



MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016 Town Meeting Room
6:00 PM

Selectmen: Richard Wright, Ed Thorson, Russell Smith

Town Personnel: Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator; Pam Bryk, Administrative Assistant; Henry Thomas, Fire Chief; Cal Prussman, Highway Administrator; Robert Lee, Police Chief; Wayne Whitford, Emergency Management Director; Travis Dezotell, Recreation Director.

Public: Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Patricia Sherman, Vicki Hayward, Tom Vannatta, Ivor Freeman, Dan Wolf, Judy Healey, Bruce Healey, Steph Spaulding, Joy Nowell, Tom Nowell, Helen Wright, Jennifer Goin, Bob Messenger, Harry Seidel, Joan and Al Morena.

1 Public Input

2 Presentations/Appointments

a) Budget Hearing

Pavlicek read the operating budget for 2016. If all passes our town tax portion will go up .01. Healey spoke to the Planning Board budget and the increase is due to going back to a full time position due to the master plan and revaluation. Chief Thomas said Fire went down due to salaries and vehicle repair. Prussman spoke on Highway budget and it going up due to adding more in the budget for paving (Mountain Road- 2 years). Dezotell spoke on Recreation Department and adding new online registration, new website and money for senior programming. Liz Tentarelli spoke on the Library and hiring a new person and benefits, also new technology.

Article #4 is going down \$20,000.

Article #5 is up due to paving. It was said that after three years paving would increase to \$75,000.

Article #6 is a new backhoe, Prussman will go before town meeting to

ask for a new backhoe.

Article #7 is for a new police cruiser. Wolf asked in the future could we set up a trust fund for new police cruisers.

Article #8 is for new audio visual equipment for the meeting room.

Healey said this would be for all boards and meetings to use.

Article #9 is for the South Newbury Buildings. Wright said we have had \$100,000+ in the Building Maintenance Fund and over the last seven years have put \$57,000 into those three buildings. He believes creating this fund would be an error. It doesn't give the board the flexibility to do any repairs that might be needed. Healey said that he believed Weiler looks at these funds as to preserve these buildings which would be different than maintenance and being unique to those buildings. Wright abstained from voting on this, 2 out of 3 selectmen recommended this article. Thomas said why don't you run it by counsel if you have this separate fund for South Newbury would you still be able to use town building funds if something happen and needed repair. Thorson said the general building fund should not be restricted to work on those buildings. L. Tentarelli said why not have the Master Plan find a use for those buildings, I think it is premature to have this on the warrant, wait until the Master Plan is done. Wright agrees totally and hopefully the Master Plan will include this. Vannatta said the Weiler approached the CIP with a similar request and it was not granted. The Master Plan is a guide for the future it is not set in stone. A recommendation.

Article #10 no appropriation

Article #11 is a petition article to grant a easement.

b) Bond Hearing

Article #2 - New Safety Service Building. Wright said a majority vote of 2/3 is required on this bond issue. There will be no debt service payments until 2017. A resident said that the Intertown Record said the article includes moving the Veterans Memorial. He said the memorial has a lot of visitors and should not be touched. Wright said that the Intertown is in error. The memorial will not be moved. All three selectmen said that they would not move it. Healey question if the warrant is approved and every effort is made in building the most cost effective manner possible and then it comes in for \$500,000 less than the bond amount, what happens. Pavlicek answered that depends on what kind of note we have. If it is a bond from a municipal bond bank they will give as the money as soon as it is approved. Any unexpended bond proceeds will come back to the taxpayers. If we go to an outside local bank we have more flexibility and we can take the money as we need it and wouldn't have to borrow it all. It would not be used for anything else. Wright said it goes into the general fund to offset taxes. This article #2 authorizes us to spend up to \$4 million, we can spend

