

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Marj Roy, Town Administrator, Vicky Mishcon, Select Board Chair, Dave Blinn and Chuck Keyser, Select Board Members, John Thompson, Road Agent, and Chief Joe Mahoney.

Also Present were: Lenny Caron

#### SALE OF TAX DEEDED BUSWELL PROPERTY

Caron spoke to the Board and expressed his continued interest in this property. Caron spoke to his lawyer who advised Caron that the Town can do a redemption and that he is the best lawful owner because he has a financial interest in the property. Caron would pay the back taxes and interest. Caron said it would be approximately \$9, 000. 00. Mishcon explained that typically the Town puts those properties up for auction.

Recently, Caron spoke to Bob Currier, who expressed his interest in this property, also. According to Caron, Currier said that the day the property was tax deeded, former Select Board member, Jim Danforth told Currier about the property being tax deeded. Currier has not expressed an interest in the property until recently. Both Caron and Currier agree that they do not want a house built on the property. Caron stated that if he owns the property, he will give it to the Ausbon Sargent Land Trust.

Mishcon indicated that there may be a question whether the Town has a valid tax deed on the property. At this time, it appears it is valid, but it needs to be confirmed.

The Town attorney reviewed Caron's paperwork that he provided previously to the Board. The Town attorney advised that it appears that Buswell tried to sell a portion of the property to Caron without subdivision approval.

Caron again stated that his attorney said that he is the best lawful owner of that property because he has a financial interest in it. Mishcon requested that Caron have his attorney send a letter to the Town Administrator indicating this so Roy can provide it to the Town attorney. Caron agreed to contact his attorney and provide the information to Roy next week.

#### ROAD AGENT REPORT

Mishcon spoke about the frustration of not being able to accomplish every project the Highway Department needs to take care of. However, the Highway Department has accomplished an immense amount of work around town during the last year. The Highway Department completed work on the Maple Street Bridge, the Kearsarge Mountain Bridge, Monticello Drive's drainage project, and the Switch Road issues.

Thompson and the Board discussed the bids for Switch and Shaw Hill Roads. Thompson indicated it is not just the money to consider, but the relationship the Town has with the companies. After thinking about the bids, Mishcon told Thompson she will back him up for

whatever his choice will be to do the projects. Mishcon understands that it is very difficult for Thompson to gather three bids because other companies know that Allstate Paving does the work typically for Andover, so other companies do not want to put in a bid knowing that Allstate will likely do the work. Mishcon likened it to the bus issue years back when the decision was to put it out to bid for bus transportation for the students. At the time, Armand Boisvert was the bus company and had a relationship with Andover and did a lot of extra things without charging the Town. When the bids came in, Boisvert did not participate. The relationship the Town had with Boisvert's bus company was gone. Having a familiar company provides other benefits than just the cost of the service on the surface that another company does not provide. It is not cost alone to be considered.

Keyser thinks the projects should still be put out to bid because other companies will be more competitive if they believe the familiar company will get the job. Keyser feels the Board needs to satisfy the town residents. He thinks some of the larger jobs still need to have bids.

Blinn indicated that there are several small jobs that need to be done with time limits on them. Allstate Paving has served Andover well, so let's get these projects completed and put the larger ones out to bid.

Thompson will gather bids and move forward on the projects.

Last Street Bridge – Roy provided the Board with Hoyle and Tanner's engineering report from Josif. The report is different from the previous report that Josif and Thompson spoke about. Basically, the Town could spend \$60, 000 to \$70, 000 and the bridge could still have a 10-ton limit rating.

The first approach is to see what other options there are to take care of fixing the bridge so that residents can have oil deliveries. The Board will have Josif come over along with Thompson to talk about options are available.

Thompson requested the Board vote on making the bridge a passenger vehicle only bridge until this is resolved. Mishcon made the motion for the Last Street Bridge to be a passenger vehicle rated bridge only at this time per recommendations from the engineers. Blinn seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.

There will be wetland permitting needed. Hoyle and Tanner will need to apply for an emergency permit from the Department of Environmental Science (DES).

Maple Street Bridge Soil Pipe – The Board discussed the sink holes and scarring that is washing through the culvert. It is near the O'Hagan's driveway. Thompson indicated that the engineers warned that this would happen. Roy left a message at Dubois and King who were on vacation this week. The Board agreed this company has been timely in their response.

Future and upcoming projects:

- Hall Street and the bridge on Elbow Pond Road at Mountain Brook
- A list of the Town bridges for Hoyle and Tanner to access and estimate the repair costs
- The beach house roof has been ordered from Belletetes

FEMA Update - Thompson picked up a new packet of information today for the previous five projects. It appears the process of apply for grant funding is simpler. The new packet notes that the asks that the Town have the information on hand for the past three years but it does not have to be provided to FEMA unless requested. The Elbow Pond project is not included in this. Thompson will gather the bids with Jim Reed's assistance for FEMA.

Road Signs - Thompson has not worked on this because other projects have taken precedence.

