

**MINUTES OF HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
**Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting**

**Board Members Present:** Chairman Wayne Fortier, Tom Friel, Mike Bonanno, Darwin Clogston and Chris Luurtsema

**Town Manager:** Jo Lacaillade

**Members of the Public Present:** Rick Ladd, Howard Hatch, Ron Willoughby and Ed Ballam-JO

**Call Meeting to Order:**

Chairman Fortier called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Agenda Approval (additions/deletions completed by Board consent):** Tom Friel made a motion to accept the agenda; seconded by Mike Bonanno and carried unanimously.

**Approval of consent Agenda:** Tom Friel made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mike Bonanno. Four voted to approve, Chris Luurtsema abstained.

**Curtis Payne-Schute Trailer issue-**TM Lacaillade indicated that Mr. Payne had called this afternoon, and would not be able to attend tonight's meeting and asked that the issue be moved to the next meeting. Darwin Clogston asked if it was known what the issue was about and if it could be discussed. TM Lacaillade indicated the trailer is in Blackmount Acres and has been vacant for many years. Mr. Payne had represented a man in the past, and last year he came and negotiated with the Board that if he could get the trailer transferred into a new owners' name because the people are deceased, would the Board entertain taking payments on the taxes and perhaps writing off some of the delinquency. At the time, the Board agreed to do so if he could get the title cleared up. We are looking at 16 or 18 months later, and that never happened. Now the heir has gone through probate, but she wants to go a different direction, and Mr. Payne wants the same deal. TM Lacaillade told him he would have to come back because that deal was off the table because it has been so long, and that they need to renegotiate with the Board and the new owners. Chris Luurtsema asked if there was precedence for this happening before, a similar situation. TM said no, that this trailer has been a thorn in the Board's side for many years because it has been vacant and no one is paying taxes, and no one could do anything with it because it was left without probate. One of the siblings has gone through the probate process. They are just trying to get this trailer to stop sitting in the trailer park, not paying lot space, not paying taxes, not paying anything, and trying to get someone else in there. The Board entertained this consideration if they could get the title cleared up. Chris Luurtsema asked if we know how much is owed. TM Lacaillade indicated she did not. She also indicated that it is an older trailer, and doubted it was huge money, but would find out. Darwin Clogston asked what particular meeting was the deal approved. TM Lacaillade thought it was the June of 2015 meeting. Darwin Clogston wanted to be able to go back to the minutes and double check what was said, and agreed to.

Chris Luurstema asked if the minutes were possibly electronic. TM Lacaillade indicated that she did not think the minutes were electronically recorded then, but would get them the minutes. Mike Bonanno asked if the property owner's first name was Lawrence. TM Lacaillade indicated yes. Tom Friel commented that this all sounded familiar. Chairman Fortier asked if there was any further discussion. No further discussion.

**Town Manager's Report:** TM Lacaillade did a brief synopsis of her Town Manager Report. Her report included an update on Stonecrest, which is on the agenda tonight. There have been many meetings at Stonecrest, and with different parties involved with it. TM Lacaillade commented that she hoped that with what is learned over the last few months a decision can be made as to how to proceed. She reported that Thomas Patten came in the office regarding his Woodsville properties. He has decided to let them go for tax deeding. There are other issues that go along with the deeding due to an IRS lien currently recorded. She indicated this would lengthen the process. There is also a lien from the city of Hanover on any property owned in Grafton County. TM Lacaillade mentioned has been in contact with the Hanover Town Manager to see if the Town will release their interest in those properties. Photos have been sent to them so they are aware of the properties in question and their value. The Hanover TM is on vacation, so it will be discussed further once she is back. We will not be able to take the property next time due to the IRS liens and the notification process to them. Mr. Patten is trying to negotiate with another Woodsville resident on Ammonoosuc Street to sell them the piece of property next door to them, but they would inherit the same issues the Board has, and they are thinking they would not want to do that. TM Lacaillade mentioned the e-coli breakout in the North Haverhill Water system and how it was dealt with. The DES, Chief of Police, Emergency Management and TM Lacaillade all met regarding the issue. It was mentioned that the reaction and notices were fairly well done. A precinct meeting this week will allow them to talk about how the situation was handled, what went well and what didn't work. She discussed the ad to replace Karen's position. An offer was made to someone today for the position. Many emails have come in and people have been in the office regarding the recycling issue. TM Lacaillade indicated that many times, she has mentioned the cost of recycling to the residents and when they hear that they understand better. There is much interest amongst the town to have recycling available. She is meeting with Lisbon this week to see if there is something, we can work out. Darwin Clogston indicated he did not think we should be "writing off" Neil Robie just yet. TM Lacaillade noted that she and Neil are still talking, and that Neil may have a plan B. Darwin Clogston asked about the possibility of the Armory building for the recycling. Tom Friel commented he looked at the asbestos situation and there does not seem to be anything loose within the building and that everything seems sealed. He suggested that we have an expert come in and evaluate how safe the building is and to let us know what can and cannot be done there. Chairman Fortier asked if this is something the Board would like done.

