

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of 03/28/05
Approved 4/11/05

I. Call to Order

Chairman Don Gould called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. There were present, Emily Creighton, Selectwoman, Jon Rineman, Selectman and Michael Pardue, Town Administrator. Mr. Pardue served as the Recording Secretary for this session.

II. Selectmen Items

A. Public Hearing in Accordance With RSA 31:95-b. Acceptance and expenditure of unanticipated money received from a state, federal or other governmental unit from a private source, which becomes available during the fiscal year – Police Department.

Mr. Gould opened the public hearing at 6:59 p.m. acknowledging that Chief of Police Brian Page was a bit delayed but was expected to arrive at the meeting in just a few minutes.

Mr. Gould summarized the elements of RSA 31:95-b, explaining that the Town will be receiving reimbursement from the federal government, via the State of New Hampshire, for a grant that had been approved for police radar equipment.

Mr. Gould asked for questions and/or comments from those in attendance. None were offered.

Mr. Gould called for a temporary adjournment of the public hearing, at 7:04 p.m. until Chief Page arrived. Ms. Creighton and Mr. Rineman agreed to the temporary adjournment of the public hearing.

B. Bid Opening – Mosquito Control

Mr. Pardue presented Mr. Gould with two bids that were received at the Town office in accordance with the requirements of the public notice posted requesting bids for the purpose of mosquito control. Mr. Gould opened the sealed bids and read aloud the price bid by each of the respondents.

Municipal Pest Management Services, Inc.	\$55,000
Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.	\$55,000

The Board asked Mr. Pardue to provide copies of each of the bids to the three members of the Mosquito Control Commission for their review and recommendation. The Board

asked that the recommendation of the Mosquito Control Commission be a part of the BOS agenda for April 11, 2005.

A. Public Hearing in Accordance With RSA 31:95-b. Acceptance and expenditure of unanticipated money received from a state, federal or other governmental unit from a private source, which becomes available during the fiscal year – Police Department **(continued)**.

Mr. Gould reopened the public hearing at 7:07 pm.

Chief Page provided those in attendance with an overview of the grant program that has resulted in the police department being awarded a dual cone radar unit that is to be mounted in one of the Town's police vehicles. Chief Page explained that the Town's portion of the "match grant" is \$1,112.50. Chief Page requested permission to expend this amount from the general fund, under the provisions of RSA 31:95-b, until such time the exact same amount is received from the grant award and re-deposited in the Town's general fund.

Mr. Gould again asked for comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Gould closed the public hearing at 7:11 pm.

Motion / Vote: Mr. Gould made a motion to authorize the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,112.50 for a dual cone police radar unit and, to expend the same amount from the Town's general fund until such time the grant funds are received and deposited in the Town's general fund. Mr. Rineman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. 3-0.

C. Presentation by the Can Do Sidewalk Kids

Present representing the Can Do Sidewalk Kids was Louise Breen, Meghan Durant and Holly McCay. Also present to speak on behalf of the Can Do Sidewalk Kids proposal to the Board was Mr. Robert Southworth.

Louise Breen opened the presentation to the Board. Ms. Breen explained that the Can Do Sidewalk Kids were present to once again propose the construction of a sidewalk to run between the North Hampton School and the Town Library. Ms. McCay and Ms. Durant provided additional comments reflecting the need for a sidewalk along Atlantic Ave., citing that a number of students travel between the North Hampton School and the Town library.

The students cited several key elements that would result from the construction of a sidewalk as proposed:

- Make North Hampton a safer and more livable community
- Prevent pedestrian accidents
- Allow for a safer walk from the NH School to the Town library

Mr. Robert Southworth, who has been working with the students in their pursuit of this project, voiced comments related to the possibility of securing Transportation Enhancement grant funds that originate from the federal government and are disbursed through the State. Mr. Southworth suggested the Board seek a number of estimates for the sidewalk and then seek grant funds based on said estimates. Mr. Southworth stated that he and the students did not have any preference as to which side of Atlantic Ave. the sidewalk was constructed on.

