

**Board of Selectmen
June 11, 2014**

Present: Richard C. Edwards, Acting Chair; Connie M. Twombly; Teresa A. Williams, Town Administrator; and Toni Bodah, Secretary.

Also present at this time was Police Chief Ken Fifield.

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

The Board returned to public session at 7:02p.m. In addition to those present listed on the attached sheet, Ed Comeau videotaped the session. Mr. Edwards led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Public Hearing re: Requests for Expenditures from Invasive Species Control CRF – Ms. Twombly moved to open the public hearing. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0. Mr. Edwards invited those present to speak to their requests.

Linda Schier, AWWA, spoke on behalf of the 5 lake associations seeking funding for their individual lake host programs (totaling \$13,500). None of these lakes (Great East, Lovell, Horn, Pine River and Province) are experiencing milfoil infestation at this time. Ms. Schier referred to the lake host program as a first line of defense. Ms. Twombly noted that Pine River Pond has no public launch. Ms. Schier noted that Pine River Pond does have a semi-private launch(located on Lord Road) that is heavily used by the public. She further noted that the State of NH believed there was enough of a threat (via this launch) to award a grant to this lake. Ms. Twombly had been told that the launch was for use by owners of back lot properties. She noted the area was not marked as a launch area. Mr. Miller stated that the State of NH does own a landing area; however, they do not have funds to develop the launch. It is not a high enough priority to the State at this time. Mr. Edwards noted that it is difficult to ask the taxpayers to fund this program when they cannot use the lake. Ms. Schier spoke to the decline in property values should the lake become infested. This program is protecting the public’s money by protecting the lake. Public access would be better discussed with the Pine River Pond Association directly. As additional information, Ms. Schier stated that AWWA will be conducting a training session in Acton soon. 32 of the 75 individuals who have signed up to attend are from Wakefield area lakes.

Don Pierce spoke to the request of Balch Lake for a \$5000 contribution to their control program. Mr. Pierce shared a map depicting where they are addressing milfoil issues. They were less than satisfied with last year’s treatment. This year 2 treatments are planned. It may be that the plant is developing a tolerance to the herbicide used. Mr. Pierce spoke to other anticipated funding, including from the State of Maine and 2 Maine towns. Mr. Miller referred to the total 2014 treatment cost being \$26,000 and asked where the rest of the funds would be found. Mr. Pierce advised that dues for various associations on the lake include a portion for milfoil treatments. Various fundraisers are also held.

Lorraine Rosenthal spoke to Belleau Lake Property Owners Association’s request for \$22,500. She stated that BLPOA has been pro-active for many years to attempt to control milfoil in that lake. It is anticipated that the State will approve additional treatment this year, and BLPOA may treat over 50 acres twice in 2014. In 2013 the State approved treatment of only 23 acres. The cost of the 2014 treatments may be as high as \$56,000.

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Ms. Williams noted that the requests being made total \$41,000; however, only approximately \$31,000 is available in the relevant CRF. She stated that it would be helpful if the Board were made aware during budget preparation of the anticipated financial needs for the following year. Various BLPOA members spoke to their other efforts to address milfoil, noting it is difficult to predict how much money will be required when they are at the mercy of the State for permitting.

Mr. Edwards encouraged those involved to assist in determining how best to allocate the funds available. Ms. Schier volunteered to reduce the request for the lake host programs to \$12,000, which is the amount awarded in 2013. Ms. Rosenthal stressed that Belleau Lake does not qualify for any State funding, due to its being a man-made basin without public access. Mr. Miller, looking to meet the greatest need, suggested that perhaps volunteers could take over the lake host programs. Ms. Schier indicated that has been tried in the past, without success. Additionally, it is very difficult to manage volunteers. Mr. Mankus stated that Great East Lake's site is monitored 12 hours each day, 7 days each week. Most of money goes to high school and college students as summer employment and is spent on education.

Mr. Arnone believed that the Board had planned to appropriate additional funds to address this important issue and wonders what happened. Mr. Edwards stressed that we only have the funds approved by the voters. Ms. Schier offered to assist in representing BLPOA during the budget process in order to make the Board aware of the anticipated needs.

Ms. Twombly moved to close the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

Ms. Twombly moved to approve a \$12,000 expenditure from the Invasive Species CRF to the 5 Lake Host Programs for 2014. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

Ms. Twombly moved to approve a \$2500 expenditure from the Invasive Species CRF to Balch Lake Improvement Association for 2014. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

Ms. Twombly moved to approve a \$16,500 expenditure from the Invasive Species CRF to Belleau Lake Property Owners Association for 2014. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

2. Appointments – None scheduled.

3. Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment #1

--Mr. Miller noted that tax bills were recently received. He believes it would be helpful to offer taxpayers an explanation (in front of the camera) as to why the tax rate increased.