Mike Bonanno indicated it was a good idea and should be done. Tom Friel mentioned that for safety sake and to get a "clean bill of health" on the building we should have it looked at to make sure it is suitable for use. Chairman Fortier asked if anyone had an idea of the cost. Tom Friel indicated that he thought it would be around \$250.00-\$300.00 TM Lacaillade also noted that Neil Robie mentioned \$300.00. Tom Friel commented that it should be a simple inspection as everything is in the open. TM Lacaillade asked the Board if they would like to go ahead with the assessment. Chairman Fortier suggested identifying a figure not to go over. Tom Friel indicated he thought the Board should determine the armory's intended use first. If it is to be used for

recycling, he suggested that the Board take the figure for assessing the asbestos and make it a part of the total recycling costs. There was a motion made by Mike Friel to proceed with an assessment that is not to exceed \$400.00. Darwin Clogston asked if the asbestos assessment would also cover lead paint. Chairman Fortier asked if the same people would conduct both assessments. TM Lacaillade mentioned that she believed Neil said that both issues would be looked at. TM Lacaillade said she would get a couple of quotes together. She also mentioned that no motion was needed for the \$400 until the quotes are in. Mike Friel withdrew his motion. She also mentioned the property in Haverhill Corner that we have talked about putting up for sale this year, if the voters decide to do this. Lynn Wheeler is doing the title research to determine how we acquired the property, as this will determine if or how we can dispose of it. She is meeting with the ATV club this week regarding their trails. She met with Chris Wellington of the Grafton County Economic Development Corp. regarding ideas of marketing the business park, and funding sources for business interested in coming in. They will be meeting again soon. Chris Luurtsema asked if we have possession of the building in Haverhill Corner. TM Lacaillade indicated that it is a lot, not a building. She indicated it is the Powder House Hill property and that it cannot be part of any sort of land transaction until it is figured out how the property was acquired. She also mentioned about putting it on the warrant for the voters to decide what to do with it. TM Lacaillade discussed the sewer line authorization. She indicated that all paperwork was in for the grant, and that part of the requirement of the grant is to hold a public meeting to advise the public that we are applying for the grant. The public hearing is a formality and no special wording is needed.

**Public Hearing:** The public hearing was opened at 6:19. Chairman Fortier announced that the cost is \$25,000.00 to have an inspection completed of the current sewer line that runs from the Woodsville, Treatment Plant to the business park. He indicated that the federal portion of the grant that was applied for is \$18,750.00 and the Town portion is \$6,250.00. There have been difficulties in the Dark Hollow portion of the line. He indicated that there has been at least one break; if not two in that area and that, the lines have been in for quite some time. The grant will determine the condition of the line and where any concerns lie. TM Lacaillade commented that one community member; Joe Maccini does not feel that we have any issues. In their discussion, he urged to go ahead and apply for the grant anyway, that way it will be in place even if we do not have to use it. TM Lacaillade also noted that if the school expansion project happens, Woodsville has allotted sewage extras flow through our line. The middle school currently has a septic system. If the school expands, they will have to be added into the sewer line. TM Lacaillade mentioned that she did receive notice that all paperwork for the grant is now in. Chairman Fortier asked if there were any questions. With no questions asked, the public meeting ended at 6:23

**Pending (Old) Business:**

- **Stonecrest:** TM Lacaillade indicated that Mike Lavoie had dropped off paperwork showing where the line is. Chairman Fortier commented that it was his understanding that the line did not go under the road. TM Lacaillade indicated that it goes over a culvert on the side of the road. Chairman Fortier noted that the Board met with two people from the highway committee. In addition, the Board and TM Lacaillade have met with Mike Lavoie. There is in place an agreement with Trout's Unlimited that was brought up to town voters last year. The project

came in at \$90,753.00. Chairman Fortier commented that his understanding was that we were going to split the cost. Trout's Unlimited was going to kick in \$45,000.00. However, at town meeting the town's portion was presented as \$28,000.00. Chairman Fortier also mentioned that TM Lacaillade believes that due to a surplus on our capital reserve project that we did on Clark Pond Road and the paving project that we did on Brushwood Road there is some money available. The Town will need to kick in a difference up to the \$55,000.00 made up of either the Highway Dept. Budget or the Capital Reserve Fund. TM Lacaillade commented that this does not include anything to do with the water line. Chairman Fortier said that out of the \$90,753.00, Trout's Unlimited would still be giving the \$45,000.00. Chris Luurstema asked about the water line removal. TM Lacaillade indicated this was something else that needed to be discussed this evening. Darwin Clogston asked if the final figure of \$90,753.00 included anything to do with the water. TM Lacaillade answered that it did not. Darwin Clogston commented that Mr. Bogie and that some of the highway committee feel it is best not to work on the culvert from the existing road, but to blow in a temporary road with landowner approval. Most feel this is cheaper and easier; including the state people. We do not have landowner permission to do this yet. Originally, it was planned to keep the road over the culvert open, one lane, while doing part of it; that is a consideration. Darwin Clogston mentioned that on Friday the state people did indicate that utilizing the current road, half of it at a time, would not work. Darwin said that Mr. Bogie felt that it could possibly fail the other side. He suggested closing the whole thing. Chairman Fortier asked if it was Chiefs responsibility to investigate an alternative route. TM Lacaillade mentioned that Chief Bogie has the three landowner's information that could grant easements. TM Lacaillade feels that he will not negotiate until he knows he has the job. She also mentioned that if Chief Bogie goes in the other way, he knows that he has to fit that in with his original estimate. There was discussion, after looking at the map as to where the line goes. TM Lacaillade confirmed that it is not underneath the pavement. Chairman Fortier commented that it is not as drastic as we had originally thought. Chairman Fortier indicated that the question is, do we award the bid to the only bidder. He said the bidder could not move forward if he does not know if he has the bid or not. Chairman Fortier commented that either we go forward with the original project of replacing the culvert, or we do something entirely different. If we decide to do something different, we lose the funding from Trout's Unlimited and then would need to go to through wetlands approval and develop a completely new plan to bring to the March meeting for voter approval. Mike Friel asked if because we know the culvert is bad, does the liability lie with the town because we knew the culvert was bad and didn't do anything about it. Chairman Fortier said his concern was the waterline. If it ruptures, there are seven homes that would be without water, and we may lose the road. Darwin Clogston asked if it ruptured how long it would take to get there to shut it off. He noted that he thought it was a curb styles shut off, so we would not be looking at 8" of main gushing out. He said he did not feel that it would be like Irene coming down that path. Mike Bonanno asked if three or four homes there are on wells. Darwin Clogston said he thought there were three with artesian