Mr. Stan Knowles, who too has been working with the students on this effort, spoke about the TE grant and once again cited his support for this effort. Mr. Knowles further pledged his assistance in helping the Town apply for grant funding for this effort.

Mr. Gould summarized the concerns associated with this proposed project and the maintenance that would be necessary should a sidewalk be constructed. He also cited the following:

- At first blush, the idea sounds simple
- There are safety concerns associated with constructing the sidewalk on the north side of the roadway
- Recent election results spoke loudly to the fact that residents don't want to spend on non-essential items
- Possible precedent being set on the construction of sidewalks in the community should this effort go forward
- The Board is in the process of trying to conduct municipal planning

Mr. Rineman stated his concerns related to the Town committing funds toward this effort. He also discussed the processes related to applying for a grant and the town being required to commit as much as 20% of the funding for the project.

Mr. Rineman also expressed concerns related to the impact a project of this nature might have on private property and the possibility of the Town having to "take" property.

Road Agent Robert Strout explained the boundaries of the Town's right-of-way, explaining that the Town owns 50 feet on either side of the center of the roadway.

The Board received general comments from the citizens in attendance, the majority in support of the project.

Mr. Peter Simmons, a resident seated in the audience, inquired as to whether the Town's representative to the Rockingham Planning Commission, Mr. Bob Landman, had been consulted. Mr. Gould stated that the Board had received an email from Mr. Landman denouncing this project. Mr. Gould read aloud portions of Mr. Landman's email, choosing not to read certain portions that might negatively impact the students.

Following considerable discussion by the Board, with input from those in attendance, the Board took the following action:

Motion / Vote: Mr. Rineman made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to move forward with applying for a Transportation Enhancement Grant for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk along Atlantic Ave. extending from the North Hampton School to the Town library. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. 3-0.

D. Beach Passes Discussion

Mr. Pardue advised the Board that the 2005 beach pass stickers were received and ready to be made available to the public. Mr. Pardue distributed paperwork that reflected the financials associated with the selling of beach pass stickers in 2004. Based on the 2004 data, Mr. Pardue suggested that the price for beach pass stickers in 2005 remain at \$20 each and that eligibility criteria remain the same as was adhered to in 2004.

Motion / Vote: Mr. Rineman made a motion to continue the Town's current practice as related to the distribution of beach pass stickers and that the price remains at the current \$20 each. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. 3-0.

E. Appointments to the Mosquito Commission

In attendance was Mr. David Peck, a candidate for the Mosquito Commission. Mr. Gould welcomed Mr. Peck and inquired as to his interest to serve on the Commission. Mr. Peck stated that he had an interest in working toward the control of mosquitoes as he, Peck, feels this is a quality of life matter.

Motion / Vote: Mr. Gould made a motion to appoint the following persons to the Mosquito Commission as recommended by Mosquito Commission Chair Pat Dodge:

Ms. Pat Dodge	3 year term
Mr. Robert Hamilton	2 year term
Mr. David Peck	1 year term

Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. 3-0.

The Board thanked Mr. Peck for volunteering to serve the community as a member of the Mosquito Commission.

F. Discussion of Formation of Citizens Committee & Public Outreach Efforts Re: Highway Garage

Mr. Gould expressed his belief that there exist a need to form a committee to research the issues related to the voters defeat of the proposed highway garage warrant article at the March 8, 2005 Town vote. Further, Mr. Gould stated that he was hopeful that this

committee could work in preparing a strategic approach for bringing this effort forward for the next annual election.

Mr. Rineman and Ms. Creighton each stated their support for such an approach. The Board and those in attendance discussed their perceptions on why the highway garage warrant article was defeated.

