

Chairman Dworman called this Selectmen’s Public meeting to order at 6:30PM.

MINUTES: The Board reviewed the Selectmen’s Public & Non-Public Meeting Minutes A & B dated 04/10/17.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve the Selectmen’s Public & Non-Public Meeting Minutes A & B dated 04/10/17 as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

CHECK REGISTER/POLICE DETAILS: The Board reviewed the check register dated 04/12/17 – 04/21/17 in the amount of $45,975.59 and the police special detail list in the amount of $780.00 dated 04/17/17 – 04/18/17.

It was noted that Mr. Poelaert reviewed the accounts payable prior to its approval at this meeting.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve and sign the check register dated 04/12/17 – 04/21/17 in the amount of $45,975.59 based upon Mr. Poelaert’s prior review. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve and sign the police special detail list as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

ABATEMENT: The Board reviewed the following application for abatement and the corresponding letter of recommendation for denial from Avitar Associates of New England, the Town’s assessing company dated April 3, 2017:

Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC, Poles, Conduit and PRW, MBL #FAIR-01-00

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to deny the application for abatement based upon the corresponding letter of recommendation for denial from Avitar Associates of New England, the Town’s assessing company dated April 3, 2017, as stated above. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

VETERANS’ EXEMPTIONS: The Board reviewed the following applications for Veterans’ Exemptions noting all the criteria has been met for approval:

Robert Beveridge, 52 East Road, MBL #14-04-23, $500
William Branting, Trustee, 16 Country Lane, MBL #08-02-46-20B, $500
Ryan Cumings, 36 Joslin Road, MBL #17-02-10, $500
Thomas Mitchell, 33 Maplevale Road, MBL #08-02-33, $700
John E. Moreau, 68 Burnt Swamp Road, MBL #11-02-07, $500

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to approve the Veterans’ Exemptions as stated above based upon all the criteria has been met for approval, as presented. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

DROUGHT: The Board reviewed a proposed regulation (attached) for Lawn Watering Restrictions pursuant to RSA 41:11-d.

Bud Staples of Country Hills stated the towns of Rye and North Hampton lifted their water restrictions on April 14th. He added this area is now in the moderate drought zone, not severe or extreme as conditions were last summer.

Chairman Dworman read aloud the limits to residential lawn watering that may apply under drought conditions as follows:
A. If the Town of East Kingston issues a Level 1 restriction, then
i. Residential lawn watering by odd numbered addresses is allowed on odd numbered days.
ii. Residential lawn watering by even numbered addresses is allowed on even numbered days.
iii. Residential lawn watering shall not occur between the hours of 8AM and 7PM.

B. If the Town of East Kingston issues a Level 2 restriction, then
i. Residential lawn watering by odd numbered addresses is allowed on Mondays and Thursdays.
ii. Residential lawn watering by even numbered addresses is allowed on Tuesdays and Fridays.
iii. Residential lawn watering shall not occur between the hours of 8AM and 7PM.

C. If the Town of East Kingston issues a Level 3 restriction, then
i. Residential lawn watering is prohibited.

Mr. Staples noted their community enforced the drought restrictions before the Town did and Chairman Dworman thanked him for doing so.

Chairman Dworman noted that the older dug wells can go dry quickly.

Ms. Hurteau noted the Selectmen can sign and approve the mandatory restrictions at this point, then later choose whether to impose mandatory or voluntary restrictions and Chairman Dworman agreed to adopt the restrictions and then choose either way.

It was determined the 1st violation of the regulation will result in a warning, the 2nd violation will result in a $100 fine and the 3rd violation will result in a $1,000 fine.

Chairman Dworman MOTIONED to sign and adopt the proposed regulation for Lawn Watering Restrictions pursuant to RSA 41:11-d, as presented, but not yet enact specific restrictions. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

SECURITY SYSTEMS: The Board acknowledged receipt of quotes dated April 10 & 12, 2017 from Pelmac Industries, Inc., 12 Commercial Court, Auburn, NH to install security systems at the Town Offices Building and the Pound School building as follows:

Town Offices Building: $14,035.00
Pound School Building: $ 8,940.00

ENERGY COMMITTEE: The Board acknowledged receipt of bids received from Ron Morales of the Energy Committee, which were solicited from an RFP previously sent out by the Rockingham County Complex that the Energy Committee participated in. Mr. Morales recommended approval of the ENH Power bid as they were the low bidder for a 14 month contract at $.07837/KWH commencing in November 2017.

Based upon the recommendation of Ron Morales of the Energy Committee, Mr. Poelaert MOTIONED to approve signing a 14 month contract at $.07837/KWH commencing in November 2017 with ENH Power. Chairman Dworman seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Staples left the meeting at 6:50PM.

NHDOT: Brian Scott, Engineer for the NH Department of Transportation, District VI, met with the Board at 6:50PM to discuss the upcoming Pan Am Railways project to take place on May 8th and May 9th.

Mr. Scott asked if the Town heard from Pan Am Railways with details on the project and Ms. Hurteau read aloud from an email message received from Shawn Higgins, Project Engineer for Pan Am Railways on April 20th as follows:

“Pan Am Railways will be preforming a reconstruction of the track at Depot Road (Route 107) near Haverhill Road (Route 108) starting on Monday, May 8 and concluding on Tuesday, May 9. This will require that Depot Road be closed to all traffic within the work area. With good weather we should be able to complete the work within one day. We will not close the road until at least 9am to allow the last Amtrak train to pass for the morning.

