

TOWN OF NEW IPSWICH

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MINUTES of the BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Board Members Present: George Lawrence, Chairman, Mike Conlin and Ben Cargill. Also present was Town Administrator Roberta Fraser and Police Chief Tim Carpenter

1st Order of Business: Call the Meeting to Order/ Acceptance of Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and then a moment of silence for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing.

Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** to approve the minutes of April 9, 2013. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

2nd Order of Business: Appointments/ Department Managers

Kim Sheridan addressed the Board and discussed damage that was done to her mailbox and post that it's attached to. There was damage to her granite post by a Town plow truck this past winter. The Board discussed the Town policy with her, which states that the Town is not responsible for mailbox/post damage. Kim did not agree with the policy and further discussion ensued. Kim explained that the Public Works Director, Peter Goewey, had originally offered to pay half of the cost of replacement. An agreement could not be met so as of this time nothing has been paid by the Town. Selectman Cargill ***made a motion*** to pay \$350.00 for the homeowner to install new parts. Selectman Conlin seconded it. Discussion: The Board discussed the possibility of sending out a notice in the fall notifying residents of the winter maintenance policy and the setbacks for the mailboxes on the Town roads. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Brovin addressed the Board and discussed issues with speed he is having on RTE 124 that his gym is on. He has written to the NH DOT requesting crosswalk signs and a reduction in the speed limit. The DOT recommended the Board write a letter to the Bureau of Traffic and District 4 in Swanzeey requesting the signs and the speed limit reduction. Police Chief Carpenter is not in favor of cross walk signs on the road but he is in favor of a traffic study done from Highbridge Elementary School to the Greenville town line. Selectman Cargill ***made a motion*** for Roberta, with the Chief's input, draft a letter to the State DOT regarding the Board's concerns. Selectman Conlin seconded it. Discussion: The Board discussed the issues on Rte 124 near the school. When the school was opened the speed limit was never changed to reflect a school zone. The

speed limit is currently 45mph. A school zone should be 20mph. After further discussion, motion carried 3-0.

Police Chief Carpenter addressed the Board and gave an update of activities at the police department. Since January 1st there have been 1691 calls for service.

The department is working with the school practicing lock down drills and an announced drug search using canines was recently conducted at Boynton and Mascenic and nothing was found. Next year the drill will be unannounced. There are two community events coming up, April 29th 6:00pm- drug awareness meeting and Wednesday May 1st is a neighborhood watch program. Application submission for the available police officer position closes on April 30th. So far there are 25 applications.

Chief Carpenter discussed the lease/ purchase of a new vehicle for the police department. He would like to purchase a new 2013 Ford Interceptor. Now that he is filling the last position there are not enough vehicles for the department. The cost of the vehicle will be \$39, 488.13 fully equipped. The Board discussed the request and Selectman Cargill ***made a motion*** to go forward with the lease purchase and to make the payments out of the police department vehicle capital reserve. Selectman Conlin seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

There are two applications for usage of the Town fields for the baseball season. The Little League Organization is requesting to use the fields and the Boynton Middle School is requesting also. Mark Krook, Little League Director, addressed the Board and discussed completing the baseball field at Dam #35. The Board discussed this request. No motorized vehicles are allowed beyond the gate except for handicapped accessibility. It will have to be mowed and maintained by the organizations using the facility. Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** to approve the applications for the facility/field use on the fields requested by the Little League Baseball Organization and the Boynton Middle School. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

3rd Order of Business: Business

Selectman Cargill read a resignation letter from Jim Schultz, building inspector/code enforcer. He has resigned as of April 22 due to accepting a full time job elsewhere. Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** to regretfully accept the resignation of Jim Schultz. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried. Selectman Cargill made a motion to advertise the position. Selectman Conlin seconded it. Motion carried. Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** to pro- rate his pay for time served. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

4th Order of Business: Office documents

There is a memo from the treasurer requesting that her deputy treasurer's pay raise be pro- rated from the beginning of the year. The amount is in the budget for the whole year. Selectman Conlin made a motion to pro-rate Nancy's pay for the whole year. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

There is an application from the State of NH Department of Safety regarding the award of a new XTS 2500 radio to the Emergency Management Director. The Board needs to sign the radio recipient and certification form. Selectman Cargill made a motion to approve and sign the form. Selectman Conlin seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board approved and signed the Payroll/AP manifest

5th Order of Business: Any other business that may come before the board

State Representative Jim Coffey discussed maps and what could be shown on maps, such as easements and signs.

The Board discussed creating a Highway Safety Committee so different grants can be obtained for the police department, such as an upcoming traffic speeding grant that is available. Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** to develop a Highway Safety Committee and to appoint the Town Administrator, DPW supervisor, the Police Lieutenant and the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

6th Order of Business: Ex-Officio reports

Selectman Conlin informed the Board that he went to the Conservation Commission meeting. The Conservation Commission would like to start labeling streams in Town as conservation land. They would also like to conduct a Natural Resource Inventory.

7th Order of Business: Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A: 3 II (e)

None this evening

8th Order of Business: Adjournment

Selectman Conlin will not be at next week's meeting. The Board discussed the need for a meeting and Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** that the Board can come in and sign the necessary paperwork as needed until the next meeting on April 30th. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried 3-0.

Selectman Conlin ***made a motion*** to adjourn. Selectman Cargill seconded it. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully recorded,
Roberta Fraser

April 16, 2013 BOS Regular Minutes approved by the Board:

George Lawrence, Chairman

Benjamin Cargill

Michael Conlin