

**Board of Selectmen
May 28, 2014**

Present: Kenneth S. Paul, Chairperson; Connie M. Twombly; Teresa A. Williams, Town Administrator; and Toni Bodah, Secretary.

Mr. Paul called the posted meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. **Ms. Twombly moved to enter Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and (b). Mr. Paul seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ms. Twombly – ‘aye’; Mr. Paul – ‘aye’. The motion passed 2-0, and the Board immediately entered Non Public Session.**

The Board returned to public session at 7:05 p.m. Those present at this time included: Tom Beeler, *The Granite State News*; Ed Comeau (videotaping); Annette Perry; Fred Clough, Road Agent; Dave Tibbetts; John Fournier; and Donna Martin (videotaping). Mr. Paul led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Appointments

a) Annette Perry re: Maple Street Bridge – Ms. Perry expressed thanks to all area fire departments that responded to the recent fire on Maple Street. She has read the minutes of the previous Board meeting at which the bridge on Maple Street was discussed and has several questions. Ms. Perry questions why the Maple Street residents were told to form a committee to raise money for an engineer to design the bridge when these same residents already pay property taxes. Mr. Paul clarified that his expectation was for the residents to form a committee to promote support for the project. He referred to ‘wants’ vs. ‘needs’ and questioned whether all taxpayers should pay to repair the bridge when there is another means of access. Discussion followed regarding the anticipated cost of an engineer. Ms. Perry asked whether the residents in those other areas (where bridges had been repaired) had to get a private engineer. Mr. Paul stated that was not the case, adding that those bridges were part of the capital improvement plan and the residents had no other means of access. Mr. Paul would expect the Union residents to submit a petition for a warrant article for bridge repair. Such a petition would require signatures of a minimum of 25 registered Wakefield voters.

Ms. Perry referred to the fire hydrant on Bridge Street and asked whether it will be repaired. Ms. Williams stated that the Fire Chief is aware of the situation but is not sure what can be done about it. Many areas in town do not have hydrants. Mr. Paul noted that the Fire Chief should consider a back-up hydrant in their budget, if he believes the hydrant is necessary (rather than optional). Ms. Williams noted that a larger tanker has been purchased in order to have more water on site during a fire.

2. Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment #1 – None forthcoming.

3. Unfinished Business – None scheduled.

4. New Business

a) Bids for Parks & Rec Field Work – Ms. Williams advised that the Parks & Rec Commission has reviewed the bids received and has recommended that the Board of Selectmen approve the bid of BH Hydroseeding. Bids were received as follows: BH Hydroseeding - \$38,438.60; Paey Construction - \$75,500; GW Brooks & Son - \$45,681; and Northern New England Field Services - \$69,500. **Mr. Paul moved to accept the bid of BH Hydroseeding in the amount of \$38,438.60. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

b) Bids for Paving – The Board opened the two bids received from FR Carroll and Brox. When asked, Mr. Clough stated that his priority is to get Rines Road paved immediately. It would be reasonable to expect the Transfer Station and Canal Road to be done at the same time; however, High

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Street and the work for the salt shed could wait. Mr. Paul noted that it was difficult to compare the bids as written and he suggested that the Board table this issue to give Mr. Clough an opportunity to clarify Brox's bid in order to better compare the 2 bids. The Board may hold a special meeting to address these bids.

c) Approval of Highway Safety Grant Application – These funds were approved during the budget process for DWI checkpoints. **Ms. Twombly moved to authorize Ken Paul to execute the Highway Safety Grant Application as presented. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

5. Proposed CRF Expenditures

a) Police Vehicle CRF \$29,360 – This expenditure was approved by the voters and includes the trade-in of the 2007 Ford Crown Vic. **Mr. Paul moved to approve the \$29,360 expenditure as presented. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

6. Correspondence – None scheduled.

7. Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment #2

--Ms. Perry asked about the appropriate wording for a petition and whether the document needs to be notarized. It was recommended that she view previous warrant articles to obtain the appropriate draft language. The petition does not need to be notarized.

--Mr. Miller presented that Town with a gavel for use at various Town meetings.

--Mr. Miller stated that he has been opposed to DWI checkpoints from the beginning. He wishes we would view the documents more closely prior to authorizing. Although Mr. Miller acknowledges that he does not want drunk drivers on the roads, he does not believe that stopping people without reason is appropriate. Mr. Miller further stated that there is no evidence that proves the checkpoint is more effective than additional nightly patrols. Without cause for suspicion, each driver is required to prove his innocence in order to be on his way. Mr. Miller believes it is an intimidation move. Mr. Paul noted that the event is well-publicized in advance.

--Mr. Fournier wonders whether Ms. Williams has had any luck with DOT. Ms. Williams advised she has obtained the name of the appropriate individual in Concord and has sent that individual a letter. Now she waits for a response.

--Mr. Comeau agrees with Mr. Miller's comments about the sobriety checkpoint, except that Mr. Comeau firmly believes the checkpoint does not work. He noted we are spending \$5000 to stop cars, but people still drink and drive. Mr. Comeau stressed the importance of protecting the 4th amendment and added that these funds could be better spent in some other way to address drinking and driving. A brief discussion followed including statistics and the feelings of those who have lost loved ones to drunk driving related accidents. Mr. Comeau believes that the highest cause of accidents is distracted driving. He also believes we must readdress what we are doing to ensure safety.

8. Administrative Matters

a) Liaison Reports – **Ms. Twombly:** The Heritage Commission is ready to move the artifacts into the Grange.

Ms. Williams noted that she has received several activity reports from department heads and will forward them to the Board members in the future.

b) Selectmen's Letter of Appreciation – It was agreed that this month's letter would go to former Selectman Paul Morrill, who has recently retired from the US Postal Service.

c) Town Administrator's Update

--Ms. Williams was contacted by former Selectman Mark Duffy regarding the discussion of perambulation held at the May 14 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Duffy emphasized that the Board of Wakefield and Middleton conducted the perambulation, rather than just Mr. Duffy.

--Wages for ClearView will actually be paid from the franchise fees fund rather than from the Town budget as stated at the last meeting.

d) Building Permit Releases – None forthcoming.

e) Payment Manifests – Ms. Twombly moved to approve PR #11 in the amount of \$62,466.62, as presented. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

Ms. Twombly moved to approve AP #17 in the amount of \$70,061.25, as presented. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

f) Minutes – Ms. Twombly moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2014, as presented. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

Ms. Twombly announced that she became a great-grandmother this past weekend. Congratulations!!

Mr. Miller noted that the Poor Peoples Pub was voted the #1 New Hampshire place to get lobster rolls.

On behalf of the Town offices, Ms. Williams expressed condolences to the Charlie Edwards and his family at the passing of his mother-in-law.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

Kenneth S. Paul, Chairperson

Richard C. Edwards

Connie M. Twombly