

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, May 9, 2016 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

Chairman O'Brien welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on the replacement of the Young Road culvert at 6:34 p.m. Jon Olin from Hoyle and Tanner presented a PowerPoint of the proposed project. The culvert will be a 48" diameter concrete pipe culvert. Twelve hundred fifty vehicles travel over that section of road every day. Funding is from a FEMA grant which is 75% of the cost of approximately \$271,000 with the town being responsible for 25%. The culvert is currently undersized. The roadway will be raised 6". The pavement will be 24' width (10' lanes with 2' shoulders). There will be a full road closure with the project. It will be approximately 8 weeks for road closure. Construction would be in the summer of 2017. Ken Grant asked about a prestressed concrete span which is less expensive. They are doing a precast concrete span. Paul Mausteller asked about the pricing including demolition. Selectman Knapp asked about adding a bike lane to the road which would require additional width of the road. The additional cost for bike lane would be fully a cost to the town. Load limit for the culvert would be for 32,000 lbs. The Conservation Commission will also be asked to weigh in on the project. What does the Board want to do with adding width for a bike path? Selectman Gaudiello would like to see what the additional cost would be before making a decision. Mr. Olin will check on the cost. The public hearing closed at 7:02 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – May 2, 2016 - Selectman Knapp moved to accept the minutes of May 2, 2016 with corrections, seconded by Selectman Ayer. Selectman Gaudiello abstained as she was not present at that meeting. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Knapp moved to go into non-public session with department heads per RSA 91A:3 II at 7:05 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ayer. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye.

Various personnel concerns were discussed.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to adjust a highway department employee to grade 17 step 7, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Ayer moved to give a one-time payment to a highway department employee that is at the top of the scale, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to come out of non-public session at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: One Intent to Cut Timber, the first half property tax warrant in the amount of \$11,421,555, payroll manifest dated 5/1/20156 and vendor manifest dated 5/4/2016.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to appoint Cheryl Huckins as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for three years, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – nay, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – nay, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Administrator Scruton

1. Selectman Gaudiello moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a confidentiality/non-disclosure agreement, for a court case involving a private business contract, as recommended by the town's attorney, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. Selectman Gaudiello moved to authorize the Chairman to sign an extension of the lease for 333 Calef Highway to July 31, 2018 at the current terms, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. Selectman Ayer moved to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the Department of Transportation regarding the safety of Route 125, Mallego/Province Road intersection, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman O'Brien would like the Board to think about goals for the Board for discussion at the next meeting. Where do we want to be at the end of this year?

Selectman Knapp has reviewed the amendment to the Noise Ordinance and made several edits and comments. The amendment should be ready for acceptance at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken Grant would like to see a report on leased and rented equipment in the Highway and Maintenance Departments and the number of hours they are used.

Paul Mausteller asked the Board to look at the ABC recommendations and asked when will the Board be meeting with department heads.

Mr. Mausteller suggested the Board should proof read better as one of the deeds they signed had an incorrect address.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Ayer noted that the Planning Board had a short meeting. The Recreation Department's fishing derby was successful. He, along with Marcia Gasses and Rick Spinale, have been working on the sign ordinance.

Selectman Knapp recently attended a School Board meeting where the following was discussed: installing cameras with grant money where the school pays 50% (\$24,000) and Home Land Security the other 50%; the 7th and 8th grades traveled to New York and Washington; telephone and internet service will be going out to bid – he hoped that the town could partner with the school district. He was hoping that the school and town could share resources and purchasing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Walker noted that on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Joel Sherburne will be presenting the EMT of the Year Award.

Paul Masteller felt that the Board needs to research telephone and internet service.

Chief Williams suggested that the Peeper Race road closure be put on the website.

There will also be a brief road closure for the American Legion Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30th at 6:00 p.m. Route 9 will be closed from the public safety building to the cemetery.

Selectman Ayer moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the EMS Week Proclamation, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.