

Minutes
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday June 3, 2014 @ 7:00 PM

Selectmen Present:
Colin Stubbings, Robert Lang and Ernest Hartley

The meeting was called to order @ 7:06pm by Chairman Stubbings.

Chairman Stubbings announced that the meeting was being recorded solely for the purposes of preparing the minutes and that others inside the meeting may also be recording the meeting.

Highway Department – Road Agent, Frank Rodimon, gave the Board a drawing for where the water easement will be located on the Thomson property. Mr. Rodimon noted that he had taken the one –ton to Flanders and Patch today. They ran a diagnostic on it to see what the issue was. They found that the PCM valve needed to be recalibrated and they fixed the issue. Mr. Rodimon noted that this repair made a significant improvement in the truck and he was pleased with the service that Flanders and Patch provided. Selectman Hartley noted that we should probably continue to take the one-ton to Flanders and Patch in the future.

Mr. Rodimon said that he had hooked up the pipe at the swimming hole, but noted that they would need to replace the pipe soon. The Board and Mr. Rodimon talked about what can be done to fix the pipes. This may be a project for the Fall.

Mr. Rodimon was wondering if the Board still wanted to clean up around the fire pond at the Four Corners. He said that he would need to rent a small excavator to take care of the clean up and removal of some of the stumps. He could also use the excavator to fix the leak at the Fire Department. The Board said that they would like the cleanup to be done. Selectman Hartley noted that he wanted to talk to the Fire Department about burning the brush around the pond to help Mr. Rodimon with his clean up.

Selectman Hartley also noted that the dust control seems to be working well.

Police Department – Chief Garvin informed the Board that Ellen Putnam, Bernie Marvin and himself went to Camp Kingswood at the camps request. They spoke to them about safety and other items and what the Town could do to help them. Chief Garvin noted that during the meeting, the Camp also offered their services to the Town. Each Department advised the Camp of what services they could provide for them in an emergency situation. In regards to the Police Department, the Camp’s major concern was regarding armed intruders. Chief Garvin is also working with Camp Walt Whitman on this issue. They are working on developing some policies.

Camp Kingswood offered the use of their helicopter pad and their entire camp if the Town needed to evacuate part of the Town.

Chief Garvin noted that he had spoken with the County Attorney, Lara Saffo, regarding the Mabry case and in particular the ammo from the case. He wanted the court order from the judge saying that the ammo could be released. Chief Garvin also mentioned to her, Selectman Lang's request to have Bernie Marvin count the ammo before it was taken down to Police Standards and Training. Chief Garvin reported that Ms. Saffo suggested that Mr. Marvin should not get involved. She also stated that the ammo had already been counted several times already, including by the investigators Wayne Fortier and Eric James. The ammo would also be counted again when it left the PD to go to Police Standards and Training and when it was received by Police Standards and training. Chief Garvin is hoping to take the ammunition down to PSTC when he goes for training on the 17th and 18th of June.

On June 5th someone from TMDE Calibration Labs will be coming to Town to calibrate the radar. It needs to be calibrated at least once a year. Selectman Lang asked if the radar trailer would also be done. Chief Garvin said that he wasn't planning on having the trailer done. Since the trailer is used only as a guide and not for making traffics stops it didn't need to be calibrated annually. Chief Garvin noted that he tries to get the radar trailer calibrated every other year. The trailer has been calibrated twice since the Town has owned it.

Treasurer – Erik Wagstaff said that he hadn't heard anything from the auditors, so he assumed that they had everything that they needed. Mr. Wagstaff also said that the Town needed to take a small TAN to cover this week's manifest, but we should be able to pay to back quickly since the tax bills have gone out. Mr. Wagstaff also introduced Susan Belyea who is the new Deputy Treasurer. Mr. Wagstaff and Ms. Belyea will be doing some training tonight after the meeting. Chairman Stubbings welcomed Ms. Belyea.

Emergency Management – Bernie Marvin noted that he had been informed that the EOC grants that the Town had received had been closed out. The EOC came in under budget and on time. Mr. Marvin informed that Board that he wants to assemble a team to help him in the EOC during an emergency. He would also like to draw up and ad to run in the paper for a Deputy.

Jed Dorfman from Camp Walt Whitman had been in touch with Mr. Marvin and they would like to schedule a meeting like they had last year.

