

MINUTES OF HAVERHILL SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
Draft Subject to Review, Correction and Approval at Following Meeting

Board Members Present: Wayne Fortier, Tom Friel, Christopher Luurtsema, Mike Bonanno and Darwin Clogston

Town Manager: Jo Lacaillade

Members of the Public Present: Phil Blanchard, Raymond Thayer, James Oakes, and Fred Garofalo.

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 approve the agenda as written, seconded by Mike Bonanno and carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Tom Friel made motion to approve the consent agenda and it was seconded by Mike Bonanno. Darwin requested that the minutes be amended to show who voted yes and no if the vote was not unanimous. Tom amended his motion to state that the minutes will be amended to reflect the list of who voted how; Mike Bonanno seconded the amendment and the motion carried unanimously. Mike Bonanno made a motion to approve the minutes of February 7, 2017; the motion was seconded by Darwin Clogston and carried unanimously.

Scheduled Public Appearance: Jim Oakes was in attendance to discuss a pending project at the County which will include replacing their aging sewer line out to the interceptor with the Town line. The Quit Claim deed between Grafton County and the Town regarding the boundaries is ambiguous and that is something they would like to address and establish the point is that the Town takes over ownership of the line. There was discussion about how lines are rotting from the outside in and discussion about whether salt or coal ash could be affecting the corrosion of the pipes and it was suggested that the soils be tested. The County is planning on redoing their parking lots and it didn't make sense to them to do that and not replace the sewer line first, they have had some initial work done to that end. TM Lacaillade said that the main purpose for this meeting tonight was to see if the Board would entertain the possibility of allowing the County to run their line along the rail trail. Also needed to be determined are what the property width is for the Town ownership of the trail and where the County property line is. There may be a need to have deeded easements to both parties to access the other's property based on this property line. Jim stated that if the County is allowed to run the line on the trail, there would be guarantees in the agreement that any damage done to the Town line of property due to construction would be on their contractor. Jim understands that there is also an issue with motorized vehicles on the trail which will be needed during construction. He feels that with good planning, ahead of time that restriction can be worked out. He wants the Town and the County to hammer out the boundaries so the easements can be handled. Jim and Jo will review the maps and see if that can be accomplished. The project he is proposing will not happen overnight but if the budget it approved they hope to be looking at construction in May 2018 or after. There is plenty of time to get all of the boundary issues, easement issues and permits in place. There was further discussion that there is not good information regarding the "as built" but hopefully there is a tracer tape on the Town line that can be detected; it was discussed that we could reach out to Woodsville Water and Light to see if they can find the tracer tape on the lines so they can be located on the maps. Jo reiterated that tonight's meeting was not as much about the nuts and

bolts of the project but more on whether the Selectmen would consider allowing them to utilize the rail trail if the details could be worked through; it will make a difference in what the County has the engineering done for. All felt that the determining of the property boundaries plays a large part of this project. Jo asked the Board if they were receptive to the County using part of the trail, if they get all the boundary, easement and ownership issues resolved. Tom Friel said yes; Chris said yes as long as it does not incur extra expense to the Town he is in favor of this partnership, he will be really interested in hearing about the outcome of coal slag/ash and how it can be affecting the corrosion of the line. There was discussion about the new type of product being used for sewer lines. The remainder of the Board supports moving forward. Jim asked that the County be given a copy of the Engineers report on the sewer line when completed. There was further discussion about clearing up the boundary lines and documentation of who owns for the future.

Comments of the Public: None

Town Manager's Report:

Jo said that the Town Report is at the printers and due back no later than 10th of March. The 3rd meeting of the Hazard Mitigation Plan review was today. The next meetings are set for March 21, April 18th and May 16th from 9am to 11am. She had attended the Crime Watch information meeting on March 8th, there are more meetings to follow. She also attended Haverhill Recreations Moonlight Fiesta at Mountain Lakes Lodge on 2/10 and Winterfest on Sunday, 2/19.

A combined meeting with Farmington, Claremont, Littleton and Haverhill has been set for Wednesday, March 29th in Concord and the Trails division. Also asked to attend are Rick Ladd, all local delegates for the regions involved, the federal delegation representatives, the Executive Councilors and ATV clubs for the areas involved. This meeting will be to understand all the issues being faced by the Towns involved and to set a plan to move forward.

She referred to a copy of a letter of support for a broadband grant being sought that would provide needed service to Woodsville.

North Country Council will be looking at road safety concerns with the Town of Haverhill. I will be meeting with them soon to start the process. Jo asked the Board if there were specific areas other than 302 in Woodsville that there are special safety concerns about, please let her know so they can be reviewed in depth.

