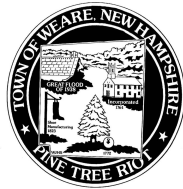


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WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
February 29, 2016

PRESENT: KEITH R. LACASSE, CHAIRMAN; TOM CLOW, VICE CHAIRMAN; JAMES LEARY, SELECTMAN; JENNIFER BOHL, SELECTMAN; FREDERICK W. HIPPLER, SELECTMAN

RECORDING SECRETARY: Kathleen Humphreys

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Naomi Bolton

GUESTS: Frank Campana, John Knox, Eldon Townes, Tim Matheson and Jon Osborne.

7:00 p.m. Chairman Lacasse called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Frank Campana spoke about Article 15 and had concerns about transparency. His concern was that at the public hearing and at deliberative session when his attempt to amend the article to include the full year cost of \$90,000 for the EMTs failed, the Board suggested that it could be put in the purpose portion of the mailer. The mailer is out and it did not get mentioned. The Board apologized for not getting the information regarding the total cost for the EMTs in the mailer, it was simply an oversight. He also asked the status of the police officer who has been assigned desk duty and when this officer will be back on regular duty. The Board could not comment but said it was important to explain this situation was not a disciplinary issue.

River Road resident Tim Matheson asked if the town attorney had sent a letter to Mast Road in reference to the Town Hall doors? Town counsel has all the information regarding the doors, but a letter has not yet been sent.

Mr. Matheson had a question on Article 10, the Highway Garage, and asked if the \$184,000 figure that was in the newspaper article was extra or was it included in the \$1,360,000.00 bond. He was informed it is included. \$184,000 is to pay for the pump, cistern, septic, fire suppression and paving. The cost of the building was presented at \$105.00 per square foot.

Mr. Matheson asked if the town had considered outsourcing the plowing and in his opinion, it would eliminate the need for a DPW garage of this size. He suggested the garage be two stalls with a high bay to work on equipment and a break room. He recommended not storing the grader in the wash bay because of the dampness. He felt the proposed building is too large, especially with the DPW director leaving. He asked the heating cost of the proposed building.

Resident John Knox, Cross Road stated he is against the new highway garage and it would be best to outsource and not maintain, own or house equipment plus to have fewer employees. He mentioned it was done this way when Eldon Townes was road agent and that the State uses this practice. He previously worked a snowplow route for former road agent Townes.

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Resident Eldon Townes, 111Huntington Hill Road, agreed with the two previous residents that this proposed garage is more than the town needs. He has experience and work with equipment. The employees need a safe environment and there could be improvements made to the existing structure, such as a wash bay. He felt radiant heat is not good for a working garage environment because the snow melts off, evaporates and causes condensation and rust plus the wash bay will add moisture. He agreed with subcontracting work out to cut down on cost. He added, "We are not a road building town, our program is to maintain roads."

The plan is to heat the garage with waste oil.

Mr. Townes stated that his grandfather was the former road agent and he talked about the poor condition of some of the roads such as Hodgson in which there are cracks and the salt goes down into the cracks and loosens the pavement. He felt a good highway maintenance program to save the roads is needed. He also suggested a committee be formed to help select the new DPW director.

Tim Matheson asked if all the town buildings have propane. He was informed no; the town office uses oil. He asked if the town requires companies to provide their license number and insurance to do work.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND COMMITTEE ITEMS

None

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Tabled until next meeting.

MANIFESTS

Chairman Lacasse moved, Selectman Leary seconded to sign accounts payable and payroll checks dated March 3, 2016 as included in the following manifests:

Payroll Manifest	\$	40,910.02 (Weekly payroll including payroll taxes)
Fire Dept. Payroll Manifest	\$	12,777.14 (February 2016 monthly payroll)
Accounts Payable Manifest	\$	115,072.58
John Stark Reg. Payable Manifest	\$	250,000.00 (February 2016 Appropriation)
Weare School District Payable Manifest	\$	450,000.00 (February 2016 Appropriation)
TOTAL	\$	868,759.74

Passed 5-0-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

The Mutual Aid Building Inspector agreement with Goffstown is up for renewal which would be in effect for two-years.

