

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2015
6:30 pm
Town Hall Community Room

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm in the Community Room of the Town Hall by Chairman William Rowe with Selectmen Tom Carone and Melissa Randall present with the Town Manager, Ken Woodbury. Members of the public present who signed in were Irving McNaughton, Brent Randall, Dinny Wark, Richard Dobson, Gerald Jackson, Regina Jackson, Gerry Kazmierczak, Michael Kazmierczak, Cynthia Hall, Mike Lange, Brydie Armstrong, and Mike Wark.

ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM 3 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

- A. Property Tax Bills
- B. Culverts on Silvers Mills Road

ITEM 4: OPEN FORUM – ½ hour time limit

There were no comments.

ITEM 5: CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Complaint filed by Richard Dobson

Passed over until the arrival of the Town Counsel.

ITEM 6: APPROVAL OF SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

- A. It was moved by William Rowe and seconded by Melissa Randal that the minutes of the May 26, 2015 Select Board Meeting be approved. The motion was approved 3-0.
- B. It was moved by Melissa Randall and seconded by Tom Carone that the minutes of the June 2, 2015 Special Select Board Meeting be approved. The motion passed 3-0.

ITEM 7: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was moved by William Rowe and seconded by Tom Carone that a contract be awarded to Fire Tech & Safety of New England, Inc. for \$19,155 for accessories needed for the new 2014 Rosenbauer Fire Truck and that to pay for the accessories that \$16,494 be appropriated from the Fire Truck Reserves (which has a balance of \$28,262), and that \$2661 be appropriated from the Fire Department regular budget fire equipment account. After discussion, the motion was approved 3-0.

ITEM 8: NEW BUSINESS

- A. The six month evaluation of Town Manager will be scheduled for executive session on either one of the next two regular meetings of the Select Board, whichever seems to have the lightest agenda.
- B. It was moved by Melissa Randall and seconded by William Rowe that the following fees be implemented: sending a fax: 0.50 per page and receiving a fax \$1.00 per page. The motion to change the fees was approved 3-0.
- C. It was moved by Tom Carone and seconded by William Rowe that the Town Manager work with Firth Construction to modify the contract for residing two sides of the Town Hall to include replacing the missing stained glass window panes on the second and third floors of the Town Hall with regular glass. After discussion the motion was approved 3-0.

- D. It was moved by William Rowe and seconded by Melissa Randall that the request for ATV access on the Knowlton Mills Road from the intersection with the Douty Hill Road to the Burroughs Road be approved under the same terms and conditions that apply to other ATV routes on town roads. The motion was approved 2-0 with Tom Carone abstaining. Tom Carone volunteered to see that the route has proper signage.
- E. The question of setting the mill rate was raised considering the rejection of the SAD#4 budget on June 9, 2015. Considering the revenue sharing from the state that has been collected and was not budgeted for, it was recommended by the Town Manager that the mill rate can be set according to the budget as passed at the Annual Town Meeting and after we receive the current town assessment from Hamlin Associates. This information may be ready for the next regular meeting of the Select Board on June 23, 2015.

Item 5: CORRESPONDENCE

A. Complaint filed by Richard Dobson

With the arrival of the Town Counsel, Thad B. Zmistowski, the correspondence from Mr. Dobson was discussed. The Town Counsel responded to the seven questions contained in the Complaint filed June 1, 2015.

1. Eaton Peabody initiated the phone conference (reference March 9, 2015 through March 12, 2015).
2. Eaton Peabody initiated the above phone conference to gather necessary information to provide due diligence in providing counsel to the Select Board on the pending petition to include a warrant article to put before the voters on an Ethics Ordinance offered by Mr. Dobson.
3. The Town Attorney has always been asked to review proposed ordinances before having them placed before the voters as warrant articles at a Town Meeting. The Select Board has the inherent authority to budget for this expense and to spend the monies as a part of the town's normal operating expenses.
4. The Select Board has the inherent authority to offer to the voters its opinion on pending warrant articles.
5. The Select Board has the inherent authority to offer to the voters the opinion received from the Town Counsel.
6. Eaton Peabody has a copy of the attested ordinance that was presented to the voters at the annual Town Meeting and this was the copy that was used to issue its opinion. It was noted that some voters being asked to sign a petition for the ordinance were either not given a copy of the ordinance or were shown a different version.
7. It is up to the Select Board to determine if it wants to call a Special Town Meeting to consider a Recall Ordinance authored by Mr. Dobson. Town Counsel does not recommend that the Board approve Mr. Dobson's request.

Following presentation by Town Counsel and hearing Mr. Dobson's explanations, It was moved by William Rowe and seconded by Melissa Randall that the request by Mr. Dobson for a special town meeting to consider his recall ordinance be denied and that Mr. Dobson can follow the regular petition procedure to place his recall ordinance before the voters at the March, 2016 annual Town Meeting. After discussion the motion to deny the request was approved 3-0.

ITEM 9: ROAD ISSUES AND MAINTENANCE/ ROAD COMMISSIONERS' UPDATE

- A. The repair of the flat-bed truck is expected to be completed in the next several days.
- B. All the Jackman Corner Quit Claim Deeds have now been sent to the registry of deeds for recording.
- C. It was moved by Tom Carone and seconded by William Rowe that the Town Manager is directed to contract for repairing the culverts on the Silvers Mills Road that have heaved starting with the worst ones first. After discussion the motion was approved 3-0.

ITEM 10: APPOINTMENTS

None.

ITEM 11: REPORTS

A. Account Balances Report for May

- 1. Checking Account \$ 70,000
- 2. Operating Reserves \$ 455,281
- 3. Capital Reserves \$ 313,751
- 5. Expected Debt (Rosenbauer Fire Truck) \$ 99,334

B. General Assistance May Report

C. The Town’s new website is up and running with a lot of material still to be added.

D. The Futures Committee is still collecting surveys and will be meeting again on June 30, 2015 at the Town Hall at 6:30 pm with all welcome to attend.

ITEM 12: CONSENT ITEMS: TREASURER & PAYROLL WARRANTS

It was moved by William Rowe and seconded by Tom Carone that the following 2015 Warrants be approved.

#69	Payroll	\$4,550.83
#70	USPS (Tax Liens)	\$2,882.05
#71	Payroll	\$2,034.63
#72	A.E. Robinson	\$470.77
#73	MSAD 4, Herrick, Paris Farmers, etc.	\$86,594.71
#74	MAY-15 State/Agent Reports	\$17,380.60
#75	Payroll (Weekly & Election)	\$2,251.68

The motion to approve the above warrants was approved 3-0.

ITEM 13: ABATEMENTS & SUPPLEMENTS:

None

ITEM 14: EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ITEM 15: ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by William Rowe and seconded by Melissa Randall that the meeting be adjourned. The motion to adjourn was approved 3-0 at 8:04.

Respectfully Submitted: Ken Woodbury, Town Manager

WILLIAM L. ROWE, CHAIRMAN

TOM CARONE

MELISSA RANDALL