

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
December 23, 2013

PRESENT: SEAN P. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN; RICHARD H. HARTUNG, SELECTMEN; PRISCILLA R. LINDQUIST, SELECTMAN; SALLY THERIAULT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Guests: P. Williams (Tri Town News), Chief Beaudoin, J. Worthen, M. Murphy

Public Announcements

1. Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm - Public Hearing on the budget and warrant articles at the Town Office Building.
2. Friday, February 7th at 7:00 pm – Deliberative Session at the Hampstead Middle School.
3. Waste Oil, fluorescent light bulbs, car batteries and thermostats are collected at the Town Garage on the first and third Saturdays of the month 8 am to 1 pm. Books may be dropped off anytime.

Visitors Comment

There were none.

Department Heads

Highway Department- J. Worthen

Mr. Worthen was originally going to ask to encumber funds for the water line to the Town Garage but has decided to do the deposit in 2013 and the balance of the \$1,600 in 2014 whereas his budget is almost spent as of today. The timeframe on the job is contingent on when the line is done to the new police station. There is a contract with Hampstead Area Water Services for \$1,600 with \$800 due on signing the contract to do the water line.

Selectman Hartung motioned to allow the Chairman to sign the contract for the water line to the garage with Hampstead Area Water Services. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor. Chairman Murphy noted that it was looking for two signatures, but all agreed on leaving it with the signature of the Chairman.

New Business

Encumber Funds from 2013 Budget

Mrs. Theriault explained that \$6,800 needs to be encumbered per the agreement with Mid Maine Restoration (MMR) for the work to be done at the town office for the next phase. The original amount was actually at \$4,800 but there was an additional cost of \$2,000 for the rotted wood discovered. Selectman Hartung motioned to encumber \$6,800 for line 1001-41942-43000 (Town office R&M) and to use line 1001-41941-12002 (Buildings and Grounds Salaries) for the amount and to reduce the 2014 budget by \$3,000. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Lindquist was going to look at encumbering the balance of the agreement with Dave Dupouy for work at the museum, but the money in the 2014 budget should cover the cost.

Public Hearing

7:15 p.m. Public Hearing:

Donation of land - Map 11/Lot 47, 127 Buttrick Road –Mr. J. Gilmartin donated the land at Map 11 lot 47 and asked that the taxes be waived. The land was discussed at the last Selectmen's meeting and it was noted that Conservation Commission is interested in the parcel. The hearing asked for public input. M. Murphy had a concern with setting a precedent by waiving the taxes owed.

Selectman Hartung motioned to accept the donation of map 11 lot 47 and to waive the taxes owed.

Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Theriault will contact the Conservation Commission to let them know they can start the process to acquire the property.

Acceptance of \$15,000 donation from SC Johnson-

The Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee was given a donation from SC Johnson, which sponsored the Recyclebank 50 State contest. They stated that they were impressed with the recycling program and wanted to contribute to the program to further the recycling efforts.

It was suggested that a warrant article be placed on the 2014 warrant creating a revolving fund for recycling and to use the \$15,000 to fund it.

The public hearing was closed at 7:25 pm.

Ratification of the Police Union Contract

Chairman Murphy explained that the current police contract expires March 31, 2014. Negotiations with the police union have resulted in a 3% increase for the next two years and a change in the notice requirement for details to be cancelled by the Road Agent. There is also a \$1 increase yearly in the rate of the detail pay to an officer. The terms of the contract were reduced from a three year contract to a two year contract. Chairman Murphy also noted that they saved money on these negotiations by not using an attorney through the process.

The current practice on details being cancelled requires a 6 hour notice and if less is received, the company is billed an automatic 4 hours and the officer is paid 4 hours. With the change being proposed in the new contract for details hired by the Highway Department, a 2 hour notice for cancellation would be required. Chairman Murphy noted that the 3% increase annually to the officers is similar to what the non-union employees are receiving (2% to 3% plus COLA annually). M. Murphy asked for the costs of the contract changes. He was told that once the contract is ratified by all the parties involved, the numbers will be calculated and will be available for the public hearing on the budget. M. Murphy asked about the possibility of other changes. Chairman Murphy responded that this is what will be brought forward, if the town votes it down, then there is an opportunity to open negotiations. M. Murphy also brought up the issue of the Affordable Health Care Act (ACA) and the potential costs to the town. Chairman Murphy stated that is why the contract is for two years so that they can look at what the possible impacts of the ACA are.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to approve the changes in the union contract as proposed for April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2016. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

It was asked if the costs of the new contract were included into the current proposed budget line on salaries. The answer is no it will be a separate warrant article with the costs added with the article.

