

MINUTES OF HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 29, 2013
Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

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

Town Manager: Glenn English

Administrative Assistant/Finance Officer: Jo Lacaillade

Selectboard Clerk: Karen Hyde

Members of the Public Present: Ray Burton, Dave Johnson, Maria Oliveria, Mary Farias and Ed Ballam – JO

Call Meeting to Order:

Wayne Fortier called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda: Robert Roudebush made a motion to accept the Agenda; seconded by Lynn Wheeler and carried unanimously.

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

Scheduled Public Appearance(s):

- **Ray Burton:** Mr. Burton stated that every two years he calls on all of the Boards of Selectmen and Town offices in his County Commissioner district, which starts in Lyme and goes on up the Valley to Littleton and Franconia Notch and down through Waterville Valley and Thornton. It is just to say that Grafton County government is pleased to be our neighbor and certainly appreciate the cooperative things that have been done. He passed out brochures with pertinent information about Grafton County. He did a brief overview of the Grafton County budget process. He talked about the old jail being torn down. The plan for the site is to grass it and put in a granite plaque stating what was occupied there. Chairman Fortier asked Mr. Burton if anyone had photographed the old jail before it came down for historical purposes. Mr. Burton stated that the entire process is being photographed and there will be three scrapbooks of actual photographs – one to the Haverhill Historical Society, one to the New Hampshire Historical Society and the third will be in a room on the south end of their building, which is a Grafton County historical room. Rick Ladd asked about the August 1 transition in deeds for attorneys dealing with the Fiddler software program and asked Mr. Burton if he anticipated a smooth transition or if it would be a little bit rocky. Mr. Burton stated that he didn't think it would kick in until attorneys will have to pay for copies from the deed office. To his knowledge, the commissioners did not approve that. It was the Registry of Deeds' decision. Lynn Wheeler stated that she didn't think it would be ready by August 1.

Public Hearing:

- **6:15 Charter Cable Television Franchise Renewal:** Chairman Fortier opened the public hearing at 6:22 pm. In previous years, the Town has entered into a franchise with Charter Communications and they are the sole entity that supplies cable television to the Town of Haverhill. Cable television is not through the whole town as Charter has certain requirements that within a linear mile there must be at least 25 residents signing up for cable. Their franchise comes up for renewal in December. Charter had a representative at the Selectboard meeting of June 3 looking to see if the Town would be amenable to another franchise. The Board was eliciting any information from the public concerning their likes or dislikes with the current provider of television service, namely Charter. David Johnson had concerns about the rising price of Charter's bundling packages. He also had concerns about being able to speak with Charter when he had problems, specifically someone who he could understand. Mr. Johnson asked if Charter was the only game in Town and TM English stated that it was a monopoly. At the last renewal, TM English contacted every cable company who did business in NH and Charter was the only one that responded. AA Lacaillade stated that she had received a phone call from Jim Fortier of Pike letting her know that there were a group of residents in Pike concerned about Charter because they had been told that they can't get service out there because installation is too aggressive. Mr. Fortier just wanted it on record that there were residents in Pike who couldn't get Charter service also. There was some discussion on the length of the new franchise. Chairman Fortier stated that the Board had more questions before signing a new franchise and they also would ask TM English for more information about possible options with other companies. Chairman Fortier closed the public hearing at 6:50 pm.

Town Manager's Report: TM English stated that the Tire Recycling Day would be August 3, 2013 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Robert E. Clifford Memorial Building. The Town's only obligation would be \$600 because they are going to charge the below-market price for tires. The vendor will take the tires and the money and remove everything from the site that day and that is what the \$600 will cover. TM English also stated that all but two of the byway directional signs have been installed, primarily in Woodsville. There are still two double-posted signs to be installed in Haverhill Corner and that will be done this week. The signs basically direct people to Alumni Hall, Railroad Park, the Fairgrounds, the A.P. Hill Pool and the canoe access points on Connecticut Street. TM English did a brief update on the two contracts out on Hazardous Waste removal: (1) the contract for the underground storage tank has been awarded and construction will begin August 5 and (2) there is a problem with the hazardous waste clean-up on Court Street in Haverhill and it is primarily liability. He has been trying to get the insurance provider and the vendor together to make sure the Town is covered on liability. The insurance company does not cover towns for hazardous material and no vendors that bid will indemnify the Town on the material. He will let the Board know when there is a resolution.

Pending (Old) Business:

- **Fire Fighter Pay for Forestry Calls:** Chairman Fortier stated that at the last meeting Board members had requested information from AA Lacaillade, which she had provided to the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to invite the Fire Chiefs to attend the

meeting on August 12, 2013. They also thought it would be a good idea to invite Steve Sherman, resident Forest Fire Warden, to the meeting as well.

New Business: Maria Oliveria and Mary Farias were at the meeting to discuss the barking dogs on Brushwood Road. Linda Smith, Animal Control Officer, had spoken to them about their dogs barking. The ladies stated that they have taken precautions to keep their dogs from barking from 9 pm to 7 am, according to the law. They stated that it was other people's dogs around them that were now barking. They just wanted to let the Board know that they were doing what Linda had requested.

Commission/Committee Reports: Robert Roudebush reported that the Airport Commission had a second meeting about the Ag Lease and they believe that they have a contemporary, up to date and clarified contract. He also reported on Airport Awareness Day, which is September 14, 2013. He also reported that Mountain Lakes has installed 2 more dry hydrants on its property. The first one was done last year. These dry hydrants are a tremendous step forward in fighting fires and having water available.

Correspondence: Chairman Fortier thanked TM English for writing the thank-you letter to Leslie Ramsay.

Comments of the Public: Ed Ballam stated that the dry hydrants were a very good idea. He also informed the Board that the Jack Brill lawsuit was over.

Comments of the Town Manager/Administrative Assistant-Finance Officer: TM English reported they had the first meeting of the Strategic Facilities Committee. He nominated Chairman Fortier for chair of the Committee. The next meeting of the Committee will be July 31 at 6:30 pm at the Haverhill Middle School. AA Lacaillade stated that they had a property that was auctioned in June and the purchaser has asked for an extension of 30 days to close on the property because there were some issues that needed clarification. Rick Ladd made the motion to grant the extension for 30 days; seconded by Tom Friel and carried unanimously.

Comments of Selectboard Members: Rick Ladd reported on the status of the Bandstand in Haverhill Corner. The cement was poured on July 29, 2013 and on August 6, 2013, the Bandstand will be delivered and within two days of that, it will be up. They will then put in the front walkway, which will be ADA accessible. Chairman Fortier asked TM English about the status of the individual Board member policy manual. TM English stated that he was still working on this. TM English also had an update on the parking lot. The recommendation that he received was to peel up the existing asphalt as it is cracked and then this can be used by the Highway Department as road material. Rick Ladd asked AA Lacaillade if she had been trained on the new website and she stated that she would start her first training the next day. Lynn Wheeler asked to thank Chief Charles for his work on the ghost e-mails. TM English also wanted to thank the Police Department for their work on the arrest of the suspect who vandalized the High School.

Adjourn Meeting: Robert Roudebush made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Rick Ladd and all approved. Chairman Fortier adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Karen Hyde