

PRESENT: R. P. McDermott, Chairman; M. Kasprzak, Vice Chairwoman,
L. M. Smith, Selectman; L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator; K. Croteau, Secretary
6:30 pm

Building Inspector, Code Enforcement, Health – Monthly Report

The Board acknowledged the Building Inspector report for the month of September. M. Sikorski reported that the property owners at 153 Lafayette Road have made progress working together to resolve the issues with the septic system there.

R. P. McDermott inquired about the status of the issues at Linden Road. M. Sikorski reported he checks in with the property owner about once a month; he noted until septic requirements are met there can be no occupancy in the accessory space.

Eagle Scout Project

Eagle Scout candidate, Christopher Shek presented a design revision for the handicap entrance at the Historical Society Museum at 45 Exeter Road for his Eagle Scout project previously approved by the Board. Christopher explained he had presented the change to the Historical Society and had been advised by them to seek approval from the Board of Selectmen for the design change. The change was necessary due to code regulations, the entrance will now include a reverse ramp which will add one parking space and allow for easier access for snow plowing. He noted the revision will require additional funds which he will obtain through fundraising. The Board approved the changes to the design and thanked Christopher for his work.

Road Agent – Monthly Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Road Agent’s report for the month of September.

STATUS OF 2014 ROAD PROJECTS

D. Robinson reported the projects were on schedule. He noted he had contacted the town of Hampton regarding the paving at the Taylor River Bridge.

WHITE GOODS DAY PREPARATION (10/18/2014 8 am TO 2 pm)

L. Ruest reported arrangements have been made for the containers, compactors and portable toilets for White Goods Day. A “Do Not Remove” sign will be placed on the metals container. K. Sabatini will be handling the money this year but does not want to do it regularly. L. Ruest will contact possible candidates for future years. There will be one-way traffic on Parsonage Road during the event.

EAST ROAD – EMERGENCY LANE

In response to L. Smith’s question regarding snow removal on the emergency lane on East Road at the previous meeting, L. Ruest explained she learned from Chief Lord that the area deemed as an emergency lane on East Road is cleared of snow by the resident living on East Road who plows East Road to allow access to his home. Should the Town need to service this area at any time, however, the Declaration that it is an emergency lane allows for that service. Chief Lord stated that the area of the gated access to Route 95 has been cleared and has not been a problem for public safety officials. At this time, the Town’s winter road maintenance contractor is not routinely plowing this emergency lane as part of the contract.

SALT SHED COVER REPLACEMENT

L. Ruest reported she contacted the vendor to track delivery and learned that they were just about to begin to manufacture the cover. They explained to her that the delay was due to extensive research required to obtain the actual size of the cover originally ordered. She will continue to check on this.

Fire Chief, Ambulance, Emergency Management – Monthly Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Fire Chief's report for the month of September. Chief Lord said he is currently receiving information from Centers for Disease Control, New Hampshire Department of Health and two local hospitals regarding the Ebola virus and protocol. He said that the Ebola virus is most comparable to the AIDS/HIV situation in the 1980's where the virus is spread through body fluids.

RESULTS OF OCTOBER 8 EOC DRILL

No discussion took place on this topic at this time.

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Highway Safety Committee met on October 14th and recommendations for three situations were distributed to the Board members.

Situation 1 - NH Housing Finance Authority/Avesta Housing proposed development.

The Board acknowledged the recommendations made including road improvements for Brown Road, a deceleration lane and a back road entrance for emergency access with the suggestion that the developer cover the costs. These recommendations will be presented by Highway Safety Committee representative Chief Lord at the Planning Board's public hearing to be held October 28th.

In addition, it was noted that Brown Road is a Scenic Road and that consideration will need to be addressed as well.

Situation 2 – request from property owner at 9 Towle Farm Road for “Entering Hampton Falls” and “Leaving Hampton Falls” signs to be posted on Towle Farm Road. Cost of signs to be covered by property owner and installed by Road Agent. The signs are informational only; they are not legal boundary markers.

MOTION: To offer the property owner the option to purchase two signs, approximately the size of speed limit signs, designating “Entering Hampton Falls” and “Leaving Hampton Falls” to be paid for by the property owner and installed by the Road Agent.

MOTION: M. KASPRZAK

SECOND: L. M. SMITH

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Situation 3 – The chevron signs at the bottom of Goodwin Road at Kensington Road still have not been installed by NH DOT Division 6 after numerous requests.

MOTION: To have the Board of Selectmen resend a letter to NH DOT Division 6 requesting the chevron signs be installed.

MOTION: L. M. SMITH

SECOND: M. KASPRZAK

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Discussion took place regarding overgrowth at Route 1 and Whittier Pond and numerous requests to the NH DOT District 6 to have it cut down. R. P. McDermott inquired whether or not it could be done by the Town. Chief Lord reported an incident when the Town had done the cutting there in the past and was told by the State NH DOT not to cut there again as it is a State maintained road and there are wetland issues.

Chief Lord reported 32 people attended the Blood Drive resulting in 25 pints of blood given.