--Mr. Comeau agrees with Mr. Miller's comment about the tax rate. In another matter, Mr. Comeau wonders whether there are any detrimental effects from the herbicide used to fight milfoil. The Board members had no specific information to share in this regard. Mr. Beeler noted that one form of treatment drops to the bottom of the lake, and an effort is made not to allow the material to be "stirred up." Often following treatments no swimming or other use of the water is allowed for a number of days. Treatments do not seem to affect the loons!

4. Unfinished Business

a) Fournier/Perambulation – Ms. Williams has had communication with Bob Talon of NH DOT and has received a 1960's survey from him (a portion of which survey Mr. Fournier had shared previously with the Board). Mr. Fournier had suggested that the Board request that the State replace a marker, depicted on the survey, which he believed had been moved during the road widening project a number of years ago. However, Mr. Talon advises that the notation on the survey actually refers to a telephone pole. Pine trees and other trees are also depicted on the survey. Mr. Talon is aware of the property under discussion and spoke highly of Gerald Miller's abilities as a surveyor. However, he also advised that Wakefield cannot simply "give" the subject property to another town. This transfer must occur through the General Court. The Board of either Town cannot really determine in which Town the property is located. The issue needs to go to Court. Mr. Edwards suggested that Ms. Williams provide Mr. Fournier with this information and remind him that he had agreed to abide by the State's information. The decision of whether to go do Court will be Mr. Fournier's.

5. New Business

a) Bids for Parks & Rec Disc Golf Course – Ms. Williams advised that the Parks & Rec Commission reviewed the one bid received, and with which it is comfortable in accepting. The necessary funds will come from Parks & Rec's "05" revolving fund. Creation of this course will also establish a walking path in the ball field area. **Mr. Edwards moved to accept the bid of Explore Disc Golf in the amount of \$6715. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

b) Bids for Salt Shed Construction – The Board opened bids received—2 for foundation work, and 2 for erection of the huts to be purchased from SteelMaster. Bids for the construction were: Sawmill Construction at \$18,560 and Robillard Teague Group at \$33,704. **Mr. Edwards moved to accept the bid of Sawmill Construction in the amount of \$18,560. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion.** Mr. Edwards noted that this bid includes the cost to use a scissor lift. A brief discussion followed regarding the 2 SteelMaster huts to be purchased. **The motion then passed 2-0.**

The bids for the foundation work were: DS Foundations & Sons at \$31,900 and Robillard Teague Group at \$45,650. **Mr. Edwards moved to reject both bids received for foundation work and to rebid this portion of the project. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

6. Proposed CRF Expenditures – None scheduled.

7. Correspondence

a) Great East Lake Improvement Assn – GELIA has invited the Board to attend its annual meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 12 at Weeks Park.

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

9. Administrative Matters

a) Town Administrator's Update
--Chief Nason has recommended that the Board appoint Pal Labranche, Brad Beveridge and Joseph Riley as Deputy Forest Fire Wardens. **Ms. Twombly moved to make the appointments as recommended by Fire Chief Nason. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

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--Ms. Williams presented a Permit by Notification form to be approved by the Board for work on the Towle Farm/Bonnyman Road drainage issue. Manual labor is to be provided by the Town and members of the Towle Farm Road Association, and materials will be provided by AWWA. **Mr. Edwards moved to execute the Permit by Notification as presented. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

--Summer meeting schedule: Ms. Williams suggested meeting only once each month for July and August. **Mr. Edwards moved to meet on July 7 and August 13, 2014. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

--The Town of Milton's grader is "down" and they have asked whether the Town of Wakefield's grader and operator can address Walsh and Hare Roads, which work is estimated to take about 3 days. Although the Board would like to be neighborly, Wakefield taxpayers should not pay to grade Milton roads. Also, this is a busy time of year for our Highway Departments. Sorry, but the answer is "no."

b) Building Permit Releases – None forthcoming.

c) Payment Manifests – Mr. Edwards moved to approve AP #19, a void in the amount of \$246. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

Ms. Twombly moved to approve PR #12 in the amount of \$69,338.77. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

Ms. Twombly moved to approve AP #20 in the amount of \$382,575. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

d) Non Public Session – Ms. Twombly moved to enter Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c) and (e). Roll call vote: Mr. Edwards – 'aye'; Ms. Twombly – 'aye'. The motion passed 2-0, and the Board entered Non Public Session.

The Board returned to public session at 9:12 p.m., at which time the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

Kenneth S. Paul, Chairperson

Richard C. Edwards, Acting Chair

Connie M. Twombly