

Selectmen's Meeting
22 June 1998
7:00pm

The scheduled Selectmen's meeting was called to order by the Chair, Allen Hines, at 7:00pm. Those present included George Lagassa & Jack Steiner (Selectmen), and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator).

The Selectmen next reviewed the meeting minutes of June 8th and Mr. Lagassa voted to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Steiner seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Mr. Steiner & Mr. Hines reviewed the minutes of the noontime meeting of June 12th. Mr. Steiner made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. Mr. Lagassa abstained due to absence at the meeting. The motion to accept the minutes as written passed.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- Current Use Application - Lucille & Kenneth Ellingwood
- Veteran's Exemption - David Colt
- Oaths of Office for new appointees
- Professional Firefighters Local 3211 - Notice of Desire to Negotiate
- Executive Council Newsletter
- PSNH Street Lighting Bill - \$55,185
- SPACE - Newsletter
- NH Estuaries Conference - June 23rd 6-9:00pm Rt.1-A Rye (science conference center)
- Little River Salt Marsh & Outlet Study - July 23rd, 7:00pm Town Hall

Topics of Discussion

The TA briefed the Board on the status of the Street Lighting project. It was explained that the final bill for the project had been received. The amount was for \$55,185 with approximately \$10,000 in costs due to useful life depreciation of the streetlights that were replaced. The depreciation costs are an accounting function that seeks to depreciate assets over a given length of time. Streetlights removed prior to the end of the depreciation period resulted in a cost to the Town.

Police Chief Michael Maloney next addressed the Board concerning the status of cruiser maintenance. He explained that the rear brakes in one cruiser needed replacing and that a bad starter in another cruiser had resulted in a fire while at the garage for maintenance. While the incidents were disappointing and added costs very near their trade in time, it was still necessary to repair them particularly in light of the July 4th holiday that was fast approaching. Chief Maloney also explained that the cages in the older cruisers no longer met OSHA standards for blood borne pathogens. The older cages also would not bolt onto the new cruisers. Two new cages would cost approximately \$536.95 per unit. Mr. Hines asked if the Board had any objections with purchasing the new cages. There were no objections among the other Board members. The Chief was directed to proceed. It was noted that the money for the purchases was in the budget.

Appointments to Conservation Commission & Planning Board

Mr. Steiner explained that Mary Ann Whitney, planning board member, was moving out of town and that it was necessary to appoint a new member to the planning board. Mr. Steiner made the motion to appoint Roland Neves of 10 Meadow Fox Road to a full member to the planning board. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion was so moved. The Board also expressed interest in confirming for the record that Mr. Neves had also been appointed as an alternate to the conservation commission. It was duly noted by and added to the meeting minutes by the worthy scribe.

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New Highway Department Employee

Mr. Strout (DPW) introduced Romeo Turcotte as the new working foreman for the Highway Department. Mr. Romeo provided a brief biography of his experiences to the Board. The Board members welcomed Mr. Turcotte aboard.

Flooding & Drainage Problems

Mr. Lagassa began by acknowledging the difficulty of responding to the flooding issue. Mr. Lagassa suggested that identifying the problem areas and working up a plan on how best to alleviate the flooding within those areas might be the best course of action. Coordination with various State agencies such as the DOT, DES & Office of Emergency Management also was necessary. Some discussion centering on the Route 1 culvert maintained by the DOT ensued. Mr. Strout explained that there was a fence in front of the culvert that often became clogged with debris that interrupted the flow of water down the Little River. Mr. Strout also mentioned the ongoing problem of beaver activity within the area as another factor in the flooding equation. The TA mentioned that he had contacted the DOT and Office of Emergency Management to set up a meeting to develop some sort of plan that would alleviate some of the problems associated with flooding. Mr. Steiner requested that a meeting with the NHDOT concerning the Route 1 culvert south of North Road.

Selectmen's Concerns

Mr. Lagassa discussed a letter he had received from Tim Harned concerning the present litigation with the Hampton Water Works Co. and subsequent ongoing negotiations between the Board and the HWW. Mr. Lagassa indicated that he was unable to comment publicly on the issue due to the current litigation, but that he had reviewed Mr. Harned's letter and would keep Mr. Harned's concerns in mind during negotiations. Mr. Hines noted that the HWW issue was of some length that preceded his involvement on the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Hines acknowledged that he was not a hydrologist while voicing confidence in Mr. Lagassa's lead on the issue due both to his long involvement and expertise on the issue.

Questions & Comments

Mr. Strout asked whether the brush dump could be closed on the 4th of July in observance of the holiday. The Board agreed. Mr. Strout explained that reclamation of Woodland Road would begin on or around June 30th. The road would be kept open for residents living on Woodland Road. Mr. Lagassa inquired what section of the road would be reclaimed. Mr. Strout indicated that the reclamation would be from the Rye Town line to Atlantic Avenue. Some inquiries were made about the newly rehabbed Woodland Road Bridge. Mr. Strout explained that the road on top of the bridge would be built-up a little and that pavement would be laid along the edges of the bridge to prevent water from undercutting the road.

A discussion concerning the Media One contract and telecommunication in general within the Town ensued. It was suggested that Bob Landman, because of his knowledge of the issues, might well make the best choice as a point man on the issue. Discussion ensued regarding the formation of a technology subcommittee to deal with the above-mentioned issue. Mr. Landman was mentioned as a logical choice.

Lucille Ellingwood asked when the tax bills were due. The TA replied that they were due 30 days from the mail date of June 10th, or July 10th.

There being no further questions the public session of the meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm. Mr. Hines made a motion to convene into a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3II (b) to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion was so moved. No votes or decisions were made. The non-public session adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully,

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Russell McAllister
Town Administrator