

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
JUNE 18, 2018

PRESENT: David Lage, Chairman, John Veaser, Bert Hamill, Joanne Meshna

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Chairman Lage announced the passing of Ed Dekker on Saturday, June 15, 2019 and noted his many years of service on the Planning Board.

Selectman Veaser thanked all those that had attended the police forum public hearing last Tuesday evening for coming and providing input.

Events: Parks and Recreation holding movie night on Saturday, June 29 at 8:00 p.m. Town wide yard sale on June 29 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The next farmers' market is June 29 and then every other week.

Green Farm Road: The Board invited homeowners from two different driveways off Green Farm Road that have 3 or more structures to attend the meeting to discuss the naming and renumbering of their homes. E911 recommends the access to 3 or more structures be named and numbered. Homeowners can recommend a name for the driveway and submit it to the Selectmen for approval. The Building Inspector will number the homes. As far as a sign for the driveways, Selectman Lage will discuss with Director Goewey. The Selectmen asked the submission of names for the driveway be within 2-3 weeks.

Intent to Cut: An Intent to Cut for Kenneth Lehtonen off Fox Farm Road has been received by the Board of Assessors. Jim Coffey previously approached the Selectmen to put a bond on the cut for any damage to the road. Legal counsel advised unless there is a pre-existing weight limit on the potentially affected roads, the Board cannot ask for a bond to cover potential repair costs to the roads that would be affected by the timber haul operation. The Selectmen discussed developing a policy to address.

Primex: The Board did not approve the CAP agreement through December 31, 2022.

Lease agreement Harrity/Jones and Town: Chairman Lage made a motion to renew the lease agreement between Deb Harrity and Tim Jones and the Town, lots 11/90-6 and 11/91A conditional upon receipt of an update insurance binder. Selectman Veaser seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Credit card policy and procedure: The Board signed the credit card policy and procedure.

New Ipswich Antique Fire Brigade: Jim Coffey submitted a letter to the Board noting the Brigade no longer exists. The deed from the Town to the Brigade states the Town will resume ownership of the building at 36 Main Street upon the dissolution of the Brigade. Joanne will forward a copy of the deed to legal counsel for advice on how to proceed. Mark will be asked to rekey the locks to the building. It was noted there are members of the Fire Department interested into getting the Wachusett up and running. Suggestion was made to have the Keurulainens work with the firefighters. Selectman Veaser will discuss with Chief Lund.

Street lighting: The Board drove the Town with Mr. Meiszner's street light inventory of 4/18/18 reviewing his recommendations.

- Corner of Ashby and Goen Roads – there is a street light but the head that was replaced is an incorrect head; needs to be fixed.
- Down Ashby Road there is a light not working; not needed; no intersection.
- Intersection of Ashby and Davis Village Road – light needs to be replaced.
- Intersection of Binney Hill Road and Page Hill Road – needs a light.
- Intersection of Stowell and Green Farm Roads – no light needed.
- Intersection of Poor Farm, Binney Hill and Emerson Hill Roads – needs a light.
- Intersection of Turnpike Road and Gibbs Avenue – no light needed.
- Intersection of Poor Farm and Lower Pratt Pond Roads – needs a light.
- Intersection of Page Hill Road and Westbrook Drive – needs a light.
- Page Hill Road by the townhouses – needs a light.
- Intersection of Whittemore Hill and Ashby Roads – no light needed.
- Intersection of Ashby Road and Mountain View Drive – needs a light.
- Intersection of Ashby and Malthouse Roads – needs a light.
- Intersection of River Road with High Range Drive and Cascade Road – no light needed.
- Intersection of Turnpike and Currier Roads – no light needed.
- Intersection of Goen and Page Hill Roads – no light needed.
- Pole #6125 between Mason and the high school – not needed.
- Across from 11 Temple Road – light should be removed.
- Need light outside the Fire Station.
- Sharp turn on Poor Farm Road – light is needed.
- Light by Geri Nelson's on Ashby Road – not needed.
- Intersection of Turnpike and Page Hill Road – light on both sides – remove one.

Selectman Hamill noted the need to have vegetation at intersections cut back as it blocks the line of site. Selectman Lage will contact Eversource to determine how to add a light and if there is a charge to do so.

Danielle Sikkila: Selectman Veaser made a motion to appoint Danielle Sikkila to the Board of Assessors. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Sleeping Monk Farm Alpacas: Sue and Bob Evon were present to appeal the Selectmen's decision that a special exception is needed for the operation of their shop at 116 Ashby Road. The Selectmen noted the shop was advertised in the Monadnock Ledger as a retail establishment and the Zoning Ordinance requires approval of a special exception. Mrs. Evon stated the farm has been in existence since 1998; they produce products made from the alpacas and also they have products that are brought into their shop and they belong to a coop which manufactures some of the products from fiber they contribute. They sell manure, alpacas, and raw alpaca fleeces. They also belong to a coop which produces products from the fleece. They are selling agricultural products. Selectman Veaser noted the fleece is sent to the coop which manufactures a product to be sold in the shop. The Evons questioned if other farms have special exceptions to operate and gave the Knisley farm on Ashby Road and Wendy Freeman's farm as examples.

The Board advised the Evons the process for appealing the Selectmen's decision to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the special exception application process.

Pool: Selectman Veeseer noted Director Talbot would be purchasing an awning for the pool house for \$60 to be paid from the pool revolving fund or the Pool budget.

Police forum: The Board discussed the feedback from the Town at the police forum. They also discussed getting numbers for a safety complex, getting information out to the public, having another meeting similar to last weeks in the fall, and getting input from construction people on costs. The Board will come back with names of construction people to contact.

At 8:25 p.m. Selectman Veeseer made a motion to enter into a nonpublic session under RSA 91-A:3 II (c). Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 9:30 p.m. Selectman Veeseer made a motion to return to public session. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Selectman Veeseer made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session. Selectman Lage seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Lantern Way: The Board reviewed a request from Mark Holombo to change the approved name of Lantern Way to Douglas Drive. Selectman Veeseer made a motion to accept the revision. Selectman Hamill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joanne Meshna, Interim Town Administrator

Minutes approved by:
BOARD OF SELECTMEN



David S. Lage, Chairman



John Veeseer



Bert Hamill