



Selectmen's Meeting
Town Office
Wednesday, September 18, 2013
6:00 P.M.

Present: Selectmen Sam Seppala- Absent , Roberta Oeser, 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

Dan made a motion to accept the accounts payable and payroll for 9/11 and 9/18. Roberta seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Roadway met on the first Thursday of the month and is ready tonight with a couple of recommendations. The committee voted to consider a stop sign in the intersection of Old New Ipswich Road and Shaw Hill Road. There is one coming from one direction. One going the other direction would slow the traffic going into the dangerous intersection. Roberta thinks it would be wrong that the through street have to stop where Shaw Hill is just an intersecting street. Bob Cleland explained that Shaw Hill would be a blind stop and you would have to go into the road to see oncoming traffic. Don Cook agreed that visibility is a problem. Roberta thinks that a stop sign on Shaw Hill Road would slow people down. Charlie Eicher explained that Chief Morrill had looked at it from a safety point and decided that a stop sign on Old New Ipswich Road would be more beneficial than a stop sign on Shaw Hill Road. Mike is going to cut down some brush that is up on the side of the stone wall that is obscuring some of the view. Roberta asked how the visibility west bound coming from New Ipswich is? Can you see Shaw Hill and everything around?

Dan made a motion to approve putting a stop sign on Old New Ipswich Road facing East Bound. Roberta seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

DES sent notices to local Conservation Commissions about Turtle Crossings. Bob Cleland informed the Board that there has been a slaughter of turtles on the road. The Conservation Commission decided that putting up turtle crossing signs would be most efficient. Mike Cloutier would install the turtle crossing signs in the spring. Holly Koski asked if there was any way to coat the signs from graffiti. Mike explained there is no good way to keep graffiti off.

Dan made a motion to accept the proposal for turtle crossing signs. Roberta seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Bob Cleland would like to thank Mike Cloutier and the DPW for the terrific job they did with the new Christmas tree.

Mike Cloutier would like to return thanks to Bob Cleland for the donation of the new Christmas tree. The Conservation Commission also donated a tree for the Town Office lawn.

Rick Kohlmorgen, chairman of the Personnel Committee is present to submit some recommendations dealing with the progressive discipline policy. A progressive discipline policy would give the Board and the Town a policy to discipline employees. The example passed out says Primex but will be changed to say Town of Rindge. Roberta stated that it is strict enough but still has some flexibility. There would be a few word changes. Carlotta suggested running the policy by the department heads. Roberta added we should wait for Sam to return to get his input. Roberta suggested we should change Primex to Town of Rindge and edit the wording and then show the Department Heads.

Certain members of the Personnel committee have terms that were up. Expired members include Joe Hill, Kim McCumings, Rick Kohlmorgen, and Ted Covert. Kathy John was appointed last year but there was never a meeting so her term expired.

The Conservation Commission voted to pay the remainder of the dues for Southwest Regional Planning Commission for the rest of the year. One of the conditions of the approval was that Richard Mellor could continue on as the liaison for the entire contract. Roberta stated that Richard was always good about attending all of the meetings.

Roberta nominate Richard Mellor to be the liaison for Southwest Regional Planning Commission. Dan seconded the nomination and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Carlotta advertised to form a computer committee. Mike Dipasquale and Mr. Sangermano, Phil Moto, and Pat Martin all were interested in joining. Carlotta said she would like to sit in on the meetings and that maybe Dan Anair would like to be involved. Roberta suggested first starting off with an inventory of what the needs are by department, and some requests for proposals with some type of support. Roberta made a motion to appoint Mike Dipasquale and Mr. Sangermano, Phil Moto, and Pat Martin to the computer committee. Dan seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Rick Sirvint would like to be the town representative for the Jaffrey Rindge School Budget Advisory Committee.

Dan made a motion to appoint Rick Sirvint as the town representative on the Jaffrey Rindge School Budget Advisory Committee. Roberta seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Next year Mike would like to pave Thomas Road, Perry Road and Hunt Hill Road.

Douglas Finch own 3 lots in Hillside Cemetery. Mr. Finch would like to sell lots for more than what he paid for them to outside parties. Our ordinance isn't clear on this. Roberta suggested charging a 5 dollar fee for the transfer of title. ~~The Town owns quite a bit of land beyond the Cemetery and will be expanding soon.~~ Roberta explained that he would have to bring us back the paperwork for a transfer of deeds.

2014 budget time lines

Ellen was not feeling well tonight but did give a proposed time line. Other towns CIP s are not much different than ours. There needs to be someone on the outside who can look at all of our needs. We can't be paying the lease payment and saving money for the Fire Dept. Mike Cloutier will need a 6 wheeler next year with the plowing equipment (\$100,000). Carlotta's recommending that we do what we have

been doing and take in suggestions. What the CIP committee does is pull in all information, proposes a plan and then brings it to the Board. Tomorrow Carlotta will give the department heads the forms to update their plans. The Town currently has 55 miles of paved road. The petition to pave Old New Ipswich road is being circulated. We are already a little behind schedule with the budget planning. Tom Coneys should start scheduling Budget Advisory Committee Meetings in October. Joint sessions should be public meetings.

Roberta made a motion to send out the civil forfeiture notice for the late dog licenses. Dan seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously in favor.

Update on planning director search. We don't have the letter of employment back yet but it is hopeful that we will have a new planning director soon.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Chief Morrill new cruiser was delivered, it is grey.

Craig said the soccer program is underway. Rene Sangermano has taken over the after school program and is doing a great job. Craig is trying to request a full time member paid for from of the revolving fund except for benefits instead of several part time employees. It would turn out less cost for the town.

A thank you in the newspaper from the Board of Selectmen to the Bob Cleland and Sunrise was suggested.

Jonathon our maintenance man has been painting our offices.

The Window project at the Meeting House continues. They are developing paint specs for next weeks meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / COMMUNICATION

Energy commission has awarded the contract and creating an RFP for weatherization of the Town Office

The ZBA will be re-hearing the Hunt case.

MS-1 was passed out for review

Motion to go into non-public for Personnel RSA 91- A: 3 II (a) made by Roberta, seconded by Dan. All I favor.

Adjournment