



Selectmen's Meeting  
Town Office  
Wednesday, May 13, 2015  
6:00 P.M.

Present: Selectmen Roberta Oeser, Dan Aho, Robert Hamilton, Town Administrator Jane Pitt and Finance Director Ellen Smith

### **Approved** Minutes

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN'S FORUM

GENERAL BUSINESS

Dan made a motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll manifests for May 7, 2015 and May 14, 2015 with a second by Roberta, approved 3-0.

Roberta made a motion to approve the minutes of April 29, 2015 with a second by Dan, approved 3-0.

#### **Advent Lutheran Church Raffle – Julie Sementa :**

Roberta made a motion to allow the Advent Lutheran Church to hold a raffle of a wooden cedar trunk from May to November 2015, Dan seconded, approved 3-0.

#### **Perambulation Final Report – Ben Germano:**

Ben Germano, member of Boy Scout Troop 308, presented his final report on the perambulation. He found 4 stone monuments and all boarders located on a road were clearly identifiable either by signage or by the road quality; Rindge's roads were better maintained.

Bob informed the public that he would work over the next year to introduce legislation that would eliminate the perambulation requirement in effect making Ben the last perambulator of the Town of Rindge. Ben was then presented with a proclamation stating that he had in fact completed the task and that the Board extended its sincere thanks for a job well done.

Roberta made a motion to accept the perambulation report as completed, seconded by Dan, approved 3-0.

#### **Pipeline – Task Force Update:**

After the last BOS Meeting, a post was made to the Town's Facebook page asking residents to contact Jane if they were interested in joining the Task Force as a citizen member, there were 2 seats to be filled.

The following individuals came forward, Holly Koski, Bill Thomas, Susan Wessels, Maryann Harper, Betty Anders and Jan Griska.

Roberta made a motion to appoint the first two individuals who came forward, Holly Koski and Bill Thomas, as citizen members of the Pipeline Task Force, Dan seconded, approved 3-0.

**Van Dyke Abatement Request:**

# 14-03 Jamison Van Dyke Map 3 Lot 38-2

Tabled from the last BOS meeting, Roberta had since been to the property and concluded that the assessment was in fact too high. Roberta made a motion to accept Mr. Van Dyke's abatement request and remove the "view assessment", Dan seconded, approved 3-0.

**Atlas Fireworks Permit:**

The annual inspection of the facility has been completed by Casey Burrage of the Rindge Fire Department. The inspection is necessary due to the nature of Atlas' business, selling fireworks. Roberta made a motion to grant Atlas a permit to sell fireworks, Dan seconded, approved 3-0

**Public Hearing: Laying Out and Acceptance of Atlantic Drive:**

Bob opened the public hearing at 6:30. Dan recused himself as he is related to the petitioners. Former Selectman, Sam Seppala, joined Roberta and Bob at the table, acting as Dan's substitute.

Scott Hakala and Larry Olin were present as petitioners, asking the BOS to accept Atlantic Drive as a Town Road. According to Mr. Hakala, Atlantic Road was completed in 2004 and he has been maintaining the road ever since. Several residents expressed their support of Mr. Hakala and Mr. Olin stating that this road is a "financial burden" and that the Town would be "foolish not to take over the road".

Jane informed the Board that TF Moran had conducted a final inspection, the work is in compliance with Town specifications and that they recommend the Town accept the road with a bond until the work on Michael's is done.

Roberta noted that the BOS makes most of its decisions based on costs. There are no extra funds available in this year's budget to pay for maintenance of newly accepted roads. Director of Public Works, Mike Cloutier stated that his budget has remained relatively level since 2008; however, if the BOS is going to be accepting roads, his budgets will need to be increased, he said that he is not against road acceptance; however, the budget needs to be funded to properly maintain these assets. He also stated that he cannot keep up with paving of existing, so adding roads will only make him fall further behind.

Bob declared the public hearing closed.

Sam made a motion to layout and accept as a public road, Atlantic Drive, which road is shown as "Old Route 119" on a subdivision plan entitled "Subdivision Plan for Scott R. & Ina E. Hakala" dated January 19, 2004, and approved by the Planning Board on January 20, 2004. Said plan is recorded in the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds in Cabinet 12, Drawer 9, Plan Number 10. Said road to be accepted upon receipt of a bond or letter of credit in the amount of \$ 15,000 for a period of 5 years or until Michael Drive is paved with the finish coat. Said bond to insure repairs of any damage to Atlantic Drive caused by construction activity on Michael Drive, seconded by Roberta, passed 3-0.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### **MRI Report Response Action Plan:**

Chief Muilenberg submitted his plan to the BOS and members of the public. Last year the Police Department underwent a review by Municipal Resources, Inc and provided the Town with a comprehensive study. The recommendations of MRI were prioritized and are being acted upon. The report shows the status of each item. Roberta reminded the Board that a similar study was conducted in 2000 and the report was shelved. It was recommended that the Chief provide a similar report every six months.

### **Pipeline Coalition Update:**

Roberta briefed the BOS on the last coalition meeting she attended. Coalition members are planning to hire an attorney. Several municipalities raised funds through warrant articles to help fund the cost, several raised none. There is a general belief that the smaller communities should be allowed to contribute a small amount, perhaps \$ 1,000, to show that there is in fact a large numbers of communities in opposition to the pipeline.

### **Adjournment**

Bob made a motion to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II(b) for personnel, Roberta seconded, approved 3-0.