

APPROVED
ANDOVER SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 30, 2023

Members Present: Jim Delaney, Chair; Roland Carter, Dana Swenson

Also present for duration of appropriate item: Donna Crisp Duclos; Kat & Al Hitchmoth; Melissa Geyer; Vinny Tuzzo; Mike Campbell; Dave Blinn; Richard Croteau; Charity & Doug Robinson; Timothy Bentley; Cynthia Mitchell; Les Fenton; Josif Bicja; Maureen Callahan; Gisela & Steve Darling; Donald Biehl; Leon Nelson, Andover Snowmobile Club; Allan Houle, Andover Snowmobile Club; Tiffany & Oliver Perkins; Aimie Raciti; Colby Wood; Jonathan Pettinato; David Goyette; Susan Greeley Nellen; Steve Barton, Andover Fire Chief

Chair Delaney opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with roll call.

Hall Road Bridge

Josif Bicja gave a brief overview of the closing of and replacement of the Hall Road bridge. Permits need to be acquired from Department of Environmental Services (DES). The project will be advertised in the spring of 2024 and the contractor will set the schedule. There should be a 10-day closure of the bridge which will be dependent on the weather. There will be a temporary pedestrian bridge and residents on the upper side of the bridge will need to park on the lower side of the bridge. Swenson asked how many Hall Road residents were present and there was one. Maureen Callahan stated that her farm will have animals come this spring and spoke about removing a board from the dam at her irrigation pond. She also advised the pond is for fire protection. Bicja asked if she would rather see the bridge done in the

latter part of spring. SB Carter asked if the latter part of September would be better and Callahan responded yes. Callahan asked about ambulance service and fire protection and Carter responded that the temporary access would be a 5'-wide bridge which is sufficient for a gurney. Chief Barton stated there is a possibility of parking a fire truck on the resident side of the bridge for that time frame as they have coverage from other towns. Callahan stated she is concerned with possible deliveries from UPS, FedEx, etc. Delaney stated they would investigate putting up a box with a padlock. Swenson stated this would have to be investigated further.

1. Bridge Road / Snowmobile Club trail

Several Bridge Road residents were present and voiced concerns regarding the usage of Bridge Road by snowmobiles. Croteau stated that there are many safety factors each winter. He did research and there are twenty-nine vehicles on Bridge Road, then add in the additional vehicles such as FedEx, UPS, Amazon, etc. and he does not believe it is safe to have snowmobiles on the road. The road is 14' wide and with snow the width will shrink which will increase the probability of an accident. There are also high-risk areas on the road such as sharp turns and he asked the board to reconsider their decision to allow snowmobiles on the road. Dave Blinn stated that he believes with proper signage and monitoring, the usage by snowmobiles should not be too much of a concern. He also stated the board approved the use and the club has already done some work and the board should work with the snowmobile club, Fish & Game, and the police for the one-year approval. Charity stated she was looking for what the club presented to the board. Club President Allan Houle explained that the club is looking to keep a trail open and the prior access to Dawes Road was shut down by the property owner and the club is looking for a viable option to access Dawes Road. Houle stated that from the covered bridge to

Dawes Road is 0.40 of a mile. The residents asked why the trail access was closed and Houle responded that they need to speak with the property owner. Jonathan Pettinato stated that other than the safety factor, he was sliding with chains on his tires at 40 miles per hour last winter. He also stated that the right-hand side of the road washes out. Houle responded that snowmobiles will not want to go through wash-outs and they would propose that when Bridge Road wont support snowmobiles, they would indicate to not utilize the road. Cynthia Mitchell stated that the corner near Dawes Road is very dangerous and people slide on the road. She also stated that if people cannot get up the road, they will park on the side of the road and walk. Gisela Darling stated that plowing is a different situation and the road is very narrow there and a car can potentially go into the brook. She also stated she was upset that the residents of Bridge Road were not notified of the proposal. Delaney stated that the agreement between the Select Board and the snowmobile club was only for one year and the board was unaware of any objections. SB Swenson stated that there may be an alternative solution; however, he was unsure how viable it would be. This possible solution is to go across a piece of property owned by the town. Don Biehl stated that he lives adjacent to the trail and he would not have purchased the property if sleds had been allowed on the road at the time of his purchase. He also asked who would pay for the additional cost for maintenance of the road and the "approval" needs some structure to it. He also indicated that he was concerned that the Bridge Road residents were not originally notified. Steve Darling stated that the corner at Dawes Road is the worst place for sled access and is totally against the proposal. Steve Barton stated that as a snowmobiler, he would utilize the trail; however, from an emergency standpoint, he cannot see using the road. He also stated that sleds will pack the snow making it icy and more difficult to plow an the Select Board should work

