



Selectmen's Meeting
Town Office
Wednesday, June 24, 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

Roberta reminded those in attendance that the Family Festival and Fireworks will be held in the Town Center on Friday, July 3, 2015 from 5pm-9pm. Volunteers are still needed to assist with parking, barricades and shuttling people in golf carts. Tractors participating in the parade will meet at the transfer station at 4:00pm and bicycle parade participants are to meet at the Police Station.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Dan made a motion to approve the accounts payable and payroll manifests for June 18, 2015 and June 25, 2015 seconded by Roberta and approved 3-0.

Roberta made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10, 2015 seconded by Dan and approved 3-0.

Bob reported out the three items discussed earlier in the evening during the nonpublic session, they are as follows:

1. Officer Erin Minihan has resigned from the Police Department, tonight is her last shift. Chief Muilenberg is in the final stages of recruiting a replacement.
2. Timothy Goodwin, Recreation Director, recommended to the Board that John Kohlmorgen's hourly pay rate increase from \$ 9.00 per hour to \$ 11.00 per hour. Since January 1, 2015, John has been acting as the Sports Coordinator. This increase will be absorbed in part through the Recreation Department's general fund budget with the majority being funded by the revolving fund. Roberta made a motion to raise John Kohlmorgen's hourly pay rate from \$ 9.00 per hour to \$ 11.00 per hour effective January 1, 2015, seconded by Dan, approved 3-0.
3. The 2015 budget contained a wage pool of \$ 18,867. The Board reviewed the proposed wage pool allocation schedule that was distributed in the nonpublic session, now being made available for the public to read. The budget allowed most non-management staff to receive a 1.75% increase in pay. Board members agreed that this was a reasonable allocation and close to the Social Security cost of living increase for 2015 of 1.7%. Most importantly it would keep the Town from falling behind in wage adjustments as it had for many years. Roberta made a motion

to grant the increases as presented in the “Wage Pool Distribution” spreadsheet effective January 1, 2015, seconded by Dan, approved 3-0.

Inventory of Town Owned Property:

Jane discussed with the BOS the inventory of property owned by the Town, emphasizing those parcels obtained through the tax deeding process. Board members focused on properties that are ripe for sale. Many of the properties are small parcels that will most likely be sold to abutters. There are however a few that are considered premium and have the potential to generate significant revenue for the Town. Those listed as most desirable are as follows:

Map 6 Lots 26-3-1 thru 3-14 Cromwell Court. This property was subdivided and permitted with 14 lots and is surrounded by nearly 50 acres of open space.

Map 36 Lot 3-1 Weidner Drive. The 4 acre parcel has substantial waterfrontage and is located directly adjacent to the entrance of Franklin Pierce University. There is a garage on the property that currently holds Town property with little to no value.

Map 45 Lot 11 Sandy Shores. Buildable lot with a “shack” like structure.

Map 2 Lot 9-1-4 Rand Road. Split level home abandoned by former owners. This property has been held by the Town for less than 3 years which makes it harder to sell so the Board agreed that it is probably best to wait.

Map 9 Lot 8 and Map 35 Lot 10 Kimball Road. Again, held less than three years. Property does contain a dwelling, the lots are across the street from each other and one is waterfront. Consensus was to hold until the 3 years is up and consider selling these parcels together.

Map 13 Lot 32 Monomonack Terrace. Bank of America has been in touch with the Town and is interested in repurchasing this property. This would yield approximately \$ 39,000.

The next steps are for the Conservation Commission to present their recommendations at the next BOS meeting, decide whether to auction or sell the parcels through sealed bid. The BOS may want to put a minimum bid or other conditions/restrictions on these sales. The Board would like to hold the sales before Labor Day.

Pipeline Update - FERC letter regarding Scoping Session – Contribution:

Roberta shared with the Board a letter from the NH Municipal Pipeline Coalition to Governor Hassan requesting a meeting to share concerns and recommendations about the proposed pipeline.

Roberta made a motion to be authorized to sign the letter to Governor Hassan and other members of our delegation on behalf of the Rindge BOS, Dan seconded, approved 3-0.

Jane drafted a letter to FERC formally requesting that a pre filing scoping session be held in Rindge for the Northeast Energy Direct Pipeline Project. Roberta made a motion to sign and submit the letter to FERC regarding the pre filing scoping session, Dan seconded, approved 3-0.

As was discussed at the last BOS Meeting, Maryanne Harper presented a check for \$ 1,000 to the BOS. Roberta made a motion to accept the \$ 1,000 from Rindge Pipeline Awareness to be used for legal expenses with the NH Municipal Coalition, Bob seconded, approved 2-1.

Update of Robbins Road, Bancroft dam, Woods Crossing, Conversville trees, Fitzgerald Road:

At the last BOS meeting during Citizens Forum, the Board was asked about the condition of Robbins Road, specifically that it was like a washboard. The issue was brought to the DPW Director's attention and the road was being patched and it will not be paved this year. At the same meeting a concern over a dam on Bancroft Road was brought forward. Mike will address this issue in late summer/early fall after the annual paving is complete.

There was a report of a large rock on Woods Crossing which has since disappeared.

The trees planted at the Conversville extension site were eaten by deer. Mike has fertilized them and they are beginning to come back, there will be another treatment in the fall.

A tree has broken on Fitzgerald Road near the Clark property. In order for the Highway Department to address the issue, the BOS needs to grant permission because this is a scenic road. Dan made a motion to remove the tree damage on Fitzgerald Road, Roberta seconded, approved 3-0.

Memorandum of Understanding-Recreation Department-Afterschool Programs:

The BOS reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the last year of a 5 year 21st Century Community Learning Center (21CCLC) Grant. The Recreation Department had an established afterschool program before the school district got involved with this grant. The grant funding in turn subsidized the existing program. Roberta made a motion to authorize Timothy Goodwin to sign the 21 CCLC MOU as designated by the BOS after two changes are made to the document. First, spell out 21 CLCC and second, change the signature line from Craig Fraley to Timothy Goodwin, seconded by Dan, approved 3-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

May Revenues and Expenditures- Distributed

Argent Franchise Agreement Update:

Argent is a cable company that serves approximately 100-125 customers in Rindge. The Town has been chasing Argent for an agreement for nearly 7 years. Jane and the Telecommunication Committee are in the final stages of drafting an agreement which will be brought forward for the Board's review at a future meeting.

Camper Permit:

Roberta made a motion to approved Carol Donovan's annual camper permit for 2015, seconded by Dan, approved 3-0.

Adjournment