

**Town of Webster
Office of Select Board
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303**

Select Board Meeting – November 10, 2014

Select Board present: Chairman Roy Fanjoy, Selectman Bruce Johnson and Selectman Roger Becker.

6:34 pm The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the 10/16/14 work session minutes as written; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.
- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the 10/27/14 pm regular session minutes from 4 pm to 6pm as written; seconded by Chairman Fanjoy and approved. Selectman Becker was not present.
- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the 10/27/14 work shop session minutes as written held at 6:30 pm; seconded by Chairman Fanjoy and approved. This meeting was held to open the PSB bids. Selectman Becker was not present.
- Selectman Johnson made a motion to accept the 11/9/14 work session minutes as written held at 9 am; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.
- Boat Agent appointment to the State of New Hampshire for the Town Clerk.
- DRA Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate for the sales ratio study.
- Warranty Deed to Clinton & Lisa Ham, successful bidders for the Pillsbury Lake lots Map 10-5-50 and 10-5-53 on 9/27/14.
- Delegation of deposit authority for the Treasurer.
- Sick leave slip for Mrs. Jones.

The Board discussed or approved the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- Requested Board to approve two payment holidays, for a total of one month of wages, regarding Health Trust Insurance for those employees with payroll deductions. The Board approved.
- PO #39 for the Highway Dept. to TST Hydraulics, Inc. for a permco hydraulic pump in the amount of \$914.26. Selectman Johnson made a motion to withdraw \$914.26 from the Highway Expendable Trust Fund to cover the permco hydraulic pump; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.

Police Chief Robert Dupuis presented or advised the Board of the following:

- 21 calls for service in the last two weeks with highlights read.
- He requested and was approved to buy back his Colt AR15, as was agreed, for \$1. This gun was purchased from him by the Town for \$1. Selectman Becker made a motion to approve this; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.
- Reported on 114 Deer Meadow Road regarding unregistered vehicles and found multiple cars, trailers, etc. The owner has been given a timeframe to clear the property.
- Reported on 433 Deer Meadow Road regarding unregistered vehicles and found only one. The neighbor however disputes whether the vehicles are on his property.

Fire Chief Rob Wolinski presented or advised the Board of the following:

- 144 calls for the year to date.
- Working on the 2015 budget.
- Hopkinton ambulance cost is estimated at \$31,000; not yet finalized.
- Truck or Treat night went well on Halloween.
- Requested permission to dispose of the 2005 computer seized as part of an investigation; to which the Board approved.

Road Agent Emmett Bean presented or advised the Board of the following:

- Repaired and enlarged the sand shed for use by Town residents.
- Budget – he noted there were multiple ways and costs for highway project, looking for guidance of where to start and whether the Board would require engineer studies for some. Chairman Fanjoy said the Board was looking for projections and priorities for next year. Mr. Bean listed potential projects: Complete Little Hill Road; Centennial Drive to Christopher Robert Road on Deer Meadow Road; Pleasant Street near the old Tripp residence; Detour Road; Dingit's Corner; Gerrish Road for drainage; Concord Drive to be built up and correct drainage; Deer Meadow Road culvert replacement near the Estep's property; a pipe on Gerrish Road at the Deer Meadow Road end and Clothespin Bridge Road drainage issues. Discussion ensued.
- Mr. Bean advised that Sam Cooper had not completed the pavement over the waterline repairs made in the Pillsbury Lake District. He will call Mr. Cooper to see when he plans to complete this as 11/4/14 was a previous deadline given. Mr. Bean will advise Mr. Cooper that it must be completed this week.
- Mr. Bean discussed funds needed to complete highway projects/maintenance this year, including cold patching spots and problems with beaver on Blackberry Lane. After discussion, Selectman Johnson made a motion to withdraw up to \$15,000 from the Highway Expendable Trust Fund for highway projects; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.
- He later advised the Board that he had not yet made a list of Town owned highway equipment.

R E Fanjoy

B G. Johnson

R A Becker

Old Home Day Committee Member Tara Gunnigle inquired of the Board their decision regarding appointing members to this Committee. The Board advised that it will stay status quo as a volunteer committee with no official appointments. It was recommended, but not required, that the Committee post meetings and minutes of the meetings. Ms. Gunnigle then inquired about a recording of a recent court hearing involving herself. Chief Dupuis has done the required letter of request and will be called when it is ready. She also requested a copy of a letter signed by Chairman Fanjoy, which will be provided.

Brenda Silver advised that the OHD Committee was increasing the 2015 budget by \$500 and plans on fundraising for a fireworks display next year.

Kim Fortune did a power point presentation on a Municipal Volunteer Program linked to other volunteer programs across the country, recommending a pilot program for Webster. She asked if the community would be receptive to the idea. Discussion ensued. Chairman Fanjoy requested she send a copy to the office for review. He also recommended another meeting allowing time for questions from the Board.

The Board will meet on 11/12/14 @4 pm. Sue Rauth will be invited to attend @4:30 pm; if not then they will meet with her on 11/18/14 @4 pm.

Old Business:

Selectman Johnson recommended that pursuant to RSA 664:17 and under advice from the Attorney General's Office that no political advertising shall be placed or fixed on any public property including the Town Hall. Chief Dupuis inquired if it applied to the ROW's of Town and State roads, which it does. Any posting on private property requires owner permission.

Discussed Job Descriptions. A few minor changes were made, otherwise the Board agreed to approve them.

The necessary arrangements will be made to get the donated "Welcome to Webster" sign put in place.

The Board agreed to propose a Warrant Article in 2015 to add "RSA 41:11-1 Town Property" for adoption until rescinded.

Selectman Johnson recommended that all election polling hours be 8 am to 7 pm and that the Town consider the purchase of a ballot counting machine estimated at \$3,500. Chairman Fanjoy wanted the Town Clerk and Moderator to be included in discussion and any decisions. Decisions will be made later.

The Christmas Party for all Town Officials will be on December 12th.

Mr. Bean inquired about the Boston Cane. It is in the office. Mrs. Jones will contact Barbara Corliss about possibly awarding it to Eleanor Corliss.

Sue Roberts questioned about litigation pending regarding counting machines in NH. Ms. Fortune indicated that counting machines were against the State Constitution and will forward information regarding pending litigation to Selectman Johnson on this subject.

Richard Inman inquired about the Clothespin Bridge Road water runoff issues. Selectman Becker advised the Board is just looking for the best solution. Mr. Inman inquired about the Highway Department Capital Reserve, timeframe and use of funds, possibly using funds for preserving the roads, a more practical use at this time, as it would be years before there would be ample funds for a Highway Department. Discussion ensued including comments from the audience and Board.

Ms. Fortune discussed a Concord Ordinance, after visiting Concord City Hall Legal Department, regarding a section titled Webster NH Water Municipal Uses App. 5.4 dated 4/7/1891 relative to Concord's water rights in Webster. She received a written response from Concord advising that the City Solicitors Office does not provide interpretations of the legal meaning of the City Code of Ordinances, recommending that Ms. Fortune consult her own attorney. Discussion ensued. No decisions made.

Chief Wolinski recommended that the Road Agent be allowed to fix Clothespin Bridge Road drainage if it is an emergency. Discussion ensued. No decision was made.

8:56 pm Selectman Becker made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Selectman Johnson and approved.

Roy E. Fanjoy, Chairman
SB/ bj

Bruce G. Johnson

Roger A. Becker