Highway Department Position - Jim Reed is being transferred from the Highway Department to the position of Transfer station Manager. This leaves an opening in the Highway Department. Thompson would like an ad to run in the Shopper. Thompson would like the job description for the position to follow the State guidelines for a Commercial Driver License (CDL). Blinn offered to work on the job description with Thompson.

Mishcon asked Thompson what the Board can do to assist Thompson. He suggested the Board visit projects the Highway Department work at the time they are being worked on.

White Oak Pit - a meeting with DOT regarding the situation is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, July 19, 2018** to include the Select Board, Roy, and Thompson. Roy will confirm this date.

4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY CELEBRATION

- Cooling Center - Roy offered the basement of Town Hall to John Kinney for this purpose. There is a concern of the rising temperatures.
- Police Coverage - Chief Mahoney has seven officers set up to monitor the celebration for tomorrow starting at approximately 6:00 a.m. until midnight.

POLICE DEPARTMENT BUSINESS

- Chief Mahoney reported that the Crown Vic is all stripped out. He would like it to go to auction. The Chief also recommended the Tahoe to be sent to auction. There are on-line auctions. The fire department did well with an on-line auction for their vehicle. The Board agreed
- Chief Mahoney encouraged the Board to tighten up the Beach Ordinance because it is both vague and contradictory. It is difficult for the officers to enforce the ordinance as it is currently written. The PD will work on finding a new type of parking tickets for the beach.

### TRANSFER STATION

Marilyn Weir from National Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) along with three (3) representatives from different towns came to view the Transfer Station and make recommendations. The group is called The Solid Waste Advisory Team (SWAT). The SWAT recommended three shipping containers and two vertical balers for the Transfer Station. In order to take advantage of the lower cost before the prices rise, the shipping containers need to be purchased as soon as possible. There are several options for vertical balers. One estimate is for two balers at the cost of \$21,622 plus an additional \$2800 for delivery and set up costs. A second estimate is for \$20,800 plus an additional \$2200 for delivery and installation costs. There is grant funding available for the balers.

The Board agreed that the new Transfer Station Manager, Jim Reed, along with Transfer Station Attendant, Deb Guinard, and John McDonald, the winter plow driver, should be included in these discussions because placement will affect their work.

Roy sent out requests for quotes on the Transfer Station to all area contractors. Steve Barton requested an appointment to discuss the project.

Before the shipping containers arrive, there are trees to be cut and some grading to be done. The plan is getting the shipping containers at the Transfer Station and then begin to educate residents on what to recycle and which container to deposit those items into. There will be a Beacon article.

NH the Beautiful will assist with signage. Mishcon suggested that instead of using text on the boards, to use actual sample items on the board. Visual aids are more helpful to residents who are depositing their recycling instead of reading text. Roy will get the grant paperwork from NH the Beautiful filled out. The Board discussed whether DES or the NH Electric Coop has any other grant funding available.

Mishcon made the motion to move forward and get ready for sorting the recycling and to follow the SWAT's recommendations. Blinn seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed

Keyser will contact Chris Caron to ask him if he is interested in the tree clearing work needed at the Transfer Station.

### GROUNDWATER TESTING AT THE OLD TRANSFER STATION ON MONTICELLO DRIVE

Roy told the Board that the old landfill on Monticello Drive is tested regularly. However, because of the PFOA situation in the Southern part of the State, the State requested additional testing. The testing is not required at this time, but just requested. After discussion, the Board agreed that they will have Eastern Analytical in Concord do the testing.

HIGHLAND LAKE DRAW-DOWN

The Board set July 15<sup>th</sup> as the date to have to paperwork ready. The Board will work on the details the following day, Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup> when the Board meets for their regularly scheduled meeting. The Board discussed and agreed to invite Jason Dudek, the Highland Lake dam operator, Earl Davis of the Highland Lake Protective Association, and also Heidi Johnson from NH Fish and Game who lives here in Andover for their input.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Mishcon made the motion to accept the Minutes of June 18, 2018. Keyser seconded the motion. All in favor to accept the minutes of June 18, 2018 as written. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE AND SIGNATURES

Intent to excavate                      Caron                      17-015-004 – signed by all three Board members.

Department of Revenue (DRA) indicating that the Town is not using the Inventory Form – signed by all three Board members.

DES Permit for Morrill Hill Road Bridge required only one signature. Mishcon signed for the Board

Mishcon made the motion to go into Non-Public Session at 8:30 p.m. by Roll Call Vote:

Mishcon	Yes	Blinn	Yes	Keyser	Yes
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NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS (3)

Closed Public Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Opened Non-Public Session at 8:30 p.m.

Closed Non-Public Session at 8:40 p.m.

Re-opened Public Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Closed Public Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Opened Non-Public Session at 8:45 p.m.

Closed Non-Public Session at 9:05 p.m.

Re-opened Public Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Closed Public Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Opened Non-Public Session at 9:05 p.m.

Closed Non-Public Session at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mishcon made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Keyser seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Patricia Moyer, Select Board Secretary