Mr. Rineman stated that he felt the Board was very successful in alerting voters to the sharp increase in taxes and the need to reduce spending. Mr. Rineman stated that it is his belief that voters did exactly as the Board recommended, cut back on spending.

Mr. Peter Simmons, an audience member, stated it is his belief that spending was a contributing factor to the defeat of this article but equally important was the fact that the building was proposed for construction on Cedar Rd., adjacent to a residential area.

Mr. David Peck, a member of the audience stated that it is his opinion that voters rejected the article due to the high cost associated with the effort.

The Board discussed the names of individuals who had expressed a desire to serve on the highway facility committee. In addition, in attendance was Mr. Peter Simmons, who expressed his willingness to serve on said committee, stating that he had seen the notice posted and wanted to offer assistance to this effort.

The Board approved the following individuals to serve on the committee:

Mr. Don Gould
Mr. Richard Mabey
Mr. Bob Strout
Ms. Cynthia Swank
Mr. Ted Turchan
Mr. Peter Simmons

G. Questions & Comments Related to Above Topics

Mr. Rineman broached the subject of beginning Board meetings at 6:00 pm. Ms. Creighton stated that she had professional commitments at this time that prohibit her from being in attendance prior to 7:00 pm.

III. Administration/Business

A. Town Administrator's Report

1. PWD – 205 Lafayette Rd. has been vacated. Property that had been occupied by the Town was thoroughly cleaned and photographed at time of vacating
2. PWD – Brush dump open 4/2/05. This information has been posted on the Town website

3. PWD – The heating system at 233A is deficient. There is a crack in the furnace. Repair solutions are being explored at this time
4. CEO – Red is working with Road Agent Strout finalizing MS-4 reports re: stormwater drainage
5. CEO – Red is beginning to identify municipal building repairs that are needed and will prioritize same in a report for BOS. This document is intended to assist the BOS in determining building repair / modifications needed for FY 2005-06
6. AA – Completed reentering of 11 weeks of lost data – end of month financials will be available on or about 4/4/05
7. AA – Has solicited vendor proposals for accounting software. Two vendors have presented on this topic, awaiting a presentation from a third vendor
8. REC – Egg scramble event to be held on 4/2/05 at 1:00 pm at Hampton Airfield
9. TA – Awaiting report from Rye re: perambulation effort
10. TA – Expect computer equipment / software installation to be in process during the week of 4/4/05
11. TA – As you'll recall, ergonomic review by PRIMEX determined the need for new, ergonomically correct, keyboard / mouse arms. This matter has been addressed in accordance with recommendations made by PRIMEX – our W/C insurance provider
12. TA – FD has completed their hiring process for a new full-time firefighter – bringing the FD to full staffing. The new firefighter is Roberta (Robin) Weeks. Ms. Weeks will start in NH on 4/4/05

B. Correspondence

Mr. Pardue provided the Board with a copy of a Letter of Appreciation sent to him by UNH Instructor Ms. Emily Creighton. Ms. Creighton's letter served to acknowledge the excellent presentation provided to her class by North Hampton Police personnel, Lt. John Scippa, Detective Joshua Stokel and Officer Michael Oliveira.

C. Property Tax Abatement Request

The Board reviewed and signed off on three property tax abatement requests as recommended by the Town Assessor.

D. Approval of Minutes

March 14, 2005 – Open Session

March 14, 2005 – Non-Public Session

Motion / Vote: Mr. Rineman made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2005 Open Session as amended and March 14, 2005 Non-Public Session as written. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. 3-0.

E. Payroll

The Board reviewed and signed off on payroll forms.

F. Manifest

The Board reviewed and signed off on the manifest.

G. Other Business

The Board requested that the monthly agenda of the ZBA be placed in their respective Town mailboxes. Mr. Pardue advised that he would pass this request on to the ZBA Administrator, Ms. Krystina Arrain.

IV. Adjournment

Being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Rineman made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Ms. Creighton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Pardue
Town Administrator