

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

APPROVED MINUTES

OCTOBER 17, 2016

Meeting convened at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Marj Roy, Vicky Mishcon, Jim Delaney, Dave Blinn

Also present were: Bill Keyser, Pat Cutter, Jeff Newcomb, Donna Blinn, Larry Chase, Susan Chase, Janet Moore, Tom Frantz, Chris Norris, Alan Hanscom

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Public Meeting closed at 6:02 p.m.

Non-Public Session opened at 6:05 p.m.

Non-Public Session closed at 6:30 p.m.

Public Meeting re-opened at 6:35 p.m.

ROAD REPORT

Thompson was unable to attend the meeting tonight. However, he met earlier in the day to update the work and projects for the Board. Two projects are on the top of the list are Kearsarge Mountain Road Bridge and Maple Street Bridge. As soon as Kearsarge Mountain Road Bridge repairs are completed, the next project is the Maple Street Bridge.

Kearsarge Mountain Road Bridge

The State is about ready to shut down this bridge. The steel stringers are rotted. The I-beams will be replaced along with the wooden decking very soon. Thompson ordered the steel I-beams and will order the decking soon. Thompson estimated that, at most, this project will cost \$12, 000. The cost of this project will come out of the Road Agent Operating Budget under the projects line.

Maple Street Bridge:

Jeff Newcomb presented the Board with a second set of fifty-two signatures on the petition for the Board to take immediate action to open this bridge for vehicular traffic.

When the bridge needed repairs thirteen years ago, the State was not interested. However, because of the strong opinions of the local public about keeping the bridge open to vehicular traffic, the State repaired the bridge. Currently, the bridge has extensive damage and needs all of the decking replaced. The rails are rusted and need to be sanded and painted. Thompson estimated that, at most, this project will cost \$12, 000. The funds will come out of the Capital Reserve under the bridges line.

Delaney made the motion to accumulate the funds out of the Capital Reserve Fund to cover the cost of the repairs to the Maple Street Bridge. Blinn seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

MAPLE STREET LCHIP GRANT ELIGIBILITY

Donna Blinn presented the Board with information about the steps to apply for a grant for the Maple Street Bridge repairs. The Board thanked Donna for her work on this. However, due to time constraints and the public wanting immediate action to open up this bridge, the Board declined further work for applying for a possible grant.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

- ✚ Cemetery Committee by Pat Cutter – The Committee may present a warrant article for the Capital Improvement Plan. The Board indicated that they need the warrant by late November
- ✚ Library Trustees – Susan Chase and Janet Moore – Chase asked what the time frame was if she needed to make some changes in the budget. The Board indicated that after the Public hearing there can't be an increase in the budget, however, a decrease is fine. The Trustees also deducted \$325.00 from the Maintenance line for the Batchelder Library. All expenses for the Batchelder Library budget, except salaries, come out of the Trust set up for that library.
- ✚ Recreation Committee – Alan Hanscom, Tom Frantz, and Chris Norris – The Board and the Committee discussed some issue about who is responsible for taking care of the fertilizing and aerating of the fields. Delaney made a motion to authorize the Committee to hire Howard George to do the fertilizing and aerating. Blinn seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. The Board indicated that If the Committee finds out that George does not want to do the work or cannot do the work, then the Committee is tasked with asking George who would he recommend to do the work.

After discussion, the Board and the Committee agreed to adjust the budget by taking \$800.00 out of the Park Grounds 05 Beach section (Building and Grounds Maintenance (deducted \$300), Electricity (deducted \$300), and Permits and Water Tests (deducted \$200). Also, to then add \$3200 for Mowing.

TRANSFER STATION CONTRACTOR AND COMMERCIAL BUSINESS TIMES

The Board is responding to a lot of safety concerns at the transfer station from residents about commercial and contractor trash disposals. Roy (Marj) presented what Manager, Reggie Roy, proposed as a resolution to ease the congestion and safety concerns for residential trash disposals. Commercial business and contractors will have Friday's from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for their trash disposal needs. The two attendants needed will be paid out of this year's budget.

A sign will be placed at the gate entrance to the transfer station stating no residential trash disposal on Friday. Blinn will write an article for the November 1st Beacon.

Mishcon made the motion that by the recommendation of the Transfer Station Manager, starting on November 4, 2016, that the Transfer Station be opened for Commercial and Contract haulers on Fridays from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Delaney seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

- In an attempt to manage her time well and accommodate everyone during the Budget Season, during the next two months, November and December, she will meet with the bookkeeper and the administrative assistant for a half hour every week. Additionally, Roy requested setting up a half hour conference time for each of the Board of Selectmen every week. The Board, In order to cut down on the daily interruptions, agreed to contact Roy through email and telephone calls for November and December until the Budget Season is over. However, if an emergency comes up or an urgent need arises, Roy will accommodate everyone involved.
- The Town received a very positive letter from Jeff Bushey on Pinewood Lane regarding the work the Road Crew did on the drainage issue in front of his home.
- It is Roy's understanding that the intentions of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Planning Board, and the Conservation Commission will be to not request any increases in their budgets this year from last year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mishcon made the motion to approve the October 3, 2016 minutes as amended. Blinn seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion to approve the October 3, 2016 minutes passed.


ANDOVER-PROCTOR LIASON COMMITTEE

Mishcon informed the Board that she would be at this meeting on Thursday and wanted to know if there was anything she needed to bring to Proctor's attention. It was suggested that Mishcon discuss the schedule of inspections to take place on the Lawrence Street Bridge

ADJOURNMENT

Mishcon made the motion to adjourn. Delaney seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Patricia Moyer, Board of Selectmen Secretary

 Please see attached budget proposal