wells. Tom Friel questioned when we put the bid out did we say that we have the right to cancel any bids made. TM Lacaillade commented that it was actually Trout's Unlimited bid and that Trout's Unlimited knows that we can back out. Chairman Fortier asked what the Board wants to do with the originally proposed budget. Tom Friel asked if we put the bid out. TM Lacaillade indicated Trout's Unlimited put the bid out and that we have not signed anything with Mr. Bogie. Tom Friel asked if Trout's Unlimited said they could reject all bids. If they did not put it out saying just that and someone came in and was the only bidder, than guess what, they get the bid. TM Lacaillade commented that Chief is well aware that we may not proceed with this project. He has been at all of the meetings. Tom Friel added, "I just want to know if we had advertised, or it was advertised, I don't care who did the advertising that there was a right to reject all bids". Chairman Fortier asked Tom Friel if his point was that if we did not have the wording in there, either us or Trout's Unlimited that we would have to accept the bid. Tom Friel indicated that was his point. TM Lacaillade said that Chief's first bid did not cover what we asked him to bid on, and that after a highway meeting Chief Bogie had amended his bid. This is after the bid process. Chris Luurstema commented that from a town's perspective, any bidder would not have recourse if their bid came in higher than the town allotted in their budget. Chris Luurstema went onto say that you can reserve an amount as you estimate, but if the bid comes in \$1million dollars higher, then sorry it cannot be done. Chris Luurstema is concerned that we are being rushed into doing something not knowing the cost of the water line portion. He understands that under DRA rules we are allowed to utilize funds from the highway project but is concerned with the use of that from a personal perspective because when the highways fund was put together, they were for highway purposes and if we use those funds, it may push out other highway projects further. These projects may require just as much attention. Chris Luurstema also commented that he does not feel all possibilities are being investigated. He hates to rush into making a decision just to reserve \$45,000 from Trout's Unlimited. He would rather have full knowledge of what we are facing before we make a decision. He mentioned that if that means losing \$45,000 from Trouts Unlimited for now he is okay with that. He personally feels accepting this money to restore trout passage seems dirty, as there does not seem to be many trout going through there. Chris Luurstema mentioned again that this was his personal opinion. TM Lacaillade commented that this was a big risk to take, if the culvert fails, seven homes not being able to get in and out. Chris Luurstema indicated that he feels we can somehow shore this up. TM Lacaillade indicated that 2 years ago, we could have done all of these things, but in that 2 years the culvert has failed more, and that the state as well as the road crew have all indicated that the culvert is in trouble. She also mentioned that experts have told us that it will fail. If it fails, we are facing a larger expense to repair it quickly. Darwin Clogston commented that he thought the idea of a temporary road was a great idea. He feels we are getting our backs against the wall, and if we can get landowner permission to build the temporary road, we could close the culvert. Darwin Clogstomn also commented that he had spoken to an engineer in Vermont and explained the condition of the culvert. That engineer indicated that it was not

long for this world. A temporary road would take care of all our liability, and all of our issues with the culvert failing. We could then step back and look at funding, even if it means building a culvert in 6 months there would be a better shot at some more understanding. Darwin Clogston went on to say that, he also had a problem with the funding. His concern is the \$28,000 that is the town portion, and it is looking like we will be more than that. TM Lacaillade commented that the \$55,000 includes the water. It is about \$46,000.00 without the water. She also mentioned that the water line is something else that needs to be decided. Darwin Clogston said that we are thinking about giving the go ahead to the bidder, and we do not even have a number yet. Darwin Clogston also said that he is not in favor of pulling the money from the highway budget, and would be more inclined to pull it from the capital reserve project. His concern is that those monies were designated for other projects, not the culvert project. Chairman Fortier commented that the Capital Reserve Fund was designated for two projects, the Clark Pond Road project and the Brushwood Road project. Those both came in under budget. Therefore, the Board has free will to expend the surplus how it sees fit. TM Lacaillade indicated that it does according to the DRA. Darwin Clogston asked if this would be considered a capital reserve project. Chairman Fortier commented that in reality, it is a capital reserve project. That we are going to expend \$55,000.00, which is \$27,000.00 more than anticipated. He went on to say that the next big capital road project, even though the highway committee has not identified it yet would be attention to Lily Pond Rd. To do any sort of meaningful work on Lily Pond will take at least 2 years of approximately \$150,000.00, if the town's people give us that. If that will be the recommendation of the highway advisory committee, we have to wait 2 years before we can really do something with that. Maybe some ditching to help solve the water problem can be done, but the actual re-construction will not happen for 2 years. Chairman Fortier also noted that he is not aware of how much surplus we have, but that we still need to do a final paving on Clark Pond Road. TM Lacaillade indicated that those funds would come from the paving budget. She also mentioned that the email she had sent out said there is between \$52,000 and \$55,000 left on that line item. Darwin Clogston asked if there was a process with the capital project budget policy. Chairman Fortier indicated yes, how we determine what projects we work on there is a policy. Darwin Clogston mentioned an item amended by the select Board last July, which stated that capital projects are not to be completed without public input, and that seems to be lacking. TM Lacaillade commented that we have had it on the agenda many times, so it is not that we have not offered input. TM Lacaillade went on to give a quick history of the Stonecrest project, mentioning that it was in the budget for \$90,000.00 2 years ago. It went through the budget committee and the SelectBoard, until the budget hearing. The Board pulled it. She also stated that it started as a warrant article, but was then moved to the general budget because the Board didn't feel it was fair for 7 houses to be at the mercy of a warrant article. The Board felt it fairer to be in the general budget. In the end, because of what it looked like the tax rate would do, the Board pulled it out. She also commented that it is not like we are forcing the issue on to anybody in a hurry. It has been under discussion for 2 years. At that time, the

