

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2015**

PRESENT: SEAN P. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN, PRISCILLA R. LINDQUIST, SELECTMAN; CHAD BENNETT, SELECTMAN

Visitors: P. Williams (Tri Town News), Chief Beaudoin, J. Worthen, J. Forbes,

Public Announcements

- Compost bins are available at the Town Offices. The cost for each bin is \$50 each.
- Waste Oil, 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 followed the suggestion of the Selectmen from the previous meeting and checked out prices of Chevy trucks and Dodge trucks. He presented the Selectmen with a spreadsheet detailing the information on the two types of trucks with the equipment along with the Ford he talked about previously. He also stated that he spoke to a local mechanic and the Dodge truck was recommended. The mechanic stated that he would buy one because they have few issues. Chairman Murphy asked Mr. Worthen when he thought the truck should be purchased. Mr. Worthen said it would be best for the truck to be in place at the beginning of the year, so any time after January 1st.

Chairman Murphy motioned to allow the Road Agent to move forward with his recommendation of purchasing a Ram 3500 with the 9 foot straight fisher plow at \$53,823.00. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.

Selectman Bennett asked how many people around Mr. Worthen use a Dodge Truck for plowing, because he doesn't see a lot of them out there. Mr. Worthen responded that it is said that the Dodge Truck is better than what it was 5-6 years ago. Selectman Bennett stated that he uses Chevy and GMC and has no issues with them. He stated that he hasn't heard of any issues with Dodge Trucks. Chairman Murphy asked Mr. Worthen if he told the various dealers that he was calling that the truck would be used for plowing. Mr. Worthen said that it is 400 lbs. of torque/HP on the Dodge.

Chairman Murphy asked to table the motion until the next meeting and asked Mr. Worthen to talk to a few other mechanics and ask around about the various trucks to see how the mileage is and the dependability on them. The Selectmen would be able to collectively make a decision with all the information.

New Business

Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement Updates

Mrs. Theriault read through the updated language for the Road Agent Mutual Aid Agreement. There is nothing out of the ordinary. It just merely clarifies language within the agreement and it needs to be signed by a member of the BOS. Once they receive all the draft changes concurred by the various boards, the PW Mutual Aid District will incorporate the changes and send the new contract to all the participating members.

Chairman Murphy motioned to accept the changes to the NH Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Old Business

Liaison Reports

Chairman Murphy

Nothing to report

Selectman Lindquist

Historic Commission- They recently met and announced that the painting project at the museum is complete. The new sign for the Meeting House is on order and they are waiting on the DOT now.

Selectman Bennett

Nothing report.

AA Report:

Update on PSNH Case

The Bureau of Tax and Land Appeals voted in favor of the Towns for the years of 2011 and 2012. So unless PSNH asks for a rehearing and wins, the Town will not have to repay PSNH approximately \$392,000 in taxes that it received.

Emergency Operations Plan

Mrs. Theriault is working with Emergency Management Director and they are meeting with the new Homeland Security representative tomorrow who will help them with the EOP grant application. Mrs. Theriault has contacted 7 companies for quotes and the range is \$2,500- \$5,000. The company that did our most recent EOP responded with a quote. The grant would be a 50/50 grant.

Thornton Associates Compensation Survey

Mrs. Theriault mentioned at a previous meeting that Thornton Associates asked for the Town's participation in updating Alton, NH Compensation Survey. As a result of our participation, Hampstead received a copy. 18 Towns participated and of the 18 towns, 10 of those towns participated in Hampstead's 2008-2009 study. The benefits for the most part are comparable to other Towns. The salaries/wages, depending upon the position, range from being on the low side to exceeding the maximum ranges. Three positions are not reported in the survey. Those positions are Administrative Assistant, Finance Administrator and Buildings and Grounds Department Head. For your reference, Mrs. Theriault placed handwritten notes on the survey, which provides Hampstead's information. She stated that the Selectmen will be able to compare Hampstead (town and police department employee) to other towns regarding benefits and wages.

Meeting Minutes

The July 13, 2015 meeting minutes have been signed and are ready for approval.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to approve the amended minutes for July 13, 2015. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Activity Log

Mrs. Theriault noted that the GASB 45 compliance has been on the activity log for a long time and there has been no activity on it. The Selectmen agreed to remove it from the activity log. (By not being in compliance with GASB 45, which requires an actuarial study on Post-Employment Benefits, the town receives a note on the annual audit of not being in compliance).

Old Police Station- Mr. Harms has spoken with a local contractor and it would cost about \$10,200 to tear down the building. It would be \$10,000- \$15,000 to renovate the building and to add the bathrooms to the sally port area. Mrs. Theriault suggested that the Historic Commission let her know what is palatable to them. Selectman Lindquist suggested that Mrs. Theriault attend one of the meetings and bring the suggestions to them.

Re- Appointments/Appointments

There was a request from Kim Colbert to be reappointed to the Recreation Commission to take the open seat vacated by Tracy Flaherty. Chairman Murphy asked if the Commission was aware of the request and ok with it. Selectman Lindquist responded that she thought so. It was suggested to approve the appointment contingent on approval from the Recreation Commission.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to appoint Kim Colbert to the Recreation Commission to complete the term of Tracy Flaherty which is March 2016 upon approval of the Recreation Commission. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Call for candidates:

- o Ordway Park, full members and alternates – monthly meetings
- o Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee – monthly meetings
- o Trustees of the Trust Funds, alternate members – meetings as needed

Correspondence

Vehicle Title for 1992 Fire truck-E4

Chief Carrier sent an email stating that the 1992 truck known as Engine 4 has a buyer for \$20,000. They will be looking to get the title transferred to the new owners.

Chairman Murphy motioned to authorize him to sign the title as the owner. Selectman Lindquist second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EMPG Grant

Chief Carrier has asked for an extension to expend the balance of the EMPG grant in 2016. He would like to use the funds to pay for the license agreement that is due for 2016. The extension needs to be signed by the Selectmen but no vote is needed.

Eagle Road Letter

There was a letter from the Association on Eagle Road and Governors Island Road regarding potential road maintenance for 2016.

Visitors Comments

There was none

The Selectmen went into a work session at 7:25 pm on a voice vote.

See separate minutes for work session. Present at work session, S. Murphy, P. Lindquist, C. Bennett, S. Theriault, J. Forbes, D. Gorrow, P. Williams, K. Emerson, J. Worthen, D. Forbes and later, J. Beaudoin. Work session went from 7:25 pm until 8:50 pm.

Return to regular session at 8:50 pm

Nonpublic Session

Selectman Bennett motioned to enter into a nonpublic session at 8:50 pm under RSA 91A: 3 II (a) employee matters. The motion was seconded by Selectman Lindquist.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Bennett- yes, Selectman Lindquist - yes and Chairman Murphy- yes.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to come out of nonpublic session at 9:20 pm under RSA 91A: 3 II (a) employee matters. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bennett.

Roll Call Vote: Selectman Bennett- yes, Selectman Lindquist - yes and Chairman Murphy- yes.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

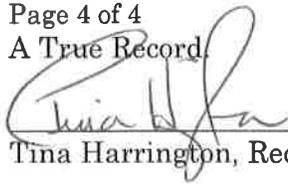
Selectman Lindquist motioned to adjourn at 9:20 pm. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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A True Record.



Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman

Chad Bennett, Selectman