



Selectmen's Meeting Summary August 3rd, 2016

Chairman Ken Ross-Raymond	Present
Selectman Pete Ballou	Absent
Selectman Sam Tucker	Present
Town Administrator Margaret Warren	Absent
Administrative Assistant Kathie Downes	Present

Visitors: Taylor Gilman, Bill MacDuffie, Gayle Landry, Sandy Miller, Marcia Murphy

Chairman Ross-Raymond called meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Selectman Ballou is unable to attend tonight – therefore board will review and approve the 7/20 meeting summary at next meeting.

- Review Accounts Payable & Payroll registers - **Select board moved and accepted.**

Department Updates/Issues:

Road Agent MacDuffie:

- Old Coach Road has first coat of pavement. He noted the Academy Hall parking area will be paved at the same time as the top coat is put on the road. Does not yet have a date when this will be done.
- Bay and W Salisbury Rd are completed.
- He has been doing some grading & clean up of some trees that came down.
- Road signs that have been run over or taken down at Whittemore and Center Road intersection and New Road/Center Rd intersection. He has the Whittemore and Center Road signs to put back up. Will need to order a New Rd sign.
- Selectman Ross-Raymond spoke about having a work session with Road Agent to review the – Road Book - list of bridges needs to be updated. (AA Downes noted the list concerning bridges is probably in our office folder and book just has not yet been updated. Staff will review this and update book) Also would like to get a list of culverts on our town roads - sizes and when replaced last. For budget discussion might want to have an actual line item for culvert replacement. This topic came up at the Planning Board work session. Ross-Raymond also asked about the Maintenance of Gerrish Rd which is a Class V for Salisbury but a Class VI for Boscawen side. Does Salisbury maintain the entire road and if not does that portion revert back to Class VI. Ross-Raymond is going to follow up with LGC.

Police Log – July 2016 – total calls – 39: 4 – criminal threatening; 1 – detail request; 2 – domestic in progress; 1 – fire; 1 – F&G notified; 5 – hazardous operator; 1 – hit and run; 1 – MV accident; 1 – noise complaint; 2 animal complaint; 3 – request for service; 5 – road obstruction; 2 – shots fired; 4 – suspicious activity; 3 – theft/stolen vehicle; 1 – vehicle off the road; and 2 welfare check. Report on file in Selectmen office.

Old Business:

- Meeting Updates:
 - PB Met – 8/1/16: Work session for Chapter 10 Master Plan

- Meeting Reminders:
 - **OHD** final meeting – 8/11/16 – town greens
 - Selectman Ross-Raymond asked that AA Downes contact Lou Freeman to have the OHD event be put on the board outside the Safety Building.
- Floor Policy Proposal from Webster Selectman Johnson: Webster Selectman Bruce Johnson & Warner Selectman Clyde Carson are asking the New Hampshire Municipal Association to support legislation to reduce local property taxes by 1) fully funding the NH Education Trust fund as defined by RSA 198:38 and 2) significantly reducing the amount of \$363 million to be raised by the state property tax as defined by RSA 76:3 with any reduction to be replaced from other state revenues. Below is explanation from Johnson and Carson:
 Municipal interest to be accomplished by proposal: 1. Relieving property tax burdens on all property owners. There are times when people stand up at Town meeting and say they are overburdened on property taxes, and therefore, they cannot support town funding for needed responsibilities and projects. Well, the majority of those property taxes are not local taxes but school taxes. If reform can address the school portion of the tax bills with meaningful help from the State, then small towns can take care of what they need to. 2. Improved quality education for all children and teens across the state. This means improved educational opportunities for children and teens in poor towns that equals that from more wealthy towns. Explanation: Every year at annual school district meetings or city council meetings across the State, discussions and votes pit struggling taxpayers against children in need of an education. The reason for this is a funding formula that does not include meaningful contributions by the State of NH. It is time to correct this, and for the State to step up and increase its contributions so that local property taxpayers are not overly burdened, and so that all children receive a decent education.

Selectmen Ross-Raymond and Tucker agreed it wouldn't hurt to support the cause and voted to submit a letter to Selectman Johnson of their approval back this initiative. A letter will be prepared and sent to Selectman Johnson.

New Business:

- Utility Vehicle – gift from Ladies Auxiliary which is valued over \$5000 requires a public hearing per RSA31:95-e. Therefore a public hearing will be held at the August 17th BOS meeting at 6 PM.
- Electionet Training for upcoming Elections. Discussion about new selectman attending this training.
- Stats from Steve Wheeler – Wednesdays TS
 - June – average of 63 cars each Wednesday
 - July – average of 70.5 cars each Wednesday
 - Overall average for two months – 67 cars each Wednesday

Public Comments:

Lisa Moody – South Road: In to complain re: post card from assessing company and her inability to get someone to respond to her phone calls for an appointment. AA Downes will get in touch with Cross Country Appraisal Group and ask they contact her.

Gayle Landry – Center Road: Also voiced her concern as she as well had tried to reach them – unsuccessfully.

Selectman Ross-Raymond noted he had also received some calls about the process and AA Downes indicated town office also received some calls. It was decided to request Cross Country to come to the August 17th BOS meeting to discuss this issue.

Sandy Miller – North Road:

- Asked what fire department would do with the utility trailer being donated to the town since they still have the Tahoe. Selectman Ross-Raymond noted this is an off the road vehicle that can be used where there are no roads. More discussion will be held at the hearing.
- Farmer's Market has been held for last couple of months – but there does not seem to be a lot of people coming. AA Downes noted she has been advertising it in the Sunday Concord Monitor column. Helen Binnette is to be commended for her efforts in putting on this event.

Selectman Tucker moved to adjourn at 6 PM; Selectman Ross-Raymond seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathie Downes
Administrative Assistant

Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the August 17th, 2016 Meeting.

Selectmen, Town of Salisbury