less. We have to see what it will be once the bids come in. Morena questioned what if it exceeds the 4 million then what happens. Pavlicek said we can not spend more. Wright said we cut something out. Spaulding asked why we didn't do two separate articles, one for a fire department and one for a police department. Wright said you that is not how it was voted on and you could always amend the article at town meeting. Wolf suggested that the town can take short term notes from local banks and then draw from the bond bank for the total after the construction. Freeman said the rate of interest will be when you take the bond out and now rates are low. Pavlicek said if we wait there is the risk of higher interest rates. Goin asked why that location. Wright said in 2005/2007 we purchased this property at Bald Sunapee and Camacho for the new safety service buildings. It is centrally located for the town. Spaulding asked if the town was rushing to have these built. Wolf commented that we were not rushing, the first proposal was in 1997, then in 2012 another committee recommended the building of the new safety services buildings and we just had a new committee to reaffirm it. A resident questioned if the proposal goes through, how can we as taxpayers afford our taxes. Pavlicek said if the \$4 million was to pass, it would be a 15 to 20 year loan and payments wouldn't start until 2017. the amount would be \$.40 to .55 cents per \$1,000. Goin asked what would be the average increase for properties between \$300,000 to \$400,000. Wright said it would be about \$150 a year. Wright commented that the town portion of our taxes is only 22% and the county and school makes up 78% of the taxes.

3 Discussion

a) Debris on Fisherfield Trails

Travis Dezotell and Dick Wright took a walk on the hiking trails and on the Homestead trail there was a stable leaner, it was large and solid and not going anywhere. They will take another look at it in the spring.

b) Fisherfield/Park Ten Clearing

It was brought to the attention of the Selectmen that some trees being cleared might be on town property. Wright said we should look at the survey of the land and see where the boundaries are. Thorson said we need to do it before anything starts being built up there. Pavlicek said he would look for the survey. Wright commented then we should take a walk up there and see what is being done.

c) Bernaiche Memo - JMW Trust Abatement

Bernaiche talked with JMW Trust Abatement and they are requesting an abatement for the interest on the money we just did the original

abatement on. The amount is \$1,647.29 on map/lot #s 16A-351-060 and 16A-303-072. The Board approved and signed.

d) Light at Town Office

Thorson received a call from a gentlemen who had tripped up the stairs at the town office because there was no lights. Wright said let's put in some solar lights in the ground by the steps.

e) Town Meeting

Smith said he received a phone call from a resident regarding the elevator at the Spruce Lodge where town meeting is held. Smith said that the elevator is not ADA compliant. We need to find a new place to hold the meeting. They are using a freight elevator. Marashio said we did inspect options at Mount Sunapee, downstairs had no sound pillars, town meeting is for the people to be heard. Thorson said we met with Gamble last year and they were supposed to have someone there to run the elevator. Wright said we will talk to Gamble again this year.

4 Regular Business

41. Correspondence

41.1. Warrant Articles and Budget

The Warrant Articles were reviewed, Wright said he did not vote on article #9 but leave it as is. The Board signed the Warrant.

41.2. 2016 DRA - Newbury Budget

The Board signed the DRA's MS636 for the 2016 Budget.

41.3. Petition

The Board received a petition that will be one of the warrant articles at this year's town meeting. It is for an easement over town property.

41.4. Monthly Report - Assessing Changes

The Board signed the monthly report for assessing changes for the month of January 2016.

41.5. Plan NH

Plan NH is a community design charrette that sent in information on what they can do for the community. Wright said we could tie this in with the Master Plan, maybe something for the South

Newbury buildings. Let's follow up with them, this could be very helpful.

41.6. New England Organ Bank

New England Organ Bank asked if Newbury would once again support the New England Organ Bank by flying a Donate Life Flag at the harbor in the month of April. It would be Newbury's fourth year. The Board all agreed yes.

42. Approve Payroll/Payables

42.1. The Board approved and signed payroll and payables for the week of 2/6/2016.

43. Acceptance of Minutes

43.1. Board of Selectmen Minutes January 26, 2016

The Board approved and signed the minutes from the meeting of January 26, 2016.

44. Other Business

44.1. Intent to cut

The Board approved and signed an Intent to Cut for Darcy and Jeffrey Bates, Sutton Road, map/lot #048-588-287.

44.2. Abatement

Dan Wolf requested an abatement for timber tax in the amount of \$202.43. There was no value in the trees, they were blown down in July wind storm and it was done to improve the timber stand. Smith said Wolf didn't make any money, the trees had no value. The Board voted to approve the abatement.

5 Non-Public Session

Per RSA 91-A:3, II, a-e

a) The Board voted to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II,c at 7:53 p.m.

Smith made a motion to seal the minutes indefinitely, Thorson seconded the motion, all in favor.

6 **Adjournment**

- a) The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Selectmen Smith made a motion to adjourn, Selectmen Thorson seconded, all in favor.


Richard Wright, Selectman
Chair


Ed Thorson, Selectman


Russell Smith, Selectman