



## Selectmen's Meeting Summary June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Selectman Ken Ross-Raymond, Chair	Present
Selectman Pete Ballou	Present
Selectman Joe Schmidl	Present
Town Administrator Margaret Warren	Present
Administrative Assistant Kathie Downes	Present

Visitors: see sign in sheet attached with original summary on file.

Chairman Ross-Raymond called meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

- Review and Approve Minutes 5/21/14 public and non-public meetings and 5/29/14 work session: **Selectman Ballou moved to accept all three summaries as written, Selectman Schmidl seconded. All voted in favor.**
- Review Accounts Payable & Payroll registers: **Select board moved and accepted**

### Department Updates/Issues:

- Road Agent MacDuffie: Changed culverts on North Rd and Couchtown. Also some ditching and grading on Couchtown. Selectman Ross-Raymond mentioned June 21, 2014 Salisbury Clean-up day – transfer station and roadside. Selectmen will take care of picking up bags from roadside.
- Police Log – Month of May – 16 calls: 2 – 911 hang up; 2 – Abandoned Vehicle; 1 – Assault past tense; 1 – Burglar Alarm; 1 – MV accident; 4 – Request for Service; 2 – Sex offender registrations; 1 – Suspicious MV; 2 – Theft.

North American Power – Scott Patsfield and Mike Person from North American Power in to explain about reselling electricity. They explained that the rate is generally a little less than the present carrier. However in reviewing Salisbury present electric bills it appears the total savings for one month would be \$3.03 equaling total for the year at \$36.36. Mr. Patsfield explained both Boscawen and Loudon have signed on with North American Power at a more substantial savings as they use more power than Salisbury. Some general discussion from audience ensued. Selectmen thanked the gentlemen for their presentation and all agreed not to switch utility company at this time.

Applicant for Transfer Station part-time Assistant position: William Coughlin from Gerrish Road indicated he would like to help out at the transfer station when needed. He understands that this is just a part-time position for when the full time employees are not able to work. Selectmen explained the hiring process involves a back ground check and be certified by the State. They suggested Mr. Coughlin go to the Transfer Station this Saturday to meet both Ed Sawyer the Operator and Steve Wheeler the Assistant and see what is involved with the position. Mr. Coughlin will check back with TA Warren next Tuesday if he is still interested in being the part-time employee.

### Old Business:

- Searles Hill Rd / Snowmobile Trail: Selectmen have request from town resident who lives on the road to as a safety concern discontinue snowmobile use on Searles Hill Rd. Selectman Ross-Raymond made the following statement – “Whereas a NH laws do not allow towns to

maintain their Class VI roads with very few exceptions, any town allowing building on Class VI roads develop and adopt policies regarding same. The conditions set forth in those policies are developed first and foremost for the safety of citizens as well as for liability purposes. These policies, known as liability waivers, must be signed and recorded, also by law by anyone requesting a building permit on a Class VI road. By signing this agreement, the applicant acknowledges and agrees to take responsibility for their safety. This by no means suggests that the town boards will ignore safety issues and will work with all citizens to resolve these issues responsibly.” Ross-Raymond noted that being said the citizens making request – did in fact sign a liability waiver that requires the road to be maintain at 20 foot width. This past winter at times parts of the road was at less than 10 foot width. However, we do not know that there has been any unsafe condition – as there are no official complaints with NH F&G for 2013/2014 snowmobile season.

Trail Master Greg Miller of the Andover Snowmobile Club submitted a letter to the Board on behalf of the Snowmobile Club requesting the Selectmen vote NO in response to the request to close the Searles Hill Rd trail (a Class VI road) to snowmobile use. Stating that closure of the Searles Hill trail would have a devastating impact on Salisbury’s retail community as this is a major trail to and from the only services in town – Crossroads Country Store. Also this trail is a major connector trail to trail system in Franklin and Boscawen. He also gave copies of the petition that was signed by 139 people (Salisbury citizens and citizens from surrounding towns) requesting the trail remains open.