Mr. Marvin noted that he had taken an inventory of all the items that he has acquired for the EOC along with their values. The Board asked for a copy of the list so that the items so that they can be added to the insurance.

Executive Assistant – Ms. Collins noted that Brendan Jones had started working in the office. He will be working on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during Ms. Collins' office hours. He may stay later on Mondays and Fridays, but the office will be closed to the public. He started

with some filing and then Ms. Collins trained him on the payroll and accounts payable so that he can help with those items while he is in the office. He will also work on other projects as they come up. Ms. Collins noted that he was excited to be back to work.

Ms. Collins said that she had been getting information to the auditors and hadn't received any recent e-mails from them so she assumes that they are busy working with the information that they have.

Manifests – The manifests were reviewed and signed by the Board.

Ms. Collins noted that John Metcalf and she had typed up the draft letter regarding the Sewer Plant Operator certification.

Mr. Wagstaff said that Ms. Belyea would need keys for the office. The Board said that they she can use Mr. Wagstaff's keys when he is out of the office.

Old Business

Property Bids – The Board received two bids for the two properties that they sent out bid request letters for. There was one bid on each property. Prior to the meeting Chairman Stubbings had contacted the NH Municipal Association to see what the Board should do if they received two identical bids on the same property. The NH Municipal Association said that the Board could flip a coin. Chairman Stubbings didn't feel that was a very good solution so he asked them if the Board could go back to each bidder and ask them if they wanted to increase their bid. The Municipal Association said that was fine. Chairman Stubbings said that they could create an ordinance to present to the Town at the next Town Meeting regarding a set procedure if this every occurred in the future. The bids were as follows:

R12-08 – Bid from Steven Kowal & Elizabeth Uhl for \$1,030.00; Minimum bid was \$500.

R20-35 – Bid from Joan, Sven and Mario John Del Pozzo for \$5,025.00; Minimum bid was \$5,000.

Selectman Hartley moved to accept the bids as presented. Selectman Lang seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor of accepting the bids from Mr. Kowal and the Del Pozzos. Ms. Collins will inform them that their bids had been accepted. Mr. Kowal had already submitted his check along with his bid. The Del Pozzos would need to send in a check for their bid within 30 days. Ms. Collins would also contact the attorney to have her draw up Quitclaim Deeds for each of the properties.

Helga Mueller asked about the former Smith property. She wanted to know if the Board was putting that property out to bid as well. Chairman Stubbings said that they are in the process, but it was not ready to go out to bid at this time. Mr. Smith will receive a letter informing him that he had the right to buy back his property from the Town and he has only so many days to do so. If he does not buy back the property within the specified period of time then the Town

can put it out to bid. Selectman Hartley inquired about Mr. Smith's personal items that are still located on the property. He wanted to know if the Board should arrange a time with Mr. Smith so that he can come and clear out his personal item. Chairman Stubbings said that would be fine.

Indian Pond Bridge – The funds for this project has been released from appropriations. However, there was a question on the letter that was received from Nancy Mayville. Ms. Mayville indicated in her letter that that there were some engineering costs that would not be reimbursed because they had not previously been submitted in the estimate for the project. Our Project Manager from HEB responded to Ms. Mayville's letter informing her that these costs had previously been included and should therefore be reimbursable. Ms. Mayville had not yet responded to the project manager.

Mr. Rodimon asked how things would proceed now that the funds had been released. Chairman Stubbings noted that he should have been copied on an e-mail from HEB that laid out a timeline of events. Construction should start on the project at the end of August and should be completed by the end of October. The timeline indicated that the road would be closed during the construction.

The Board was not sure if the road closure was a complete closure or partial closure. They would find out and notices would go out to residents on the road when a final start date is set.

Indian Pond Beach – Chairman Stubbings attended the Orford Selectmen's meeting on May 28th. Prior to the meeting we had sent them a letter expressing our concerns. It appears that there was some breakdown in communication between the towns, but now we have some clarification as to what Orford does in regards to the swimming hole. Orford issues beach passes to licensed drivers only. They send us a copy of their pass, which resembles that pass that we issued in 2012. We have agreed to send the IP Beach Monitor and the Orford Police Chief a list of all the passes that we have issued and to whom we issued them to. We will also pay the outstanding balance that we owe them. The issues that we had with the monitor related to the 2012 year. It appeared that Piermont had paid for all of the monitor's salary that year, which we did. According to Orford the agreement that was made was that Orford would pay for the cleanup from the damages that were sustained at the beach and Piermont would pay for the monitor. Beach passes will be available from the Selectmen's office starting tomorrow.