culvert was in trouble. It was separated by a 1' gap and the bottom was gone. Back then, we had talked about lining it. Many professionals have indicated that lining it is not an option now. Jacking it up was another discussion. However, with OSHA, we would not be able to find anyone to work inside the culvert. There was also talking of welding the culvert, but we have been told there is not enough there to weld to try to keep it apart. TM Lacaillade said these are all things that we have talked about, and that the Highway Committee itself does not agree on what we should do. Chris Luurstema asked if there were any other alternatives. He asked could we spend the same amount of money today, and avoid spending it again in culvert repair 30 years from now. TM Lacaillade said we could not spend the same money today if we are to put the road into spec. The cost of putting in that road is \$100,000.00. She also commented that we would not know on the land acquisition part. Then there is the culvert itself. We have batted numbers around for the total project being between \$200,000 and \$250,000.00 to acquire the land, do the road and the culvert. Chris Luurstema asked if the money from Trouts Unlimited was paying to remove culverts. TM Lacaillade responded that we might be able to keep that funding to remove the culvert. Chris Luurstema indicated that he does not want to be having this same discussion in 20 years. Darwin Clogston commented that if we do things right the first time, and put some extra money into the repair, we will not be coming back in 20 years to fix it again. TM Lacaillade commented that the taxpayers might not see it that way. They may see it that we can do it for \$90,000.00 and the Board wants to for \$200,000.00. Darwin Clogston commented that the first issue is to find out from the landowners what we can do. Once we know the answer to that, we can kick around other ideas. TM Lacaillade asked Darwin Clogston if there was discussion after the last meeting regarding temporary roads. Darwin Clogston indicated that yes there was, but that there was no decision from Mr. Lavoie at this time. Darwin Clogston also noted that for us to say we will do the culvert; we are looking at a month to get the culvert and then time to do the job. He is concerned that we may have missed the window, and are coming into the wrong season for excavation work. Blowing in a temporary road would address all concerns. TM Lacaillade commented that the temporary road would need to be re-bid, because it is beyond Chief Bogie, since he is not doing the other part of the job. Tom Friel commented that he feels we need to see how the landowners feel. TM Lacaillade indicated that Mike Lavoie needs to be a part of this. Chairman Fortier commented that Mr. Lavoie was not the only landowner affected. TM Lacaillade commented that he is the critical one. Without Mike Lavoie giving access, we do not have any other way to get there. Chris asked if Powder House Hill would give us access. TM Lacaillade responded no. Tom Friel asked if there was a potential land lock situation if we were to do a land swap. TM Lacaillade said we would need to address that before a permanent road was put in. Rick Ladd commented that he has been contacted by an individual who owns a lot in the Stonecrest division. If we re-routed the road, the road would landlock their lot, and the value of that land would be affected. Tom Friel indicates this is the impression he got as well. Rick questioned whether we could assure fire department that their equipment, given a fire can get up there. Mike Bonanno asked if we could guarantee a fire truck or

ambulance could get there is the culvert failed tomorrow. Rick Ladd asked how long would the temporary road be in effect. Howard Hatch commented that fuel trucks would also need to access the development. Tom Friel commented that in 1973 when the town became flooded, roads were shot. At that time we put in a Bailey Bridge temporarily. He asked if this was a possibility. TM Lacaillade commented that according to DOT, there is not room for one. Howard recommended putting in a truss line, to dig down, put a cap on the water line in case of a wash out. He commented what liability does the Town want to take. Chairman Fortier asked if the truss would need to be done before winter. Mr. Hatch responded that you could leave the water line buried. Chairman Fortier commented that he thought the truss was a good idea. Chairman Fortier asked if at the time of Bogie's bid Bogie had mentioned that the work would need to be on one-half of the culvert at a time. TM Lacaillade indicated that Bogie had mentioned this and was able to do so. Chairman Fortier said that in his personal opinion we should move forward with replacing the culvert. Start the work as soon as possible and get it done. He mentioned that this avoids having to create an alternative route and arguing with the landowners. He also commented that he would like to see the funding come from the Capital Reserve Fund, that in reality, it is a capital project, and it is sort of an emergency. Tom Friel asked Howard Hatch if he had an idea of costs for trussing the waterline. Howard indicated that an engineer would be required, and that it could get expensive. TM Lacaillade commented that the state had indicated that the vibration of trucks and the traffic could affect the culvert. Mike Friel commented that he was okay with doing the work half-and-half, but would like to see an emergency contingency plan. If half of the culvert fails while the other half is being worked on what would we do? Chairman Fortier commented that if Chief feels he could complete the work one-half at a time without causing any emergency situation then we have to trust him. Chris Luurstema asked if bonding would cover that. Howard indicated no matter what happens, it is up to Bogie to make sure that traffic can get through. TM Lacaillade asked if we are exposing the waterline if we were to truss it. She was concerned we would have to worry about freezing. Howard responded that he recommended the trussing for safety if we were not going to be doing anything about the culvert. Chairman Fortier asked what the Board's decision is. He commented that the Board has been batting this around for 2 years and he feels they need to make a decision. Tom Friel agreed that a decision is needed. Chairman Fortier added that whether the Board goes with the original plan or scraps it and possibly loses the Trouts Unlimited portion of \$45,000.00 and do something entirely different, they would be looking at a wetland process again because of changing the plan. The Board would also need to re-negotiate with the landowners, as well as get it through with the voters. TM Lacaillade commented that there is a chance the money from Trouts Unlimited would not be lost if the culvert was to be removed. She did not want the Board to feel they needed to go the other way because they would lose the funding from Trouts Unlimited. Mike Bonanno agreed with Chairman Fortier that the Board needs to just move forward with it and get it done. Tom Friel commented that there may be some risk involved, but that Bogie is bonded and he has to take care of it. Mike Bonanno

