

**NEWBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF August 25, 2014 MEETING**

Selectmen: Richard Wright, Gary Budd and Ed Thorson

Town Personnel: Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator; Meg Whittemore, Recording Secretary

Public: Katheryn Holmes, Steven & Deborah Sanborn, Patricia Sherman, Barbara Gibson, Sarah Kassman, Shelley Kellsey, Sylvia Johnson

The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Katheryn Holmes, Chair, Newbury Conservation Commission, reviewed the status of the restoration plan pertaining to 83 Malia Place, Newbury. Ms. Holmes presented to the Selectmen a draft letter to db Landscaping and the property owner detailing the specific restoration plan. The Selectmen approved the letter and authorized Ms. Holmes to send it.

Steven and Deborah Sanborn, 116 Southgate Road, Newbury, requested a reimbursement from the town for a portion of the expense connected with the replacement of their culvert following the severe washout that occurred on Southgate Road as a result of major rainstorms. Mr. Sanborn noted that the town had replaced culverts for his neighbors because they were part of a road restoration that was needed. He requested that the town pay for a portion of the Sanborn's cost to replace their culvert. The Selectmen reviewed the information presented by the Sanborns and agreed to reimburse them for \$597 of the total amount of \$1,072, representing gravel and assorted other material.

Mr. Wright made a motion to pay Steven and Deborah Sanborn \$597 as reimbursement for the expense of gravel and assorted material connected with the replacing their culvert. Mr. Thorsen seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mr. Wright said the Selectmen plan to look at issues such as the one raised by the Sanborns and discuss how the town can more equitably handle them.

Patricia Sherman, Pine Street, Blodgetts Landing, Newbury, discussed the possibility of having the town purchase the now-vacant Out Spokin' building on the corner of Route 103 and Route 103A. There was significant discussion about the historic value of the property, the acreage, the current price, and the possible future uses of the location. Ms. Sherman noted that acquiring this property would add to the town's ability to continue to establish a "downtown" ambiance. She added that the location is a prime one and the building is currently an eyesore. She said the acquisition would serve to protect the town's road frontage.

Mr. Pavlicek said the topic will be brought up at the upcoming budget meetings. Mr. Wright noted that the town should not purchase any property without a plan for it. Mr. Budd said the Selectmen will look at the Master Plan and see how this possible purchase might fit in.

DISCUSSION: Four residents of Blodgetts Landing were present to lodge complaints about excessive noise and use of fireworks in their neighborhood. The residents pointed out that the excessive noise, loud partying, and fireworks continue far into the nighttime hours. They requested more policing of the area and for the Selectmen to examine the existing noise

ordinance. The Selectmen agreed to review the noise ordinance and discuss possible ways of tightening enforcement of same.

There was discussion regarding the culverts in Blodgetts Landing and the increase in flooding and “sheeting” of rain water into the lake. Mr. Wright said Blodgetts landing is challenged because of the compact nature of the buildings and lots. He added that the degree of storm intensity has increased along with frequency – both of which present even more challenges. He said the town performs routine maintenance on all the culverts to keep them free of debris.

Mr. Wright discussed the Planning Board’s concerns regarding the storage containers alongside the Tackle Shack on Route 103. Discussion included the possibility of regulating portable storage containers throughout town. It was further discussed that if such regulations were passed at Town Meeting, existing storage containers would be grandfathered in.

Scott & Deb Wheeler met with the Selectmen to discuss a possible change in classification to Brown Road. Mr. Pavlicek will research the statutes related to summer roads.

The Selectmen discussed a request from Angela Kissell regarding placing the Boot/Coin drop alongside the road again to collect donations for the humane Society. The Selectmen decided to deny her request citing safety issues.

Mr. Pavlicek reviewed the bid documents submitted for the construction of the Fisherfield Athletic Field.

Mr. Pavlicek reminded the Selectmen of the upcoming public hearing on the West Bowl development plans for the Mount Sunapee Resort. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at the Spruce Lodge at Mt. Sunapee.

The Selectmen discussed the potential need for increase patrolling by the police and the noise ordinance.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Pavlicek reviewed the following items with the Selectmen:

- The Reply Brief of the LSPA and the Town of Newbury pertaining to Town of Newbury v. State of NH Department of fish & Game, et al.: Docket No. 3014-0177.
- The Selectmen signed the MS 1 Form for the setting of the property tax rate per the NH Department of Revenue.
- The Selectmen signed redone appointment letters (per a change in the state statutes regulating the same) for the Inspectors of Election and Ballot Clerks.
- A notification from the CAP Belknap-Merrimack Counties, Inc. that it is in receipt of the 2014 appropriation in the amount of \$2,768.
- A notification from CAP regarding the agreed upon first payment in lieu of taxes.
- A review of the quotes for the water filter replacement for the town office and library.

ABATEMENT REQUESTS: A resident paid her property taxes and her escrow account also paid the same amount of property taxes. The town issued a refund for the duplicate payment.

MINUTES: Minutes of July 28, 2014 were approved to file.

PAYROLL & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Week ending August 23, 2014 were approved and signed.

INTENT TO CUT: None.

PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION: The Selectmen approved purchase orders for the following: \$2,150 for the purchase of overhead doors for the Transfer Station; and \$2,860 for the purchase of a water filter for the town office and library.

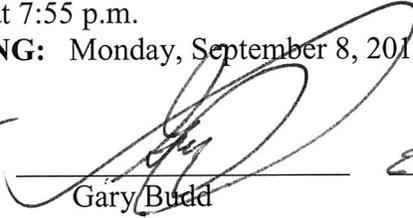
Mr. Wright made a motion to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II, a-e. Mr. Thorson seconded the motion. There was a Roll Call vote all in favor. The Selectmen went into Non-Public Session at 7:43 p.m.

The Selectmen came out of Non-Public Session at 7:54 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:55 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Monday, September 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.


Richard Wright


Gary Budd


Ed Thorson

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