



Selectmen's Meeting
Town Office
Wednesday, April 4, 2013
6:00 P.M.

Present: Selectmen, Sam Seppala, Roberta Oeser, and Dan Aho, Town Administrator, Carlotta Lilback Pini, and Executive Secretary, Nicole Sesia

Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN'S FORUM

No one came forward.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Roberta moved to accept the payroll and accounts payable manifests. Dan seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

NH DOT- Forristall Road and Route 202 plan.

Bill Oldenberg, Project Manager for the State of NH Department of Transportation explained that there had been a high number of crashes at the intersection. South bound traffic is not seen by people coming out of Forristall Road (2002-2010, 9 severe crashes). He proposes an offset right turn lane and a painted island, so cars in the right turn lane won't be in the line of site for the cars coming off Forristall Road. He explained that the initial problem identified was the maintenance of the island on Forristall Road, and they had agreed to take it out, but studies show drivers won't go up to the stop bar if there is no island. Therefore, he is proposing a 50 foot island with granite curbs (concrete). 2 signs (keep right, no left turns) would be also be placed there.

Roberta said she had watched the traffic. Of about 35 cars, 9 didn't stop, and the rest were almost all over the line. She doesn't think it will be a problem with pulling up to the line. Carlotta said that the DOT came to the Roadway Committee and reviewed the changes. The Committee recommended approval. Mike Cloutier, Director of Public Works, noted that the island maintenance is a nightmare, which is why he was opposed. The biggest damage is caused by bigger trucks. Mr. Oldenberg explained that the curb will be imbedded in concrete, with concrete along the side. A divided line will be paved with a rumble strip in between. It will stop people from making a wide swing and keep people in their lanes. The State plows over the whole thing even the rumble strip and around the island on Forristall Road, with a turnaround spot after the island. The Town has no money in this except the future maintenance of the island. The entire construction is funded by the State. NH DOT looked at shortening the right turn lane so cars had to slow but did not see the gain of safety benefits, but rather the possibility of more rear ends. Their plan is ready to advertise (hopefully) for April 23rd. Dan made a motion to accept the plan as shown and amended, Roberta seconded it, and the Board was all in favor.

NH DOT requested signatures acknowledging who does the construction and will maintain it before they start.

Director of Public Works:

Mike Cloutier requested permission to buy the truck to replace the 2001 one-ton. It was voted on and approved already. \$35,614 is the cost of the new truck with trade-in of the old truck. The new truck needs to go to Fairfields for the pump and hydraulics (\$15,300). \$51,000 total, and funds were appropriated for \$55,000. Roberta moved to go forward with the purchase. Dan seconded, and the Board was all in favor. Mike said he was probably 3 or 4 months away from having the truck.

Life and Public Safety Director

Rick Donovan noted that the command vehicle purchase in article 13 passed. He got three prices, with the special service package. The best was the Tahoe (for police and fire use) which had a lot of harnesses already included. It serves our needs better than the Suburban and is better on gas. The Suburban doesn't have the special service package. The warrant article was for \$35,000, which he will spend on the vehicle and the command center. Carlotta pointed out that he could only spend a total of \$35,000 -- even with the trade, he cannot exceed that. Rick said that he would use the proceeds from the sale of Engine 2 to pay for the lights and radios. Anything from the old truck that can be used will be used (lighting usually isn't usable) Dan made a motion to order the truck and the command system.

Nixel system:

Rick said that it is similar to Code Red, but this is a free service, with a limited number of things we can post on the site throughout the year. Emergency management will use it to inform the citizens of emergency situations (alerts). The Town will put it onto our website so people can register cell and home phone for notifications. When an event happens Deb, Rick, or Frank can post on it. It would alert you once something has been posted (text and email). It can be used for emergencies only (120 posts a year or 10 a month). You need a cell phone or computer to receive messages (should be able to start sign up next week). A question was raised about security. Rick said that the customer's information is in Nixel's database, so nobody can see that information. Rick has to type in a code to ensure that it is him who's posting (Nixel sends confirmation code to verify). There are no maintenance costs.

Rick said he had no update on the SCBA's. 3 weeks ago rejection letters were sent out. We haven't received one. A committee has been working on finding the best SCBA's. The fire department will not be moving forward until we have heard from the Feds for approval or rejection.

Telecom Committee

Craig Clark (chair) and Al Lefevre(member) were present. Carlotta explained that former Selectman, Art Fiorelli had started this committee in 2006. The Committee worked with a number of companies to get them to serve Rindge, but to no avail Argent has 130 to 150 customers. Satellite and wireless are limited due to speed. US cellular has 3G which is still not as fast as we could have. Hopefully we will have 4G from Verizon, which is much faster. FastRoads serves the southwest corner of town. Massive open online courses, a type of online interactive (webcam) class, are almost impossible with the technology in Rindge. FastRoads will hopefully give us get a good start into better technology. 107 people have signed up, more haven't been processed, with probably a total of 115-120 (50 more outside of the designated area have signed up). Fiber will be strung up and a box will be put outside of the house. When a service provider has been chosen the house will then be wired if the homeowner signs onto the contract. Any internet service provider can provide service on the network (Wivalley is the only one to do so thus far). Sid from Design Nine said that the network would be limited by the service purchased contracts (cheaper=slower). We are close to signing and having a price. Signing up

before the deadline just commits people to a connection under the federal grant. The cost of service is on the subscriber. The remainder of fiber that goes through the town is for community anchor institutions. The grant does not fund going off those strands, so people would have to absorb the cost to add fiber internet to their homes. Quality increases but the price should be the same as old prices. The Telecom Committee is looking to find out who has access to what and where to determine where to consider expanding. The Committee submitted a request to Google for Google's high speed internet, but was denied. Carlotta said that anybody who has an interest in the FastRoads internet should fill out a connection agreement. The State of NH is collecting information of internet speed, so please go online to test your internet speed.

Town Gown Powerpoint presentation:

Charlie Eicher and Frank Morrill, members of the Town Gown Team, went through their presentation, providing history on the formation of the Team, its early challenges and its current successes. They noted that effective communication is the reason there is a decrease in money being spent on emergency services to FP.

Computer Committee

Carlotta said there had been recent discussion about the best way to maintain the Town's network. She recommended reviving the town's Computer Committee. She noted that in 2010, Tom from Sequoya, gave the Town 2 options, buy or lease new computers, or rent computers from him fully supported as a turnkey operation. The Town agreed to a 4-year commitment. Roberta questioned why the Town pays so much for computers when we could buy a new computer for \$400? Carlotta explained that a lot of stuff is loaded onto cheap computers. On a business machine all of that stuff would be taken off and a one year warranty would be changed to 4-year. With the business package (Microsoft business etc.) we would only save about \$15. Roberta said that computers were never put out to bid, and there was no competitive pricing. Carlotta explained that the Town was leasing from Dell before we got into this contract. With Sequoya's computers we are only paying \$105 per month for the hardware, support etc. Instead of \$47 per computer per month, which we were paying when we owned our own computers. Who should be on the committee will be determined next meeting.

Public Hearings

Acceptance of unanticipated revenue

Carlotta explained that the Planning Board applied for and was awarded a \$24,820 grant for a planning consultant to draft regulatory changes for West Rindge village and the 119/202 area. Design guidelines would also be developed to help maintain the historical village appearance. There will be public sessions for the West Rindge village citizens to provide input. The Planning Board is asking the Board of Selectmen to accept the money so they can move forward with the plans. There being no comments from the public, Roberta made a motion to accept the grant for the planning consultant. Dan seconded it, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion. all were in favor.

The Chair opened the hearing on the \$23,244 grant for special police patrols (red lights, enforcement, dwi) The Chief explained that there was no cost to the town except for the fuel to run extra patrols. Speed enforcement was down last year because of the lack of "bodies" (police officers). We pay out of pocket to begin with and in September get the money back. Roberta made a motion to accept the \$23,244 for the police department special patrols. Dan seconded it, and the Board was all in favor.

Library Trustees appointment

Alternates: Karla Macleod, Robert R. Carney, and James Qualey were recommended by the Library Trustees. Roberta made a motion to appoint alternates Karla Macleod, Robert E. Carney and James Qualey. Dan seconded it, and the Board was all in favor.

Town Administrator's Report

Carlotta reported that town counsel informed the Town regarding the process to reconcile two contradictory votes, this it has never happened before, and there are no laws on it. He thought perhaps 2 special town meetings might be required to vote on rescinding the 18 month budget and if it's approved to proceed to a second meeting to adopt a 12 month budget. The Town would have the first session be one meeting session and the 2nd be a 2nd meeting session. The rest of the timeline depends on the court to schedule a hearing. After some discussion the Board agreed to submit the petition to the courts for the budget and send the warrant to the DRA for certification.

BAC

The BAC will discuss the 12 month budget at next meeting. The Default budget will be developed by April 17th. They will need a budget between the 17th and the 21st

Atlas Fireworks Permit – they are asking for a renewal. Dan made a motion to renew the Atlas contract Roberta seconded it, and the Board was all in favor.

The Trails meeting is a lot of organizations helping with Rindge trails (Sno moles, Franklin Pierce, etc.)

Roberta made a motion to go into non-public for personnel per RSA 91:a 2. Dan seconded, and the Board was all in favor.

Adjournment