made a motion to go ahead with the project. Tom Friel seconded the motion. Howard Hatch asked that the Board ask for some input of where the money is to come from. He would like to see a plan of where that money will be taken from. Chairman Fortier asked Hatch if he was concerned with the money coming from the Capital Reserve Fund. Hatch commented that he would rather not see the funds come from the highway department that were earmarked for other projects. Chairman Fortier asked Howard if there was a surplus in the Capital Reserve Fund, would he rather see it come out of that. Howard responded that he would. Howard also mentioned that the trust funds, as of August 31<sup>st</sup> still had monies sitting in it. TM Lacaillade commented that the money is taken out as the project is completed, and that she was waiting for the final bill for the Clark Pond road project before she did that. Rick Ladd commented that he doesn't want the Board to touch the gravel budget. He feels the Board has worked to beef up that budget, and is concerned none of it has been used. He would hope the Board has a prioritization plan for both our paved roads as well as the gravel roads. He also commented that he would caution using gravel money. Chairman Fortier commented that the town has used quite a bit of gravel on the roads this summer. Chairman Fortier asked if there was any further discussion on the motion to go ahead with the project as originally proposed. Chris Luurstema commented that he did not feel comfortable using any additional funds that what was voted for. He mentioned that taking it out of the highway reserve might push the already 2 year plan for Lily Pond out further, because of the lack of the \$30,000.00 or so that the Board is considering using for the culvert project. Chris Luurstema went onto say that he did not feel that the Board has had the ability to investigate all options for the culvert project. He feels there is no real answer. TM Lacaillade commented that the town had planned on using all of that \$300,000.00 in the Capital Reserve Fund this year anyway, so it would not be sitting there available for Lily Pond. Chairman Fortier asked for any further discussion. Tom Friel commented there was an issue on the table that needed to be addressed. Chairman Fortier called the vote. Tom Friel, Mike Bonanno and Chairman Wayne Fortier voted yes, Darwin Clogston and Chris Luurstema opposed. The motion passed. The Stonecrest project will go ahead as originally proposed. Darwin Clogston asked if the money was coming from the Capital Reserve Fund. Chairman Fortier indicated that he believed it was the Boards wishes to come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund. Chris Luurstema asked what happens if the water line movement or temporary relocation comes in higher than originally planned. TM Lacaillade said again that the \$90,000.00 does not include the water line, and that that issue needs to be addressed. Chris Luurstema commented he felt the Board is voting on a partial project while there are still unknowns. TM Lacaillade commented that is why the water line issue needs to be brought up and addressed. She went on to say that, other meetings the Board had heard that when Woodsville had to move their water lines, it was on them, not the town. Chris Luurstema asked if that meant Haverhill was responsible for this water line issue. TM Lacaillade indicated it was Haverhill Corner. Rick Ladd asked what type of money are they looking at. He said at the last meeting it was said there would be someone there overseeing the project. Now it's coming out that the precinct will need to pay for the water line