Chief Lord reported \$1,200 was generated from food sales at the Castleberry Fair. L. M. Smith noted concerns regarding parking at Lincoln Akerman School during the Fair. Chief Lord said the parking would be addressed in the spring. The Selectmen's Permit will be revised to include comment from Lincoln Akerman School.

Police Chief, Animal Control – Monthly Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Police Chief's report for the month of September. L. M. Smith inquired about the dispute over use of town recreation land which led to a discussion regarding posting signs to show what is allowed and what is not allowed. Conservation Commission Chairwoman, B. Burns is hoping to recruit a Boy Scout to build a kiosk to shelter the signs which are now covered in plastic.

Chief Dirsra told the Board the Police Department would not be entering into the lease agreement previously approved by the Board for the purchase of new Tasers as the lease terms had changed and were no longer advantageous.

• **Old Business**

Financial Reports – General Fund Balance \$1,409,209

Account Payable/ Payroll

MOTION: To approve Payroll Warrant #272 in the amount of \$13,521.46 and Accounts Payable Warrants #427 and #428 in the amounts of \$7,096.67 and \$674,513.63 as presented by the bookkeeper.

MOTION: M. KASPRZAK

SECOND: L. M. SMITH

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MOTION: To approve the check Warrant number 12 as submitted by the Town Treasurer totaling \$3,778.69 as presented.

MOTION: M. KASPRZAK

SECOND: L. M. SMITH

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SETTING OF TAX RATE

L. Ruest reported the town of Hampton Falls is not yet in the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administrations' queue to have the tax rate set. She said the queue is checked daily.

UPDATED 2015 BUDGET WORKSHEETS AND SALARY PAY PLAN

The Board acknowledged the updated 2015 budget worksheets and salary pay plan.

BUDGET WORK SESSION – OCTOBER 28 AND OCTOBER 30, 9:30 am

The Board acknowledged the budget work session dates.

I-95 TAYLOR RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – DREDGE & FILL APPLICATION

L. Ruest said a full copy of the Dredge & Fill application is available at Town Hall.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DIST., PROCEDURE FOR WITHDRAWAL

L. Ruest referred to the information provided regarding the procedure for withdrawal from the Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District 53-B. She reported Solid Waste Committee member M. Hastings is continuing to request information. Question was raised as to whether the Board wanted to go with Waste Management's offer of a reduced tipping fee for the first six months of 2015, a savings of \$3,896, which will tie the Town to the District for an additional 5 to 10 years. This would be at a cost of \$61 per ton MSW and \$73.50 Bulky disposal, plus annual District fees \$2,700+. The Board declined.

The Board signed the letter requesting to withdraw from the Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District 53-B.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public.

State Senate candidate, Chris Muns, introduced himself to the Board saying he looked forward to working with all and getting things done.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman closed the meeting to the public.

New Business

OATH – TAX RATE ACCEPTANCE (RSA 75:7)

As the tax rate has not been set, there is no Oath to sign at this time.

Other

L. Ruest mentioned the NH Municipal Association Conference is to be held on November 12th and 13th. She said she would be attending on the 13th.

L. M. Smith said he attended the Climate Change Rise in Sea Level seminar in Seabrook dealing with a community rating system for flood insurance. He told them he felt Hampton Falls was not impacted by this as there are only four Hampton Falls properties listed in the flood plain.

R. P. McDermott mentioned the Rockingham Planning Commission is conducting an audit working on a "Tides to Storm" initiative.

L. Ruest noted the Town portion of the November/December issue of the newsletter will be sent to the Board of Selectmen for review once all portions are received from Department Heads.

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REVIEW & APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES 10/01/2014

L. M. Smith noted the following changes:
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MOTION: To ~~recommend~~ *retain* -the funds in the Wetlands Crossing Agreement project account ~~be retained~~ until the balance due in the inspection account has been paid.

LINCOLN AKERMAN SCHOOL – L. M. Smith reported the School Board discussed the two workshops held, ~~to investigate~~ *investigating* the possibility of putting a parking lot across the street from ~~the school at~~ Governor Weare Park. ~~There was discussion regarding the wish to provide~~ *providing* dedicated space for both the gym and cafeteria, community activities in the gym, ~~and heat pumps.~~ ~~He mentioned they are looking to finance projects through bonding and to utilize a multi-phase approach.~~ *and financing the project by both bonding and utilizing a multi-phase approach.*

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the 10/01/2014 meeting as amended.

MOTION: M. KASPRZAK

SECOND: L. M. SMITH

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MOTION: To go into nonpublic session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II. (a) Personnel at 7:41 p.m.

MOTION: M. KASPRZAK

SECOND: L. M. SMITH

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MOTION: To exit the nonpublic session and go back into public session at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION: L. M. SMITH

SECOND: M. KASPRZAK

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MOTION: To adjourn the meeting 8:25 p.m.

MOTION: M. KASPRZAK

SECOND: L. M. SMITH

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Next Selectmen’s Meeting – Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall