

Road Agent Clarke noted he has a professional trapper who is paid \$800 per year to deal with beavers on Town property and explained the difference in the traps.

Selectman Swenson agreed with Selectman Anthes on the liability issue with trapping. He suggested getting more information on the individual's trapping procedures.

Revaluation Update

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini stated the revelation has been reviewed by Jeff Earls of Cross Country Appraisal as well by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. The Town's Assessor, Vision, and a representative from the State's DRA have now agreed on the outcome.

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini asked the Board of Selectmen for an approval of the MS-1 report of October 19, 2015.

Selectman Swenson made a motion to use the data developed from the work of the Assessor, Cross Country Appraisal, the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and other Town officials, the October 19, 2015 data of 4:23:06 p.m. with the total value being \$424,552,050 for use in the Town's MS-1 Report. Chair Bickford seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini stated there would be a request coming to cover the additional expenses for Cross Country Appraisal and office staff hours for the revaluation process.

Bridge Plan for FY 2015 – Equipment Mechanic

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini stated he went over some plans with Road Agent Clarke as well as David Horne. He stated they have worked out an interim plan until a final decision is made with the budget.

Road Agent Clarke stated it was decided Mr. Horne would take care of the Highway Department equipment and the Solid Waste Facility equipment. The Police and Fire Departments would handle their own repairs through outside vendors.

L-CHIP Letter

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini stated the request for extension of the grant has been approved but further approval will be required for the new set of specifications.

Approval of Minutes

Meeting of August 17, 2015 – Public Meeting: Further edits were made. Minutes will need additional review after revisions are made.

Meeting of September 9, 2015 – Public Meeting: Further edits were made. **Selectman Swenson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Chair Bickford seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.**

Meeting of September 21, 2015 – Public Meeting: Edits were made. Minutes will need additional review after revisions are made.

Meeting of September 28, 2015 – Public Meeting: Edits were made. **Chair Bickford made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Selectman Anthes seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.**

Meeting of October 5, 2015 – Public Meeting: Edits were made. **Selectman Swenson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Chair Bickford seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.**

Meeting of October 5, 2015 – Non-public Meeting: Edits were made. **Selectman Anthes made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Chair Bickford seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.**

Other

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini requested the Board of Selectmen go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) – *the hiring of any person as a public employee and (c)- matter which, if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting.*

Chair Bickford made a motion to enter non-public sessions pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) – the hiring of any person as a public employee; (c)- matter which, if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. Selectman Anthes seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0

Roll Call: Selectman Swenson – Aye; Selectman Anthes – Aye; Chair Bickford – Aye.

The Board entered non-public session at 9:39p.m.

The Board reentered public session at 10:43p.m.

Chair Bickford stated that while in non-public session the Board had a discussion with Sergeant Meattey, Officer in Charge about possible hiring of an officer and how other officers are doing.

Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini stated he and Sergeant Meattey have met with surrounding towns regarding officer coverage. He stated Middleton has offered to do short term patrols on Kings Highway and off of Copple Crown; Barnstead is having a similar shortage; Farmington is not able to assist; and Wolfeboro has indicated they would be willing to allow New Durham to approach their officers to work directly for New Durham. Interim Town Administrator Carter Terenzini stated the Strafford County Sherriff's office is willing to help on a short term basis. There was discussion of the costs involved.

Chair Bickford made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Swenson seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49p.m.

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary

Final Approved 11/02/15