portion of the project. His concern is \$90,753 has been approved without any idea of what the water line will cost, and now it will be the Haverhill Corner's responsibility. Chairman Fortier asked Mr. Ladd if he thought the Haverhill Corner should have to pay some of this, as it is a Haverhill Corner water line. Ladd commented that it's not the Haverhill Corner's culvert that has failed. Chairman Fortier indicated it was the Precinct's water line that was originally installed over the culvert. Chairman Fortier also noted now that the \$90,753.00 has been approved, the winning bidder needs to estimate the cost of stabilizing the water line. If Bogie is the doing the project, he will need to deal with that water line. Chairman Fortier also commented that the Board just does not know what the cost will be, but that the project needs to start. He indicated to Mr. Ladd that this \$90,000.00 did not include the water line. Mr. Ladd commented that he was not told that the 196 users of the Haverhill Corner water line would need to pay for the water line. Mike Bonanno mentioned that the water line might not even be damaged, so therefore may not be an issue. TM Lacaillade said it still needs to be relocated. Chris Luurstema addressed his concern that the water line and the culvert is all part of the same project. Chris Luurstema added that the whole thing should be viewed at one project. Howard Hatch commented that the water line belongs to the precinct's water dept., and that Woodsville isn't going to pay to work on it. TM Lacaillade commented that if the line were moved, the whole town would be paying for it. Tom said the Board needs to get an estimate for the cost of moving the line. Darwin Clogston asked if it was too late, since the vote had been made. Chairman Fortier indicated that when Trouts Unlimited first bid it out, there was no mention for 2 years of the water line going over the culvert. It was mentioned at the last minute. Chairman Fortier went on to say that the Board was unaware of the lines location until about 3 weeks ago. Chairman Fortier feels that the bid went out for the culvert and was approved. The water line is owned by a separate entity, and therefore is a separate issue. The contractor can give quotes on the water line. He also commented that the Haverhill Corner precinct's commissioners need to step up and pay for the water line. Haverhill Corner residents don't pay for Woodsville water. Darwin Clogston questioned the need for a bid on the water line. He mentioned if there's a \$5,000.00 bid and a \$25,000.00 bid what difference does it make. TM Lacaillade asked if he meant because we are not paying for the water line. Darwin Clogston added if we were paying, we're committed to moving the culvert. So what do we do? What if we rupture a line. Tom Friel commented that if a line is ruptured, it's on the contractor. Chairman Fortier added that he'd like to hear from the contractor the best way to solve the problem. Chris Luurstema asked if the contractor was aware of the water line issue. Chairman Fortier and Tom Friel indicated Bogie is now aware. Chris Luurstema said we have a bid for a project that is only 90% complete. He compared it to building a house and not thinking about the roof. TM Lacaillade responded that one issue is if you put a water line over a culvert, you know sooner or later that there will be costs associated when the culvert needs to be replaced. That situation is what has been brought to the Boards attention. Darwin Clogston commented that no matter where the line is, it's not a forever thing. Someone will be responsible for it sooner or later. Rick Ladd commented

that they were asked if the \$28,000 and the \$42,000 included the whole job. Rick understands that Trouts Unlimited is dealing with Horizon Engineering, which is the same company who put in and designed the water line to begin with. When Rick hears that Trouts Unlimited is saying the job is paid for, they've contracted with a company who put in the line. Ladd questioned why wouldn't they include the water line in the bid. He went onto say that Horizon's Engineering or someone missed the boat. Chairman Fortier commented that this was an argument that could be made. TM Lacaillade indicated she had made the argument to Trouts Unlimited. She also noted that Trouts Unlimited should be going after their engineer. Rick Ladd commented that the Select Board was told that was the total money to complete the project. TM Lacaillade said let's be clear, the total has always been around \$90,000.00. It was never the \$45,000 and \$28,000.00. Chairman Fortier noted it was \$45,000 and \$45,000.00. TM Lacaillade responded that was the amount that the grant was applied for. The change that was allocated did not come from Trouts Unlimited. Chairman Fortier suggested communicating with Trouts Unlimited, and try to get them to acknowledge if in fact their engineer put the line in, that they should have known that and it should have been included in the price. TM Lacaillade said she would make that argument with Trouts Unlimited again. Mike Bonanno asked if a vote was needed for giving Bogie the project. Chairman Fortier indicated it had been voted on. With Bogie being the only bidder, his name was not mentioned. Tom Friel suggested an official vote to accept Bogie's bid. Chairman Fortier agreed. Tom Friel made the motion that the bid of \$90,753.00 from Bogie be accepted. Mike Bonanno seconded. Chairman Fortier asked for any further discussion. Howard Hatch asked if the Board should vote that the cost of the water line will not be paid for by the town. Tom Friel asked if Mr. Bogie included the water line in his bid. TM Lacaillade indicated no. Chairman Fortier suggested investigating the cost of the water line. He suggested having Bogie estimate both stabilizing the line and replacing it. TM Lacaillade commented that when they met down at the project, it was discussed that the water line issue is the first item that needs to be addressed. She mentioned that there was talking of hooking a hose to a hydrant, and also talk of possibly a plastic temporary line. She also mentioned that digging can't begin until a temporary water line is established, because the moment digging begins the line will go. Tom Friel indicated that he felt that the water line is a separate issue, and that Trouts Unlimited should be contacted to see what can be done with the funding on that end of it. Rick Ladd questioned where that determination came from. TM Lacaillade commented that it came from the engineers. Ladd noted that it has sort of been the gossip, but has never been addressed by the commissioners at all. TM Lacaillade commented that she was pretty sure the state has suggested it as well, and that Bogie has also mentioned it. Chairman Fortier asked, does Bogie clearly know that he water line needs to be addressed first. TM Lacaillade indicated that yes, Bogie does in fact know that the water line issue needs to be addressed first. Darwin Clogston commented that there is a little lag time before this would happen, because the culvert needs to be ordered. Rick Ladd commented that the fire hose will not work because that will give grey water. He indicated that the integrity of the water will not be drinking water, so no we are