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VOTE: Vice Chair Clow moved, Selectman Leary seconded, to sign the agreement between Weare and Goffstown for Mutual Aid Building Inspector contract. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Chief Kelly and Tim Redmond submitted to Town Administrator Bolton their report on "No through Trucking". Chairman Lacasse read the letter.

"On Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 at 11:00 am, Chief Sean Kelly and DPW Director Tim Redmond met at the Weare Police Department to discuss No Thru Trucking Road designations in the town of Weare at the request of the Weare Board of Selectmen. Some of the information below is fact and some is opinion. The facts are: in order for the Weare Police Department to take enforcement action a violation must be committed and observed; a complainant's speculation or belief will not be satisfactory for the purpose of enforcement. The risk here is that some residents may be increasingly dis-satisfied if their complaints go (apparently) unheeded. The complainant must be willing to appear in court or the Police Department Officer needs to witness the violation. The opinions are: Any roads posted No Thru Trucking may shift truck traffic to adjacent roads. Any decision to designate No Thru Trucking should be made on a case by case basis. If any resident of a given road requests that the road be posted No Thru Trucking and if closing the road to truck traffic will not unreasonably restrict truck traffic and if reasonable alternative truck traffic exists, then the Board of Selectmen should consider the resident's request. In the case of Hodgdon Road and Thorndike Road, if the Board of Selectmen decide to designate them No Thru Trucking, the PD and DPW have no objection to such action provided that the factual information above exists for the purpose of enforcement, the Selectmen create a reasonable ordinance and the ordinance number be part of the signage that warns drivers of the restrictions as reasonable alternatives exist for avoiding the above mentioned roads. Any RSA's regarding this matter must be adhered to."

Chairman Lacasse informed the audience members that residents of these roads made complaints but instead of looking at their request in a vacuum the Board wanted to look at the whole town. They felt that it means no through trucking come from another town and just goes through town and it's not traffic generated from in town.

Selectman Leary reminded the Board they requested information on where the traffic would go if those roads are designated No through Trucking.

Town Administrator Bolton mentioned it's difficult to know where the truck traffic will go if not there. By State law there would need to be a sufficient area to be able for a truck to turn around that might come upon a "No thru Trucking" sign. The Board would like to look at a Town map to see other possible areas that could be impacted by this and other requests. Town Administrator Bolton will provide a map from Southern NH Planning Commission. Vice Chairman Clow stated that closing may increase traffic along the lake.

-March 8, 2016 is Election Day. Selectmen Bohl and Vice Chairman Clow will be at the polls early; Chairman Lacasse stated that he can help all day; and Selectman Hippler is available after work.

-The Town Report should be in this week and is on the town's website. The mailer is out.

-Candidate's Night is tomorrow night, March 1st at 7:00 pm. John Foss is the moderator. Candidates of contested races were invited. Residents are asked to observe the no parking area and not block the driveway of a private resident near the Town Hall.

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-Next week is the informal coffee time from 6:30-7:00 pm then a call in hour will take place from 7:00 ó 8:00 PM for any questions residents may have regarding the Town warrant articles before going to the polls.

-A letter was received from the State of New Hampshire indicating the amount of the final reimbursement for the Peaslee Road Bridge in the amount of \$486,843.17.

-Lull Road Culvert. This is the last approved 80/20 split for the town's red listed bridges. The project was moved out to 2017 and Nancy Mayville from NH Department of Transportation (DOT) is asking for a commitment or the funding will be taken away. The Board wanted Beth Rouse to review the bridge bond fund to see if there is any money left, due to the fact that the Peaslee Bridge was less than anticipated. If there are enough funds left to move forward, Nancy Mayville from DOT will be notified, but if there is not Ms. Mayville will be informed that the Board agreed to put this on the 2017 warrant.

-The Board discussed another 2017 article for road repair warrant which will address repairing roads so they don't deteriorate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Frank Campana suggested that if the Board was going to have prepared questions for the moderator at Candidate's Night, they be used as fillers only and allow the time for residents present to ask questions.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mentioned in Town Administrator's Report

OTHER BUSINESS

None

Chairman Lacasse moved, Selectman Hippler seconded to adjourn at 8:14pm. Motion passed 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A True Record.

Kathleen Humphreys, Recording Secretary