

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

Select Board Meeting – March 16, 2015

Select Board present: Chairman Bruce Johnson, Selectman Michael Borek and Selectman Roger Becker.

6:31 pm Selectman Johnson brought the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to elect a Select Board Chairman. Selectman Becker nominated Selectman Johnson as Chairman. Selectman Borek nominated Selectman Becker as Chairman, which he declined. Selectman Borek then seconded Selectman Becker's motion to elect Selectman Johnson. This motion was approved.

Chairman Johnson thanked the office staff for their help at Town Meeting.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Becker made a motion to accept the 3/2/15 Select Board minutes as written; seconded by Chairman Johnson and approved.
- Selectman Becker made a motion to accept the 3/10/15 Select Board work session minutes as written; seconded by Chairman Johnson and approved.
- The Select Board work session minutes of 3/12/15 are on hold until Roy Fanjoy returns as he and Selectman Becker were the only Selectmen in attendance.
- The Board signed a Tax Abatement for the Tax Collector for Map 3-72-2.
- Chairman Johnson made a motion to appoint Linda Clark as a member to the Conservation Commission until 2018; seconded by Selectman Borek and approved.
- Copies of the appointed and vacant positions for Committee and Board members were provided to the Board. Mrs. Jones will contact the Chairman asking for recommendations for re-appointments and the vacant positions. This will be on the 3/30/15 agenda.

Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham presented the following to the Board:

- Signed an Intent to Cut for Joshua Taylor – Map 4-23.
- A vacation leave slip for Mrs. Pinkham from 3/17/15 to 3/24/15 for a total of five days was approved.
- The Board signed two Yield Tax Bills: Richard George – Map 4-41 and Society for the Protection of NH Forests – Map 3-1.

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

- 50 calls for service in the past two weeks, with highlights read.
- A vacation request for Lt. Mitchell from 6/9/15 to 6/21/15.
- Chief Dupuis plans to file an application with WEX, a fuel company program that allows the purchase of gasoline from multiple gas stations. It appears that it would be less expensive than purchasing fuel from the State, though he did not have the 2015 fuel price tonight.
- Chairman Johnson inquired about the three cars parked at 374 Battle Street. Chief Dupuis is waiting to see if they will be registered.
- Chairman Johnson inquired about using Correctional inmates for work projects in the Town. This suggestion was made by Tara Gunnigle at the Town Meeting. Chief Dupuis will contact the prison. Meanwhile a potential list of projects should be made i.e. trash pick-up; parks area; grounds clean-up; etc.

Emmett Bean advised the Board of the following information of which he was aware for the Fire Department:

- Snow falling off a roof on NH Drive caused some electrical issues to which the FD responded. There have been medical calls as well.
- There is a Forest Fire Warden's Meeting in Boscawen on 3/17/15.

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

- He started posting the Weight Limit signs Friday and compliance was in effect as of this morning. Some exemptions have already been requested. He recommended giving support to the Police Department to enforce the ordinance. Discussion ensued. Chief Dupuis spoke to some of the violators, who indicated that they were not being advised of the postings. Chief Dupuis explained how he is enforcing the ordinance. Discussion included PD over-time, benefit of PD Part Time help, being

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fair to the taxpayers and the need to treat everyone equally so as to not target any one area.

- NH Drive needs work, but no unnecessary road work is done when the roads are posted.
- He filled pot holes on Clothespin Bridge Road and on the bridge where he had to build up support to hold the tar.
- Later in the meeting he inquired about Maps 10-1-48 and Map 10-1-61 voted to be offered for sale at the Town Meeting to developed abutters. He would like the opportunity to check for gravel prior to any sale, to which the previous Board had agreed as did this Board. Boundaries are not clear, but Mr. Bean would like to and will review these lots for gravel.

Treasurer Mary Smith noted that this is the time of year when funds are low.

Brenda Silver inquired about the change in the purpose of the Softball Field Capital Reserve made at the 3/14/15 Town Meeting. Chairman Johnson advised that the change in use approved allows funds to be used on either field, noting that the Webster Youth Soccer Committee had a small project expected to be done. Agents to expend are the Board and Parks Committee Chairman.

Old Business:

- Plans to re-visit proposed Highways and Roads Projects with Mr. Bean were put on hold until Mr. Bean has a chance to gather his notes. Chairman Johnson requested that Mr. Bean make a list of Clothespin Bridge projects that he could do. Mr. Bean reminded the Board that if engineer designs, wetland permits, etc. were needed then there would be a lot more planning and outside help needed, noting that he could not do steel bridge work. Discussion continued on the bridges, culverts, etc.
- Selectman Becker has been authorized by the Treasurer to approve payroll if necessary.
- Selectman Borek will review the Personnel Policy for amendments.
- The Board signed PO #9 for the Public Safety Building for snow removal around the generator in the amount of \$300. The Board discussed the ice issues to include use of thermal imaging camera to check for heat loss. Chief Dupuis will check with Unitol to see if they do energy audits. Chairman Johnson recommended waiting to see how well the safety improvements to be done this year work before taking any other action.
- Administrative Assistant replacement ad is in the paper with an application deadline of April 10th. Chairman Johnson recommended two interview committees to be appointed, mostly consisting of Department Heads. Selectman Becker has asked David Richardson to serve on the committee and he has accepted. Mrs. Jones will contact Fire Chief Rob Wolinski and Town Clerk Michele Derby. Chief Dupuis agreed to serve and Mr. Bean was asked.

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting to public comment. Dick Inman requested that the Board allow public comments during Board discussions at the Select Board Meetings. The Board agreed as long as it was orderly. Tara Gunnigle spoke in favor of this. Barbara Brown inquired about the vehicles on the vacant lot on Deer Meadow Road, advising that the boat was moved into the woods. Chief Dupuis advised that he will be sending the owner a letter.

New Business:

- A handyman is needed for small jobs at the Town Hall. Suggestions were made and follow-up will be done.
- Chairman Johnson made a motion to appoint Selectman Becker as the representative on the Planning Board; seconded by Selectman Borek and approved. Chairman Johnson made a motion to appoint Selectman Borek as an alternate for the Selectmen; seconded by Selectman Becker and approved.
- Chairman Johnson prepared a draft letter, approved by the Board, to be sent to those officials listed in Warrant Article 12 which passed at Town Meeting. These letters will be signed by the Board at the next meeting.
- The Efficiency Statement will be on the next agenda.
- The Board reviewed the request from Central NH Regional Planning regarding traffic count, making a list of roads with the help of the Road Agent. Selectman Becker will take this information to the Planning Board Meeting.

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting to Public Comment. There were none at this time.

7:52 pm Selectman Becker made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Borek and approved unanimously.

Bruce G. Johnson
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Michael P. Borek

Roger A. Becker