talking about a different type of plastic piping. Mike Bonanno spoke up and said that he disagreed. He mentioned that it's done all the time in Boston with the fire hose. TM Lacaillade commented that she has heard from Joe Maccini that something else needs to be put down. Darwin Clogston commented that there is some sort of sanitizer. Rick Ladd commented that there is a sanitized pipe that needs to be used, then you are running the risk with DES and facing the possible issue of what No. Haverhill just went through. Chairman Fortier asked if Bogie is aware of the fire hose discussion. TM Lacaillade indicated that it has been discussed with Bogie about the fire hose, but she is not sure if the plastic pipe has been discussed. Chairman Fortier then asked if there was any further discussion in the motion on the table of accepting Bogies bid as propose for \$90,753.00. Chairman Fortier, Tom Friel and Mike Bonanno voted yes, Chris Luurtsema and Darwin Clogston voted no. The motion passed. Tom Friel commented that the water line now needs to be addressed. Chairman Fortier asked if it should be up to Bogie to give an assessment. Tom Friel agreed. Rick Ladd asked if a water line would be run above the ground when its freezing outside. Chairman Fortier commented that a line above the ground wasn't mentioned. He had heard the options of trusses, and asking the contractor how he will stabilize and protect the line. Darwin Clogston suggested that Bogie should meet with the precinct commissioners. Howard Hatch suggested a water department operator to set the priorities that they want. Rick Ladd commented that he had mentioned the operator at the previous meeting. Chairman Fortier commented that Rick did mention Mr. Boutin. Chairman Fortier also commented that Mr. Boutin be involved w/ discussing with Bogie as to how to stabilize and maintain the safety of the water line.

#### **New Business:**

- **Tim Northcott-BTLA case w/ River Meadow Campground:** TM Lacaillade mentioned that she was not sure why Tim Northcott was not here for the meeting. River Meadow Campground has filed an abatement request, and it has gone to the BTLA. The hearing date w/ BTLA is approaching, where the town will defend their value. The new assessed value is \$1.4 million. River Meadow is asking for \$1.1 million. TM Lacaillade went on to say that Tim from the BTLA feels he has a strong case to maintain the \$1.4 figure at the BTLA level. He has some good sales to base his value on. We have to respond to the settlement request from \$1.4 million to their request of \$1.1 million. TM Lacaillade commented that her suggestion is not to settle on the \$1.1 million, and to go further, because there are good sales to back up the data. Tom Friel commented that if Tim Northcott feels he has good sales to bas the value on, the Board should back up their assessor. Chairman Fortier asked if there was a hearing date. TM Lacaillade indicated that she believed it was October 11<sup>th</sup>, and that there is not enough time to respond and counter, as he may counter back with the Board before the hearing. The Town is trying to get one offer out and possibly settle before the hearing. Lacaillade also commented that she was looking for the Board to say they will back up the assessor. Tom Friel made a motion to agree with the assessor's recommendation amount of \$1.4 million. Motion was seconded by Mike Bonanno. With no further

discussion the vote was called. The Board voted with all 5 Board members voting yes.

- **Haverhill Tax Payer's Association request for meeting space:** TM Lacaillade commented that the Haverhill Tax Payer's association is requesting that they can hold their meetings in the town office building. She mentioned that she felt the Board needed to discuss this request. She also mentioned that the building is used by other groups. The association has indicated that they are willing to work around the Boards schedule to not infringe on other meetings. Mike Bonanno questioned if the association was non-profit. Darwin Clogston asked if he okays the use of the space, is he allowed to attend the meetings. Chris Luurstema asked if there were membership dues to join. Ron Willoughby commented that the association is not classed a non-profit. He also commented that he would not have made the request. Mike Bonanno asked if there was a lead member of the group. Ron Willoughby indicated he guessed it would be himself. Tom Friel commented that he felt it was sort of a conflict. He'd rather see meetings held in a church basement or somewhere other than in the town office building. Chairman Fortier asked Mr. Willoughby if he'd feel better having the meetings elsewhere. Mr. Willoughby commented that the association principally started because the tax payers feel that the taxes are too high, and that the tax rate is made up of 3 entities, the school, the town and the county. Mr. Willoughby also indicated that he would not have made the request because he feels it strange to ask the Board to use the space, when the association may be discussing things that the Board may not like. Chairman Fortier asked Willoughby if he had thought of spaces he'd like to meet. Mr. Willoughby commented that so far they have been held within his home. He also commented that if the association grows, another space other than members home will be needed. Chairman Fortier asked Mr. Willoughby if he had any idea that a new member of the organization had made the request. Ron indicated he did not know. Mike Bonanno made the motion to deny the request. Tom Friel asked what the policy was for the use of rooms. TM Lacaillade commented that there are all sorts of groups that use the rooms. Mike Bonanno asked if they were required to have an insurance rider. TM Lacaillade commented that that is why she asked the association if they had insurance. She indicated that the Board does have proof of insurance from the Lions Club or the Chamber of Commerce. Those kinds of groups are allowed because they are civic minded. In her opinion, whether she supports them or not, to her they are also a civic group. They just have a difference purpose. She felt it was not up to her to say yes or no. Tom Friel commented that he sees this as a potential conflict, and he'd rather see them meet in a more neutral place. TM Lacaillade commented that they see it as it's the taxpayers who pay to run the building. There was no second to the motion. Motion to now allow the tax payer's association use of the building failed. Chris Luurstema commented that he didn't see a problem with them using the building as long as it didn't cost the town anything. Chairman Fortier commented that if the space is needed, the association should come back to the Board and let them know. Chris Luurstema made a motion to approve the use of the building by the Haverhill Taxpayer's Association. Mike Bonanno seconded the motion. Tom

Friel commented as long as it is not a violation of the Boards policies, he is okay with it. Chairman Fortier asked TM Lacaillade if she was aware if it was a violation. TM Lacaillade stated she did not believe it was. With no further discussion, the vote was called. With 5 yes's and no abstentions, motion passed.