General discussion followed noting the following:

- NH Fish and Game has committed to do extra patrols in that area
- Report all problems – take down registration number of snowmobile and report to NHF&G. Don’t punish all but stop the one who is causing problems.
- Andover Snowmobile Club does respect landowners and citizens.
- Put more signage up – even at driveways for road vehicles as well as snowmobiles.
- Another Searles Hill Rd resident noted would like to see snowmobile trail to continue. Has not experienced any problems and appreciates the stop signs and is very cautious when driving.
- Family concerned with safety noted since snowmobilers and well as residents use the road they could have come to residents about the width of the road. Has not seen any good will. Certainly wants to see signs left up.

Kim Taylor-Miller a member of the Andover Snowmobile Club extended an invitation to the Laycox’s to come to club meetings.

The question to the BOS is whether to discontinue use of snowmobiles on this road.

Selectman Ballou noted he sees no reason to close at this time. However he would like the Snowmobile Club to continue to post property to make it safe for both residents and snowmobilers.

Selectman Ross- Raymond agrees and also asks that snowmobilers and residents to respect each other and work together.

Selectmen Schmidl also agrees the trail should not be closed. However, he still has question about if a citizen is not maintaining the road as stipulated in agreement – What are the

options. Selectmen Ross-Raymond noted the Selectmen need to review with landowner the need if indeed there is a safety issue because road width is not kept to the standard proposed. Selectman Ballou would like to have town counsel review the issue.

Selectman Ballou moved to not discontinue the snowmobile trail on Searles Hill Road and to also keep on top of the safety issues; Selectman Schmidl seconded. All voted in favor.

- Meeting Updates
  - PB – 6/2 – conditionally approved two minor subdivisions – one on Rte. 4 and one on Quimby Rd.
  - Joint Town Shared Services met 5/29. Discussed major projects and successes to this point. Working on warrant article on education funding; Energy Efficiency exploration, major purchases, and power alternatives. Next meeting will be Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM – Webster Town Hall.
  - Currier and Ives Mtg – met 6/2 - DOT to potentially identify projects along the C&I Byway. Bike and sidewalks.
- FYI Meeting Reminder
  - ZBA – 6/17 @ 7 PM – Academy Hall
  - OHD – 6/19 @ 7 PM – Academy Hall
- Posting re: Salisbury Clean Up day – 6/21/14 – 9 AM – Noon
- Dispatch – still waiting for response re: fees.
- Discussion regarding SOP and regulations of BOS and PB re: building on Class VI roads – TA Warren and Planning Assistant Rollins to be working on what needs to be changed. Selectmen asked TA to clarify with LGC.
- Crimeline – Notice received re: Salisbury is no longer participating. Selectmen Ross-Raymond will follow up.
- Pre-bid letter approved by Selectmen – Pre-bid conference scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Perambulations – Boscawen wants to do it in June - Webster and Andover – fall.
- Toilet at AH needs to be repaired – Selectman Ross-Raymond will follow up.
- Appears that the owner is living at Old Fire Station – Follow-up letter will be sent from Board.
- CNHRPC next Wednesday night

#### **New Business:**

- Explorers hosting Car Wash – Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> - 10 AM - 2 PM
- Bob Drowns, Jr. from Webster very ill – fundraiser by Webster Fire Dept. Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM – 7 PM.
- Call re Court Appointed Community Hours – Report to Selectmen
- Ratski called to say bill has been passed for 2012 flood but not 2013

#### **Public Comments:**

- **Joe Landry:**
  - Following up on MVSD plowing vs mowing. Town has not heard back from school district. Sandy Miller noted at recent school meeting Mr. Reagan said Salisbury's plowing is going out to bid. Also noted that MVSD going with Huckleberry – now ADG has given a lower bid.
  - Unitil might be willing to come in to discuss if Town can save money on utilities.
  - Impressed with way BOS has handled Searles Hill Rd situation.

**Other:** All business that shall legally come before the Board.

**Selectman Schmidl moved to adjourn at 7:53 PM Selectman Ballou seconded. All voted in favor.**

Respectfully submitted:  
Kathie Downes  
Administrative Assistant

Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting.

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Selectmen, Town of Salisbury