

**Minutes of Haverhill Selectboard Regular Meeting
Tuesday May 30, 2017
6:00 PM**

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Board Members Present: Mike Bonanno, Tom Friel, Chris Luurtsema, Fred Garofalo.

Excused: Wayne Fortier

Town Manager: Jo Lacaillade

Members of the Public Present: Darwin Clogston, Doug Henson, Mike Roberts, Paul Forcier, James O'Shaughnessy, and Ed Ballam, Journal Opinion.

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Approval: Tom Friel made a motion to approve the agenda as written; that motion was seconded by Fred Garofalo and the carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: May 15, 2017 and to sign Manifest, Forms and Other Warrants: Chris Luurtsema made a motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2017. The motion was seconded by Fred Garofalo and carried unanimously. Tom Friel made a motion to sign the manifest, seconded by Chris Luurtsema and carried unanimously.

Scheduled Public Appearances:

James O'Shaughnessy - Light at Forest and Central Street: Mr. O'Shaughnessy expressed concern with the current blinking red light at the intersection of Forest and Central Street after being involved in a motor vehicle accident on 5/6/17 and suggests that it be transitioned into a steady light system. The last traffic study was done in 2012 before Cumberland Farms moved locations, and at that time there had been minimal accidents. It was mentioned that the cross walk that was initially located in front of Cumberland Farms was never re-painted after the road was paved. Traffic light placement is a State responsibility but the Board will ask North Country Council to conduct a new traffic study and sending the results to the State. Mr. O'Shaughnessy was also advised to reach out to his State legislators.

Sean Downey - Granite State Power Link: Granite State Power Link is seeking support for a project that would allow power lines to sustain up to 1200 megawatts. The new line would use the same current path and would run across the Canadian border, go into Vermont, cross the Connecticut River into Littleton, New Hampshire and travel through Monroe to Litchfield. The project will be developed by National Grid and is expected to promote economic growth by creating 1,500 construction jobs in New Hampshire and lowering New Hampshire energy costs by \$1.4 billion over the next ten years (\$157 million in energy savings and \$1.24 billion in capacity savings). It was assured that while conductors are being switched out, backup power

will supply households with electricity to avoid power outages. Granite State Power Link stated that they wish to maximize use of the current infrastructure, which will help alleviate cost and environmental impact. Both hydro and wind power will be delivered from Quebec through the lines. The project schedule would begin in the Fall of 2017 and the lines would be in service by 2022.

Town Manager's Report: The Town Managers report covered the following topics: Woodsville Business owners meeting; employee education for the new insurance; County Budget Hearing; CADY Annual meeting; County Sewer line project; OHRV trail; junk vehicles; electronics and tire collection day, Hazard Mitigation Plan update and employee clean-up day scheduled for Town Hall.

Pending (Old) Business:

Mill Street Bridge: The granite blocks located on the bridge site are going to be saved and relocated by the State when the project commences. The Select Board decided it could be an environmental hazard for the Town to obtain the timbers that will be removed during construction, as the aged wood could contain carcinogens. The Heritage Commission requested a form of signage to dictate the historical nature of the bridge site, and the Board agreed that the concrete could be stamped on both sides of the bridge.

New Business: Mike Bonanno requested that the Alcohol/Drug Policy be added to next meeting's agenda.

Commission/Committee Reports: Haverhill Recreation Committee hosted Paddle the Border on 5/21/17 and had 94 boats and 125 people participate. 100 people attended the Railroad Park concert on 5/20/17 and brought in \$239 in food sales along with \$200 in donations. The Planning Board met and approved a few lot line adjustments in Woodsville and discussed moving forward with the Master Plan. Currently, 12 people have expressed interest in helping the Planning Board with the Master Plan. It was requested that the Master Plan be placed on next meeting's agenda to discuss how to move forward with it.

Correspondence: Correspondence included two legislative bulletins and a letter asking for an abatement of the penalties and interest due on a current use penalty. The Select Board would like the property owners to come to the next meeting to discuss this matter in further detail.

Comments of the Public: Doug Henson requested an update on the two-acre parcel. It was stated that the drainage work discussed at the last meeting would need to be done per state guidelines and that it would require lining the ditches with stone as Stuart mentioned. The Board will ask that Road Agent MacDanolds be present at the next meeting to discuss another option. There was a brief discussion regarding State trucks using Clark Pond Road, despite the posted weight limits. Town Manager Lacaillade will discuss this matter with NH DOT.

Comments of the Town Manager: None at this time.

Comments of Selectboard Members: Mike Bonanno will not be attending the next selectboard meeting.

Adjourn Meeting: A motion was made by Chris Luurtsema to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tom Friel and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:51.

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