Traffic will be able to access Jones General Store to the West and Haverhill Road to the East.
Enclosed is a Detour Route Plan that has been approved by NHDOT. A more detailed Detour plan will be available prior to the start date. Pan Am will have a Railroad Police Officer on site during construction.

The work requires that about 10 feet of pavement on both sides of the track be removed, along with the rail, ballast stone and other track materials. The site will be prepped with all new geotextile fabric and stone before the new railroad section will be moved into place. This track panel will be assembled on railroad property prior to the start of any work. After the track panel is in place and set to the proper elevation, a contractor will pave the disturbed area to the State specifications.”

Mr. Scott stated he just wanted to be sure the Town was aware of the project, adding Pan Am Railways did submit a detour plan, but didn’t have an approved plan, as yet and must supply signs and lights.

Ms. Hurteau replied Pam Am Railways did contact the Road Agent according to Mr. Higgins.

Mr. Scott stated he wants to be sure we are all on the same page and that the Police and Fire Departments are aware.

Fire Chief Ed Warren arrived at 7:53PM.

Mr. Scott stated his biggest concern is the DOT allowing Pam Am to close the road and detouring traffic using Route 108 and Route 107A.

Mr. Scott reiterated the DOT has received a detour plan from Pan AM, but he needs to review it to be sure it is adequate. He added they would usually just block one lane, but that would not work out this time and he would also like to see variable message boards from Pan Am.

Chairman Dworman stated his main concern is commuter times as this is taking place in a residential neighborhood.

Mr. Poelaert asked if the Elementary School was notified so school buses could be informed, adding it seems that Pan Am Railways has been lackadaisical.

Ms. Hurteau stated she hopes to receive more details soon so the information can be posted to the website, around Town and sent out to the East Kingston News group email as soon as possible.

Chairman Dworman stated signs should be posted that the road is closed ahead at the railroad tracks.

Mr. Scott asked if a tractor trailer got that far if it would be difficult for it to turn around and Chairman Dworman replied it could go around Maplevale Road, if absolutely necessary.

Mr. Scott stated people don’t always read road signs and you must have the right signs. Mr. Poelaert replied that is a smart move.

Mr. Scott asked if the Board had any other concerns this evening and Chairman Dworman asked him if the Town Engineer had spoken with him about waiving the deceleration lane for Clark and Rodam Roads.

Mr. Scott responded yes, adding prior engineers required these lanes over and above the actual requirements, but it is nationally accepted to refer to this as a widened shoulder or turn lane and he personally would have no problem waving the turn lane.

Chairman Dworman explained the developer left insufficient bond money to complete the road and requested a document from Mr. Scott stating the requirement for the turn lane has been waived. Mr. Scott agreed to do so.

Mr. Poelaert asked Mr. Scott if he could spare an hour this week to get together he would make himself available to go over the details and he replied he would call him on his cell phone.

Mr. Scott stated the Selectmen could ask the Police Department to tentatively schedule police details for the project and if needed, to charge Pan Am Railways for them. He added he is trying to keep everyone informed.

Mr. Scott stated the DOT will also be paving Route 107 from Route 125 to Route 150 sometime this summer with a ¾” overlay or what they call a paving sham.
Chairman Dworman asked about South Road being a Town road and Mr. Scott responded the DOT owns the end of South Road in South Hampton, but it is a Town road in East Kingston.

Chairman Dworman stated it is very confusing and asked what it would take to get South Road adopted as a State Road in East Kingston.

Mr. Scott replied, legislation.

Chairman Dworman thanked Mr. Scott for meeting with them and he left the meeting at 7:18PM.

Chief Warren asked the Board if they were all set and Chairman Dworman replied the new Fire Department website looks good.

Chief Warren stated he will post a message on the electronic sign advising people to choose alternate routes on May 8th and May 9th.

Mr. Poelaert asked Chief Warren to post the Grange’s Ham & Bean Suppers on the sign and he responded he would be glad to if their schedule could be provided to him. Ms. Hurteau promised to provide him with the schedule.

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** The Board acknowledged receipt of Conservation Commission minutes from their meeting held on March 13, 2017 for their review and information.

**CALENDAR:** The following dates were noted: 04/25-Fire Training 7:00PM, 04/26-Bills & Monthly Timesheets Due 8:00AM, 04/27-ZBA Meeting-EKES 7:00PM, 04/28-Grange Meeting 7:30PM, 05/03-Bi-Weekly Timesheets & Bills Due 8:00AM, 05/04-ZBA Meeting, 05/07-Blood Drive/Town Hall 10:00AM-3:30PM, Fire Association Meeting 7:00PM, 05/08-Conservation Commission Meeting 5:00PM, Selectmen’s Meeting 6:30PM.

Chairman Dworman **MOTIONED** to adjourn this Selectmen’s Public Meeting at 7:30PM. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

**NONPUBLIC SESSION:** Chairman Dworman **MOTIONED** to go into a nonpublic session at 7:30PM under RSA 91-A-3, II: para. (a) The dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted. The Board was polled and the results of the poll were: Matthew B. Dworman –Yes, & Richard S. Poelaert - Yes.

The Board was polled & determined the divulgence of the information would render the proposed action ineffective & the information will be withheld from the public during the public meeting Minutes of April 24, 2017. The results of the poll were: Matthew B. Dworman –Yes, & Richard S. Poelaert - Yes.

Chairman Dworman **MOTIONED** to adjourn this Selectmen’s Non-Public meeting at 8:00PM. Mr. Poelaert seconded. Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryll A. Hurteau
Town Office Manager

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Matthew B. Dworman                               Erin J. Pettinato                                 Richard S. Poelaert