

# Selectmen's Meeting Summary August 19, 2015

Selectman Ken Ross-Raymond, Chair
Selectman Joe Schmidl
Selectman Pete Ballou
Town Administrator Margaret Warren
Administrative Assistant Kathie Downes
Present
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Visitors: see sign in sheet attached with original summary on file.

Chairman Ross-Raymond called meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

## **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

- o Review and Approve Minutes of last meeting August 5<sup>th</sup>. **Selectman Schmidl moved to accept the summary as written, Selectman Ballou seconded. Vote in favor.**
- o Review Accounts Payable & Payroll registers. Select board moved and accepted.

## Department Heads:

Fire Chief MacDuffie – monthly update

- Stats: 3 Mutual Fire, 4 EMS; 1 MV; 1 CO; 1 Outside Fire
- Ambulance billing Comstar came back with 5% cost Chief recommends to go with them. New agreement will be drafted and submitted to the Selectmen. Chief noted it will still be a long time out before bills actually are produced 6 months or so.
- Chief reported the Turn Out Gear has been ordered (this is a 2015 budget line item)
- At their last fire meeting it was decided to purchase a new computer with Auxiliary money. Department will work with Twin Rivers Office Machines to get the computer.
- Chief announced that the Forest Warden Dinner Meeting will be 9/15 at 7 PM. Guest speaker is a Historian who will speak on the South Western NH fire of 1941 which burned 24,000 acres.
- Bids for tanker sent out heard back from one company who is not interested.
- Agreement with Concord Fire Department for Intercept was reviewed. Rate is \$549 per intercept. Selectman Ballou moved to accept contract with Concord Fire Dept as specified in the agreement; seconded by Selectman Schmidl, Vote in favor.

#### **State Police Issues:**

• Chairman Ross-Raymond reported that State Police are working with the town concerning the complaints from Whittemore Road residents and issue of unsecured house on Route 4. There has been an arrest connected with Whittemore Road issues and state police will be doing more patrols in the area. Owner of the building on Route 4 has been contacted by State Police and is going to secure the building. General discussion re: potential ordinance re: disorderly conduct. This is an issue that would have to go before town meeting. Mary Thayer, of Whittemore Road asked about damage to the road (burn outs) – who is responsible. Selectman Ross-Raymond responded there is no actual damage – black marks will eventfully fade. Thayer also concerned with speed on the road – and asked about speed bumps.

- Selectmen feel State Police are monitoring the situation and will not pursue other actions at this time.
- Town Administrator Warren noted that State Police have left blank property check requests for residents to fill out when necessary. Can pick these forms up from Selectmen's office or at police station when SP is there.
- Town Administrator Warren also stated we received a complaint of unlicensed dog and a letter will be sent to that owner. Town Clerk will follow-up next year about licensing dogs sending out reminders to those who are delinquent in getting their dogs licensed.

### Old Business:

- Transfer Station Equipment: Selectman Ross-Raymond reported that Ed Sawyer has located a loader backhoe for around \$50,000 from Beauregard Equipment. TA Warren indicates there are funds available for the purchase. Selectmen will ask Bill MacDuffie and Ed Sawyer to look at machine to see if it something town should consider. Discussion also regarding maintenance contract and general operator maintenance on new machine needs to be in place. Selectmen moved to purchase the piece of equipment if it passes the inspection and costs no more than \$50,000. Vote was in the affirmative. Selectmen also discussed putting off any major repairs to the existing piece of equipment until a decision is made re: this purchase. However, it does appear that some minor repairs are necessary sprockets and if necessary Bill MacDuffie can provide a piece of equipment at the transfer station before a new one is purchased.
- OHD Wrap Up meeting is scheduled for 8/20/15. Susan Martin, OHD Chair asked about using left over funds for Pandora ready speaker and 4 blue tooth speakers. Selectman Ross-Raymond noted that Selectmen had already agreed that any remaining balance for 2015 would be encumbered for 2016 fireworks. Selectmen suggest getting an estimate of cost for speakers to be put in the 2016 OHD budget.
- Meeting Reminders:
  - Planning Board Meet 8/24 & Due to Labor Day being first Monday in September next meeting is 9/21/15.
- Library Air Quality test was done Friday. Waiting to hear results sounded like it is not a big issue. Still looking at if venting is needed and an air exchange system. Also will have to put some kind of moisture barrier over dirt floor area in crawl space.
- Selectmen agreed to allowing the cribbage games to continue weekly (Thursdays) at town hall. As well as SHAG group to utilize the town hall on third Sunday of each month. Groups to understand if something comes up to require Town to use the building they would be bumped.

### New Business:

• Town Quilt – School request: Denise Bailey asked if quilt can be displayed at Salisbury Elementary School first couple of weeks after school starts – then it can be displayed at Town Hall. Selectmen agreed to this request. Selectman Ross-Raymond to take care of hanging it in the Town Hall.

## **Public Comments:**

• Sandy Miller – North Road: General question about bid process for tanker. Sent out by Fire Department – it is unknown by Selectmen Office who bids were sent to. Also discussed going to recent school meeting where there was discussion regarding Loudon school board member being selected out of four candidates.

Other: All business that shall legally come before the Board

Selectman Schmidl moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM; Selectman Schmidl seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted: Kathie Downes Administrative Assistant

Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the September 2, 2015 Meeting.

Selectmen, Town of Salisbury