**Commission/Committee Reports:** Darwin Clogston stated that the airport commission met. They started with a brief tour of the runway, the fuel station and the hangars. Darwin Clogston commented that it's a great group of people who are very passionate about the airport. There is a beacon that may be for sale, and Dick Guy is looking into that for those concerned with light pollution. Mike Bonanno asked if there was talking of buying one or renting one. Darwin Clogston indicated they would be looking to buy it, that Dick had just started looking into it to see if it's compatible. Darwin Clogston indicated this beacon would be for test purposes only. Tom Friel questioned buying a beacon solely for test purposes. TM Lacaillade commented that she thought the beacon was in Indiana. Darwin Clogston corrected her in saying it was in Montana. He also commented that the cost is yet to be determined. TM Lacaillade commented that the budget in the town report is for \$25,000.00. She also noted that if this is to work out for the commission, that they will then come to the Board. Darwin Clogston commented that the commission is still working out a lot of details about the beacon. Tom Friel expressed that buying it to try it didn't make sense. TM Lacaillade commented that she thought the commission has tried for some time to rent one. Chairman Fortier asked what the Boards decision on this would be. He also indicated that there had been a public hearing on this topic, and that he thought there was more townspeople against the idea of the beacon than there were for it. Darwin Clogston commented that he had asked at the hearing for a non-binding show of hands, and it was about 2/3 to 3/4 opposed. It wasn't just the light pollution, it was the cost as well as the need considering the amount of air traffic. Chairman Fortier asked where the responsibility of the Board lies in making a decision as to whether to approve it or not. Darwin Clogston thought there was a \$1000.00 cap on the beacon, but couldn't be sure. Chairman Fortier asked if the core purpose was to set it up and show the citizens what little or great light pollution would be generated. Darwin Clogston indicated yes. TM Lacaillade asked, say they get this out of their regular operating budget, and it doesn't require NIPIAS funding, and we don't have a vote, what happens then. If they get a good deal, go get it, and bring it back here. Darwin Clogston commented that the Board had voted a couple of months ago concerning the airport and whether they could pursue the beacon. The budget committee had stressed the fact that the beacon needed to go to a public hearing, and that happened. Chairman Fortier commented that the vote was to take it to a public hearing. He also commented that the Board had the option not to take it to hearing, and cut it right there. TM Lacaillade commented that the budget committee and the Board requested they hold the public hearing. Chairman Fortier commented that the results of the hearing were not favorable for the beacon. He asked where does that put the Board. If the Board is going to say no, why spend the money on a test beacon. Chairman Fortier went onto say that the

commission does have the money in their budget, but the people have spoken. Darwin Clogston commented that one of the big factors was the light pollution. The commission feels if they can answer those fears, or changes the public's mind about the light pollution; it might go into their favor. TM Lacaillade commented that was the purpose of the test beacon, so the public could see what it looks like. Rick Ladd commented that we have dealt with light pollution in two other issues- the correctional facility and the church. There was concern from the church regarding light pollution. When Walmart came in, we heard testimony, and as a result, the Board put in that they must be put in straight up or down. TM Lacaillade commented that at the hearing they were told the blip will be more like a twinkle, and that we probably would not see it from the ground. Chris Luurstema commented that he feels the commission is doing their due diligence, trying to please the townspeople. If it was not for the budget committee, this could have all been passed with no argument. At this point, Chris Luurstema feels they will help improve the standing of the airport. He suggested letting them try the beacon. TM Lacaillade indicated that it was a public hearing, but that very few people attended. Mike Bonanno asked if this was the first step of the airport commission if they hoped to get more grant money. Darwin Clogston indicated he thought there were other steps that could be taken. Tom asked if it has been discussed where they want to set it up for a test. Darwin Clogston answered that a couple of locations have been considered for a permanent beacon. He thought one of those locations would be used for the test one. Tom Friel asked if one of the locations was a lot owned by the town. Darwin Clogston indicated yes, and that the other location was over by the town garage.

**Correspondence: None**

**Comments of the Public: None**

**Comments of the Town Manager: None**

**Comments of the Selectboard Members:**

Chris Luurstema commented that he was looking over the manifest, and he saw that there was a check to the State of New Hampshire for \$4.00 a gallon for gasoline for the police and highway vehicles.\* TM Lacaillade commented that this was for diesel. She also mentioned that the state just released their contract price in the last month. Chris Luurstema suggested other options for purchasing gas and fuel. TM Lacaillade indicated she has asked them to look into other options, and that she is open to credit cards or key cards for each of the vehicles. She also mentioned that the state had been locked into a contract. Chris Luurstema asked if there was anything we could do about that. He also questioned the math. TM Lacaillade indicated that the PD had just submitted theirs today, and they are paying \$2.79 a gallon. Howard commented that he felt this cost should be monitored more closely. TM Lacaillade said she could not order them to look into other options that the Board needs to do that. Chairman Fortier commented that in order to cut costs wherever possible, we need to tell

them we are changing where they fuel up. Chris Luurstema asked if we can look into any other options, but did not recommend a credit card due to too many issues, such as cards being lost or compromised. Chris Luurstema commented that if a key card can be set up with a local retailer that would be good. Rick Ladd asked if the road agent has a credit card. TM Lacaillade indicated that the road agent does, but not every town vehicle. Rick commented that an Exxon Mobil card could be set up for gasoline purchases only. Howard commented that you could set up key cards for each vehicle. Darwin Clogston commented that with lower gas prices, maybe we could look into a contract now. Darwin CLogston asked if the Town Manager's review is set to be discussed at the next meeting. TM Lacaillade indicated yes.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Mike Bonanno made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chris Luurtsema. Chairman Fortier adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes transcribed by Sarah Leete

\*The price per gallon for Diesel was incorrectly entered into Accounts payable; it is current \$2.64 gallon.