Selectman Lang was concerned with the issuance of the passes on an annual basis. He felt it was costing the town too much time and money to do this on an annual basis. Chairman Stubbings said to e-mail Orford and see if we could issue a multi-year pass. There is no cost to the passes. The passes will only be available from the Selectmen's office. Children are covered under their parents passes and guests will be covered under a resident's pass as well. Pass holders will be responsible for the actions of their guests and if guests break the rules everyone can be asked to leave.

Financial Reports – All the reports for April were made available tonight. The May figures for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector were also available. Chairman Stubbings noted that the tax collector's figures were slightly misleading because they included figures for the tax liens. The tax system records the tax liens as a receipt, but no actual cash is received by the Town. There was some discuss between George Mertz and Chairman Stubbings about the formatting of the reports. There are issues with the Town's chart of accounts that prevents us from running reports by the nature of expense. Chairman Stubbings hopes to have this correct for next year.

New Business

Boston Cane – Piermont's last recipient of the Boston Cane, Anna Williams, has passed. Helga Mueller has reacquired the cane from Ms. Williams' son and now the Board needs to present it to the next recipient. Chairman Stubbings read the history of the Boston Canes. Piermont received one of the original canes that were handed out to towns in New England during the early 1900s. The Town's original cane was lost during a fire and replaced with a replica during the 1980s. At the time the replacement canes were purchased new guidelines where put in place regarding who the recipient of the cane should be. At that time, it was determined that the recipient of the cane would be the oldest male or female resident in town who was a registered voter and who had been a resident for 20 or more years.

Jean Daley felt that this criteria should be changed and that it should revert back to the original criteria, which simply stated that the cane would go to the oldest male or female resident. Selectman Hartley moved to reinstate the original criteria of issuing the Boston Cane to the oldest male or female resident. Selectman Stubbings seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor of this motion.

There was some discussion on how to find out who the oldest resident in Town was. Helga Mueller had a list of individuals and said that according to her list Irene Holloway's sister was the oldest. It was suggested that the inventories could be checked by Brendan to see if an older resident may be listed. Also Ms. Mueller was asked to find out if Ms. Holloway's sister was actually a resident of Town or if she was simply staying there to recuperate.

Abatements – The Board approved an abatement for Gail Pearl (R20-26A) and agreed to reduce the assessed value from \$185,200 to \$139,100. The Board also approved an abatement for Aimee Larson (R20-34) and agreed to reduce the assessed value from \$202,200 to \$172,200. The actual amount of taxes to be refunded or credited to each individual had not been calculated. Ms. Collins would do those calculations and get them ready for the Board to sign. If refunds need to be issued they will be done next week. The board denied abatements for Charles & Diane Interbartolo (U02-65) and Richard Horton (R10-07). The approvals and denials were based on the recommendations from our Assessors.

Ms. Collins informed the Board that Charles Interbartolo had called the office today and wanted to speak with the Board regarding his abatement. Mr. Interbartolo thought that before the abatement was processed that he would have been contacted by the Board to meet with him

and discuss the abatement. He felt his abatement may not have contained all the information that the Board would need to make a decision. Ms. Collins noted that she had informed Mr. Interbartolo that the Town's assessors had already reviewed the abatement and they had made the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to deny the request. She also informed Mr. Interbartolo that while the Board had yet to officially deny the abatement, they would probably deny it at tonight's meeting since the Board usually defers to the knowledge, experience and training of the assessors in these instances. Mr. Interbartolo understood, but asked to still have the opportunity to meet with the Board to discuss his reasons behinds the abatement request in hopes to avoid a formal appeal. The Board said that they did not want a meeting and would address Mr. Interbartolo's concerns during his appeal if he did in fact go that route. The Board said that Mr. Interbartolo's abatement request was disputing the assessed value attributed to his deeded access to Lake Armington, which is the same thing that Property Owner, Donald Bagley, disputed in his abatement last year. Since the Town is currently in the process of a formal appeal made by Mr. Bagley in the Superior Court, the Board felt it best to wait and see how that appeal turned out first.