with the club for a viable solution for access to Dawes Road. Delaney stated he would like to have a site visit on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. and invited the club and any Bridge Road residents to attend. Houle stated that the decision to close the trail has been in the works for many years as people have been using the property in an inappropriate manner. Sue Nellen recommended the club work with the property owner and Leon Nelson responded that most complaints have been from off-season usage of the property and he has spoken with the property owner many times over the years.

Tiffany Perkins – Mannequin Request

Perkins indicated that she had attended a course to retain her EMS License and that she also works for the Wilmot Police Department. Wilmot has reimbursed her for her travel and she would like Andover to reimburse her for her hotel expense. SB Carter asked if there is a training budget for EMS and the response was yes. Chief Barton stated attended the course for both Andover and Wilmot and it will ultimately benefit Andover. Delaney made a motion to reimburse Perkins for her expenses. SB Carter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Perkins also stated that EMS is looking to purchase a CPR mannequin for \$1,349.99. The current one they use they cannot train properly with. The new one will allow them to train with IV's etc. and the money is in the budget, they just need the boards approval. Delaney made a motion to release the money. Carter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Beach Passes

Discussion took place regarding allowing Salisbury residents to purchase day passes to the town beach. Delaney made a motion to

allow a day pass to non-residents at \$10 per day. Carter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Signatures / Correspondence

- A. Invoices for United Construction in the amounts of \$805.99 and \$200.00
- B. Invoice for Lakes Region Truck Service in the amount of \$7,300.37.
- C. Invoice for Northeast Tire Service in the amount of \$7,261.44.
- D. An Intent to Cut for Tax Map 22, Lot 172,360
- E. A Solar Exemption for Tax Map 17, Lot 004,217 and Tax Map 17, Lot 007,220.
- F. An application for a Cemetery Committee Alternate was presented for Susan Huntoon. Delaney made a motion to appoint Huntoon. Swenson seconded the motion and the motion passed.
- G. The retirement policy pay-out for town employees was discussed and needs clarification.

SB401 Bridge Aid; HB1221 Roads and Equipment and SB 270

Unanticipated Revenues for Bridge Aid need public hearings at a future date.

Any other business

Les Fenton, Clerk of the Works for the Highway Garage provided paperwork to the Select Board including add-ons. The roof is on the building, the face will be installed on the truck bays tomorrow and items needing to be stored can now go under cover. He sent an email to Construx regarding 702 and 703 documents and received them; however, he has not been able to review them all; however, it looks like construction is 41% complete. Construx is looking for a pay-out of \$471,000 at this time. Fenton stated he needs to meet with the Contract Officer. Carter stated specs are needed for the floor plan to

have a lift. Tuzzo stated that he would like to see one bay used for a 2-post lift. Fenton stated that the grid is the last thing to do. Swenson stated that there was a 5% contingency originally and they are at 2 ½ % at this time. Carter stated that the wire on the fence needs to be addressed.

There being no further discussion, Delaney made a motion to enter non-public at 7:43 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 11(c). Carter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Delaney made a motion to reconvene public session at 7:53 p.m. Carter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Delaney made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm. Carter seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Meier
Recording Secretary