Jo stated that the Stuart heard from Granite State today and the highway truck that was there for repairs has too much motor damage to do the original plan of so they will be putting in the full replacement that originally was slated for \$20,000 but Granit State is going to issue some credits towards the parts that they can use and it is projected to come in about \$17,000 with a one year warranty. Darwin said that they were given the go ahead over 3 weeks ago and we are just hearing today that they can't do the repair as we agreed to, why did it take so long? Jo said that she feels his frustration and so does Stuart and it was voiced today; we have a rented truck and we have had severe storms during that time and she definitely understands. Their options were to not fix the truck and just keep going with the rental or just move forward and she chose to just go forward. Darwin said he didn't disagree with moving forward but he wondered now where they might be in 3 weeks. Darwin said that he had stopped by the highway

garage this morning and the hours are adding up on that truck and there had been some mechanical issues. Jo said that the mechanical issues the owner should take care of in the end and she thinks about where the Town would have been without this truck, even as it is, without this truck with all of these large storms. Was it our best option at the time, she believes it was and still believes it is until the truck is fixed. She and Stuart will push back as much as possible to get that cost down due to the time it took for Granite State to get to this point. There was discussion about the problems found with the truck and Phil Blanchard said that if there were metal filings in the engine, you don't want to be reusing any part of it and if they are going to credit you back some of the cost of parts and that the Town should push for that.

Pending (Old) Business:

Drug and Alcohol Policy: Mike Bonanno handed out a draft of a proposed policy. The Board will review the draft and the item will be back on the agenda for the March 6th meeting. Once the final proposed policy is ready it will be submitted to Primex and Town Council for review. The Board requested a copy of the Police Department policy to help with this review. TM Lacaillade said that when a final draft policy is ready it will be reviewed by attorney and insurance before final adoption.

New Business:

Trans Canada Settlement Agreement: The settlement agreement with Trans Canada Hydro that had been negotiated by council was before the Board. Tom Friel made a motion to approve the agreement under the advice of counsel; seconded by Mike Bonanno and carried unanimously.

Commission/Committee Reports:

Tom Friel said the Recreation Commission had held a Valentines dance on February 11th that was successful.

Correspondence: Legislative Bulletin #8 was in their packets and a copy of the letter sent to support the broad band grant application by TM Lacaillade.

Comments of the Public:

None at this time.

Comments of the Town Manager: Jay Holden has asked that we have Town Council at the Annual Business Meeting; there was discussion as to whether it was necessary. Supporting this request was Wayne, Tom, Mike and Darwin; Chris did not. The request to the Mitchell group will ask that they be present at 11am.

Comments of Selectboard Members:

Tom Friel asked if Doug Henson had been passed the paperwork regarding the boundary agreement. TM Lacaillade said that he has by certified mail but we have not heard back from him. Tom asked if Stuart has come back with a cost to put a culvert in on Airport Road to move the water to the other side, have we seen that estimate. TM Lacaillade said no. Tom said that was months ago and TM Lacaillade will check with him. Mike Bonanno asked where we stood on the County Road property, Jo said she would drive by and grab some pictures and talk to the gentleman that is supposed to be cleaning up the property and see what his status is. Mike Bonanno said he had attended Winterfest on Sunday and it was a good turnout. He also attended the Crime Watch meeting and about 40 people attended and it looks

like it will move forward. Tomorrow he will be attending the use of force class. Darwin stated he has attended the use of force simulator today and it gave him a completely different prospective of what happens, it was intense with a lot of different stuff coming down fast. Tom said that he was not aware of how heavily the Police Department is grilled with regards to the law and their actions all through it. Darwin asked that Animal Control be put on the agenda next time. Darwin asked what the status was of the Police Chief contract. TM Lacaillade stated that the Chief has asked for one more change that has been sent to the Town Attorney and she believes it will be on the next agenda. It was the consensus of the Board to have another non-public session before acting on the new contract. Darwin wanted to know why warrant articles are listed as individual, some special; who makes the determination of where they fall on the warrant and which ones go to the meeting. TM Lacaillade stated that the voting of Selectboard is always done by ballot and the Town Manager form of government is required to be on the ballot by law. All the others are specified by rules of the DRA. There was more discussion about how it is decided. Darwin said that it intrigues him that we discuss a \$500 warrant article for CASA at the Town Meeting but the Town Manager form of government gets no discussion. Darwin said that his next comment was aimed at the Chairman; he had read in the paper in an article that Wayne was interviewed for, that the Selectboard supports the Town Manager form of government and he is not sure he is comfortable with that statement; he doesn't know how Wayne would know that. Wayne said that the Board took a vote on the position of Town Manager. Darwin said that this article is in response to the warrant article to relieve the Town of this position. Wayne said that the Board did support the position of the Town Manager; not only this Board, but previous Boards have. Darwin clarified that Wayne is really not responding to the warrant article to which Wayne said no. Wayne said he is of the belief that the Board supports the position of a Town Manager form of government. Mike asked if it was definite that the Chief or Sergeant Trott was going to retire this year. TM Lacaillade said that we have not received official notice. Wayne reminded Board members to review the warrant articles and decide if there are any they want to address. Darwin would like to speak on the Senior Center and Food Bank articles.

Adjourn Meeting

Mike Bonanno made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 seconded by Tom Friel. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes transcribed by Jo Lacaillade