Ms. Collins also stated that the assessors had prepared and sent out two letters, one to Walter Donovan and the other to Stephen Wellington, informing them of changes to their assessed values due to their deeded access they have to Lake Armington. It was brought to the assessor's attention that these property owners had not been assessed for their deeded access to the lake when Mr. Bagley submitted his abatement last year.

Intents to Cut – The Board signed Intents to Cut for Fernand Fagnant (R17-15), Randy Cassidy (R11-29), Stacey Thomson (R02-03) and David and Judy Witcher (R05-10). Ms. Collins informed the Board that she had spoken with Mr. Thomson and his Intent to Cut was to clear the area where the sand pit will be located and to gain access to the sand pit.

Timber Taxes – The Board signed a timber tax warrant for Helga Mueller (R03-32) in the amount of \$11.38.

Intent to Excavate – The Board signed an Intent to Excavate for Walter Gladstone (R09-20B) and for Brad Simpson (R18-8A). The Intent to Excavate for Stacey Thomson is still being held because his pit has not officially been approved by the Planning Board. The Planning Board is waiting for his a copy of his bond. Once that is received then the final approval can be given on the pit and the Board can proceed with signing the Intent.

Elderly Exemption – The Board reviewed and approved an elderly exemption.

Plymouth Village Water & Sewer District Septage Agreement – The Board signed a five year agreement with the Pymouth Village Water & Sewer district, which provides backup septage for its residents. The annual fee will be \$100.00. Ms. Collins will cut the check to be mailed with agreement next week.

Public Input – Terri Mertz wanted to know the status of the Mazzilli Fire Pond. The Board said that they hoped to meet with the surveyor, Byron Kidder, this Thursday (06/05/14).

Ms. Mertz also mentioned that she had read in the previous minutes that Nancy Cole had resigned and she wanted to know why. The Board stated that Ms. Cole resigned because she wanted more personal time. Chairman Stubbings noted that she had given her notice to the Town Clerk a few weeks before the Board was informed and that Ms. Cole was still helping out through the summer.

George Mertz mentioned the survey that went out to residents regarding the office hours that the different departments were open. Chairman Stubbings noted that the survey came about because residents had been complaining about the hours that the Town Clerk was open and then the Board decided to include all Town Offices. Sam Rounds asked if the Board was receiving responses. Chairman Stubbings said that they were, but we haven't started to correlate the data yet.

Mr. Mertz observed that some of the issues that residents have with the Town Clerk's office could be eliminated by getting the e-commerce. Chairman Stubbings said that the Board is planning on doing that, but first we need to get the website completed. Selectman Lang noted e-commerce may solve some of the issues but not all. Mr. Mertz mentioned that he had given the Board an e-commerce site about 18 months ago so the only thing that was left to do was get a signed contract. Chairman Stubbings said that he had that information but at the time that it was given to him the Town did not have a working website. The Board has also talked to the individuals that they needed to about the e-commerce and they will need to sign the contract. There are still issues that need to be dealt with concerning the reconciliations at this time. We need to make sure that the reconciliations are being done correctly and timely now so that when we had in the e-commerce we won't further complicate things.

Selectman Hartley moved to adjourn to executive session per RSA 91:A-3,2C at 9:19PM. Selectman Lang seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor of this motion.

The Board adjourned from executive session at 9:52 PM. The minutes from the executive session were sealed under RSA 91:A-3-2C. The Board reconvened the regular session at 9:53PM.

Minutes – The minutes from the 05/20/14 meeting were reviewed and changes were made. Selectman Hartley moved to accept the minutes as amended. Selectman Lang seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor of this motion.

Selectman Hartley moved to adjourn back to another executive session at 10:23PM. Selectman Lang seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor of this motion.

The Board adjourned from executive session at 10:45PM. The minutes were sealed in executive session. Selectman Hartley moved to adjourn from the regular meeting at 10:45PM. Selectman Lang seconded the motion. The Board voted all in favor of adjourning from the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer L. Collins

Board of Selectman
Colin Stubbings, Chairman

Approved:

Members of the Public Present at the general meeting as recorded by "sign-in sheet" included:
F. Rodimon, R. Garvin, E. Wagstaff, S. Belyea, B. Marvin, J. Daley, S. Rounds, H. Mueller, T. Mertz, G. Mertz and J. Collins