

**MINUTES OF HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, March 10, 2014**  
**Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Wayne Fortier, Tom Friel, Lynn Wheeler, Rick Ladd and Robert Roudebush

**Town Manager:** Glenn English

**Administrative Assistant/Finance Officer:** Jo Lacaillade

**Members of the Public Present:** Susan Brown, Shirley Grilli, Susie Tann and Ed Ballam-Journal Opinion

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Wayne Fortier called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Approval (additions/deletions completed by Board consent):** Robert Roudebush made a motion to accept the Agenda; seconded by Lynn Wheeler and carried unanimously.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Rick Ladd made a motion to accept the consent agenda; seconded by Lynn Wheeler and carried unanimously.

**Scheduled Public Appearance(s):**

- **Susan Brown-Listserv:** Susan Brown asked that the Selectboard approve a Haverhill Listserv. It could be done through Vital Communities; she had talked to Stacey Glazer about it. It would not be managed, in any way by the Town and Vital Communities would not want the Town to manage it but she stated it had to be authorized by the Town. The Selectboard asked that more information be provided regarding a Listserv if they were to sponsor it.

Susan also spoke of the walking trails that have been approved in the area of Bedell Bridge State Park as a memorial to her father. The trail layout has changed slightly since she first spoke of it at a Board meeting.

Susan also asked that the Board consider putting “Library Parking Only” signs up in front of the Haverhill Corner Library. She stated that if there is an event going on at Alumni Hall at the same time the library is open, there is no parking for the patrons. TM English felt that putting up this type of sign was ineffective because there is no way to enforce it short of having an officer there all the time which is not possible. The discussion ensued and Ed Ballam suggested putting “no parking on this side” on Court Street because many times, when there is an event at Alumni Hall, emergency vehicles would have a difficult, if not impossible, time getting through. No decision was made at this time.

**Public Hearing:** None

**Town Manager’s Report:** TM English referred to the Road Surface Management System project that North Country Council is starting. Haverhill will be a pilot town in the project.

**Pending (Old) Business:**

- **Town Meeting Budget Assignments:** The Board discussed coverage for Town Meeting and budget assignments.

**New Business:**

- **Planning Board Reappointments:** On a motion by Robert Roudebush, seconded by Tom Friel, the Selectboard unanimously approved the reappointment of Planning Board members Mike Bonnano and Tara Krause to 3 year terms on the Planning Board as recommended by that Board.

**Commission/Committee Reports:** Tom Friel stated that a second public hearing regarding the petitioned warrant article for a change to the Sludge Ordinance was well attended by people on both sides of the issues. He felt that both sides agreed that the issue needs to be reviewed by a committee of 5-7 people to see if there is some middle ground and he felt that all present were agreeable to discussing possible changes. Since this is a zoning issue the Planning Board may form the committee to explore amendments to the current ordinance.

**Correspondence:** None

**Comments of the Public:** Susie Tann and Shirley Grilli asked for Tom to clarify what he meant about all parties being in favor of changes to the sludge ordinance. Tom said that what he meant was that it appeared that both sides were will to sit down and talk about the issues and see if they could reach a compromise.

**Comments of the Town Manager/Administrative Assistant-Finance Officer:** None

**Comments of Selectboard Members:** Rick Ladd said that a vote in the House on the gas tax was approaching and he wanted to know how his constituents felt. There was a brief discussion about the needs of the infrastructure and if the highway money is not redistributed to other entities and used for repairs that are needed, it would be a positive thing. Rick asked his fellow Board members to come back with any concerns to the next Board meeting.

Tom Friel stated that at the Sludge hearing a local farmer stated, on the record, that he has spread sludge in Haverhill in the past. He was unsure who the farmer was. Ed Ballam stated that it was Dale Lewis that stated he had spread Class A sludge on property in Haverhill. TM English was directed to investigate this further as there are penalties associated with violating the sludge ordinance.

There was discussion about the local regional planning commission and whether they considered Haverhill in their planning as much as other towns north of us. Rick asked if it is possible to change to another regional planning commission. TM English was asked to find out if this is possible and what the steps are.

Robert Roudebush stated that he had spent some time with the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Recreation Director to see firsthand what their day to day work experience is as he had already done with the Road Agent. He said it was very educational to him to see how many different issues they deal with all the time. He plans on doing the same in other departments.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Tom Friel made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Robert Roudebush and all approved. Chairman Fortier adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Jo Lacaillade