Discussion with resident over ROW – Greg Schlicte

Mr. Schlicte and his girlfriend recently purchased land off Stoney Ridge Road and into Sandown. There is a Right of Way (ROW) that they are trying to access to run their power lines to their property. The ROW crosses over the land of two people in Hampstead. Mr. Schlicte stated that he has copies of the signed documents showing the ROW. He had the area surveyed and stated that rather than impede on his neighbors leach field and lawn, he went the long way around which is the least invasive. While cutting trees and brush to prepare the area for the poles, he had police officers from both towns stop in due to complaints from the neighbors. The Selectmen agreed that if he has the paperwork showing his has the right to use the ROW then he would need to be given a cease and desist order to stop and the neighbors that are complaining would need to take him to court or get legal counsel. Selectman Hartung asked if there was more cutting to be done and if so, if an intent to cut was taken out. Mr. Schlicte said that they did one in the Town of Sandown. The power goes between 2 homes and the pole is already there. Mr.

Schlicte will do the digging to have underground lines to his property. Selectman Lindquist asked who owns the ROW and was told no one.

Old Business

Library request for funds to cover water supply equipment

Selectman Hartung reported that he has been talking with the library and believes that if the town pays \$5,000 towards to cost of the water repairs, the library would be responsible to pay the balance of \$1,685.84. He noted that in 2013 Article 7 was approved for a non-expendable capital reserve fund for building maintenance of town buildings. Officially the library is a town building and if the funds were used from that account, there is no impact on the budget. He offered the \$5,000 with the contingency that if the library has any funds left at the end of the year, above the \$1,685.84 (needed for their cost) that it be returned to the town. Selectman Lindquist brought up the fact that the library has a savings account that they should be able to use..

Selectman Hartung motioned to pay \$5,000 out of the Buildings and Maintenance Fund to the Library Trustees and they are responsible for the balance along with returning to the town any unspent money above what they are paying towards the water bill. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Worthen mentioned that he was recently talking with a representative from Hampstead Area Water Company (HAWC) and they mentioned that the library may be able to get hooked up to HAWC when the new gas station goes in. There is a new line that will connect Mary E. Clark Drive to Consolidated Plastics and that will be put in by the developers of the gas station.

Liaisons Reports

Chairman Murphy- Nothing to report

Selectman Lindquist- Nothing to report

Selectman Hartung- Highway Department- Selectman Hartung just wanted to throw it out there that the salt shed at the highway department is getting beyond being repairable. He congratulated the Road Agent for managing well the deliveries and storage of the sand and salt. Chairman Murphy asked how long a full shed would last. Mr. Worthen said that it could last a couple of good storms. There is a possibility of a temporary structure down the road. Mr. Worthen also said that when the discussion of the police station was happening, they looked at moving the highway department to the transfer station but that the estimate of the move was around \$450,000.

Memorandum of Understanding with area churches-

There are no changes to the agreements with the area churches which allows the town to plow their parking lots in exchange for the various services they provide the community.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to reaffirm the MOU for 2014 with the area churches. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and they signed the agreements.

Re- Appointments/Appointments

Call for Candidates:

- o Ordway Park, full members and alternates – monthly meetings
- o Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee – monthly meetings

Correspondence

PSNH- A request for utility easement for PSNH for the new police station was received. The line will go along the town property behind the sand pile and near the road where they will park and will then go underground to the station.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to approve doing whatever was necessary to get the PSNH poles to the new police station. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Brox Industries Mr. Worthen asked if the Selectmen would consider extending the contract with Brox Industries into 2014. They agreed to hold the price to the 2013 rate at \$115 hand, \$69.20 machine, \$5 per gallon tack, \$5,00 per linear foot of burm and \$607.50 per ton of liquid asphalt. Mr. Worthen said that he checked area towns and they are paying similar prices. Selectman Hartung stated that he was reluctant to extend the contract into 2014 whereas they extended it in 2013 and questioned if we were getting the best price. Mr. Worthen asked them to consider doing it for 2014 and then in 2015 would go out to bid. Mr. Worthen has had no issues with the company and it was remembered that they were not the low bidder when it did go out for RFP, but were near the bottom.

Selectman Hartung motioned to extend the contract for Brox Industries into 2014 and then to send it to bid in 2015. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitors Comments

There was none.

Non Public Sessions

Selectman Lindquist motioned to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (e) litigation at 8:20pm. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes;

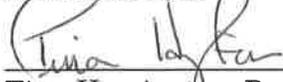
Selectman Lindquist motioned to come out of nonpublic session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (e) litigation at 8:28 p.m. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes;

Motion to seal the minutes was made by Selectman Lindquist with a second by Selectman Hartung. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Hartung made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.



Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

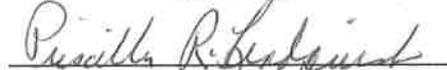
Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman