

**Board of Selectmen
May 27, 2015**

Present: Richard C. Edwards, Chairperson; Kenneth S. Paul; Connie Twombley; Teresa A. Williams, Town Administrator; and Toni Bodah, Secretary.

Mr. Edwards called the posted meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. **Ms. Twombley moved to enter Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and (b). Mr. Paul seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ms. Twombley – ‘aye’; Mr. Paul – ‘aye’; Mr. Edwards – ‘aye’. The motion passed unanimously, and the Board immediately entered Non Public Session.**

The Board returned to public session at 7:05 p.m., and Mr. Edwards led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present included: Ed Comeau (videotaping); Donna Martin (videotaping); Tom Beeler, *The Granite State News*; John Fournier; and Barry Ellis, in addition to those who signed in. Tom Dube joined the session in progress.

1. Public Hearing re: Invasive Species CRF Expenditure Requests – Mr. Edwards opened the public hearing, the purpose of which is to consider requests for expenditures totaling \$53,112. He invited those present to offer comments. Dick DesRoches is present to represent AWWA, which has requested a total of \$13,500 for 4 lake host programs. AWWA expects to receive \$50,600 in matching funds or in-kind contributions. Each lake (Great East, Lovell, Pine River and Province) continues to be infestation-free. Most programs have experienced a number of “saves.”

Dave Mankus spoke for the program on Great East Lake, which association spends about \$30,000 annually to protect the lake. The Association hires local youth—mostly high school and college students. Inspections begin in early May, with 200 boats already inspected to date.

Jim Fitzpatrick stated that the program on Pine River Pond operates every Saturday and Sunday. The program not only watches for weeds, it also educates the public, including our next generation. Mr. Fitzpatrick introduced Michael Wons as the new “point person” for Pine River Pond.

Lorraine Rosenthal spoke on behalf of the Belleau Lake Property Owners’ Association and thanked the Board for its past support. She stated that Belleau Lake does not qualify for any State funding. 50 acres were treated in the spring of 2014, with an additional 14 acres being treated that fall. For 2015, the State has approved treating up to 100 acres, the cost of which will be at least \$49,000. BLPOA is requesting \$34,612 from the Town of Wakefield, which represents 75% of cost originally anticipated for the 2015 treatment. In response to Mr. Edwards, Ms. Rosenthal stated that they are making headway, although a new area has been found to contain weeds.

Pete Dinger stated that Province Lake is fortunate to not have an infestation. He is grateful for the support from the Towns of Wakefield and Effingham.

Don Pierce spoke on behalf of Balch Lake. He referred to the decline in value of property located on an infested lake in Maine. Balch Lake was treated twice in 2014, the results of which will be included in a survey expected next week. The State of NH has reduced the value of grants being awarded. Although their costs have increased, Balch Lake continues to request \$5000 from the Town of Wakefield. Mr. Fitzpatrick asked whether Balch has a lake host program. Mr. Pierce indicated that the owner of the marina on Balch performs inspections.

There being no further public comment, Mr. Edwards closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Edwards asked whether the material flows into Balch Lake when Belleau Lake receives a treatment. John Couch noted that it would first have to flow through Woodman Lake. It was noted, however, that the chemical used is designed to sink rather than travel.

Ms. Twombly moved to authorize the total expenditure of \$53,112 from the Invasive Species Capital Reserve Fund, as requested by the Lake Host Programs, Balch Lake and Belleau Lake. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Mr. Edwards questioned how the other lakes felt about the amount of Belleau Lake's request. Mr. Lee asked for the balance in the CRF, which Ms. Williams advised is about \$54,000. She noted that the Board based the 2015 appropriation upon estimated requests submitted by the various lakes in the fall of 2014. This expenditure will leave only a minimal balance in the CRF. Mr. Couch noted that Belleau Lake Property Owners' Association just does not have sufficient funds to address this issue. Mr. Paul stated that we will need to investigate another source of revenue, perhaps by redirecting land use change taxes, which are currently earmarked for purchase/protection of conservation land. Mr. Lee asked whether Balch Lake has given consideration to sharing their harvesting boat. BLPOA has its own boat. **The motion then passed 3-0.**

2. Appointments – None scheduled.

3. Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment #1

--Annette Perry questioned the status of the estimate for the Maple Street Bridge. Ms. Williams stated that the new Highway Manager will need time to familiarize himself with the project, following which he will discuss options with the Board for both the Maple Street and Canal Road bridges. It has been determined that the Town does not have a bridge on the State's bridge aid list.

--Ms. Perry asked whether there is a possibility that the Transfer Station could be open to the public on Thursdays in order to alleviate the congestion on the weekend. Mr. Edwards stated that is not an option at this time.

--Mr. Paul suggested that Balch and Belleau Lakes coordinate with the ClearView TV to video their treatment procedures.

4. Unfinished Business

a) Transfer Station Ordinance – Ms. Williams has communicated with NHMA regarding whether we need to conduct a second public hearing in order to rescind the clear bag requirement. The ordinance was originally developed in 1995. However, in 1996, a new statute was passed (unbeknownst to subsequent Boards of Selectmen) that required such an ordinance to be adopted and revised by Town vote, as is done with the Zoning Ordinance. The fee schedule can be separated from the ordinance and adjust by the Board of Selectmen. Town Counsel has recommended that the Town use the Transfer Station Ordinance in place at the end of 2014 until the vote in 2016. To clarify: there will be no wall/swap shop, no increase in the diameter of brush accepted, and no increase in fees. We will need to redraft the ordinance this fall, at which time the fee schedule can be separated out. Ms. Williams will discuss this with Warren Winn, Transfer Station Manager.

5. New Business

a) Winter Sand Bids – The Board opened 2 bids as follows: Ossipee Aggregates at \$5.25/ton; High Street Sand & Gravel (Silver Lake) at \$6.67/yd. Both bids were given to Mike Gingras, Highway Manager, to review and make recommendations. Mr. Gingras had communicated with several other providers, all of whose prices were higher. He would hope to begin hauling sand by October. Ms. Williams noted that the Board will need to consider the price to be paid by contractors.

b) Welfare Guidelines – Ms. Williams advised the revised guidelines are not yet available. This issue was postponed to the next meeting.

6. Proposed CRF Expenditures

a) Highway Construction CRF \$68,287.10 – This represents the cost to complete High Street. **Mr. Paul moved to approve this expenditure as presented. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

7. Correspondence

a) Mark Cotton – Mark has submitted his resignation form the Parks & Rec Commission. The Board accepted this resignation with regret and with thanks for all he has done for the Town of Wakefield.

b) Town of Middleton – Ms. Williams had contacted the Town of Middleton to ask whether they would pay a portion of an outstanding bill for ambulance service for one of their residents. The Town of Middleton has declined that opportunity. Mr. Paul referred to Mutual Aid provided to and received from various surrounding communities. Perhaps we should discuss with the Fire Chief the possibility of establishing a fee to provide services to those communities that do not provide assistance to Wakefield. Ms. Williams will discuss this with Chief Nason, following which she will suggest to the Town of Middleton that they pay ½ the outstanding ambulance bill.

c) Southern Maine Vets – This organization is seeking financial contributions for their cemetery in Springvale. NH has a veterans' cemetery in Boscawen. Ms. Williams will advise the Southern ME Vets that they should submit a request for funding in the fall as part of the budget process.

8. Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment #2

--Mr. Knisley asked what the barn at the Transfer Station is used for. Mr. Paul advised it is used to store equipment. Mr. Knisley stated it is packed with junk, while the Town's equipment remains outside. He suggested the area needs to be cleaned up so that it doesn't look like a swap shop.

--Ms. Perry received clarification that use of clear bags will not be required by July 1 at the Transfer Station.

--Mr. McCall shared his belief that no one inspects what is in the trash bags now, adding that no one will likely inspect them if clear bags are used. He would personally volunteer a ½ day each week to check for stickers, which he believes is the real problem. Mr. Edwards believes we are making progress in that regard.

--Mr. Knisley stated that a better checklist is needed when residents purchase stickers. Ms. Twombly referred to having witnessed a number of vehicles without stickers utilizing the Transfer Station.

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--Mr. Dube noted he had loaned his truck (with no sticker) to an individual who had stripped a roof. This individual was not prevented from disposing of the shingles even though the truck had no sticker.

--Ms. Perry also saw an out-of-state vehicle without a sticker utilizing the facility.

9. Administrative Matters

a) Liaison Reports – Ms. Twombly: The Planning Board held a discussion regarding construction of a Dollar General at the Sanborn House. The Heritage Commission members were at that meeting to share comments. The applicant was given a list of items to address in order to be in compliance with Town ordinances.

b) Selectmen's Letter of Appreciation – The Board agreed to send this month's letter to Tim Brackett, whose last day as a part-time patrol officer for the Town was May 24.

c) Town Administrator's Update

--Ms. Williams shared framed pictures that will eventually hang in the main hallway of Town Hall. She is looking for more pictures to frame.

d) Parks & Rec Membership Appointments – The Commission has recommended the reappointment of Ed Brown as member and Beth Hayes as alternate. **Mr. Edwards moved to reappoint Ed Brown as a member for 3 years and Beth Hayes as an alternate for 3 years, both to the Parks & Rec Commission, as recommended. Mr. Paul seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.**

e) Building Permit Releases – Mr. Edwards moved to approve the building permit release for Blair on Gold Coast Drive, as presented. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

f) Payment Manifests – Mr. Edwards moved to approve PR #12, a void and reissue of checks totaling \$0. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve PR #11 in the amount of \$63,956.45. Ms. Twombly seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

Ms. Twombly moved to approve AP #15 in the amount of \$407,602.90. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 3-0. Ms. Williams noted that this AP included half of the monthly payment to the School.

g) Minutes – Ms. Twombly moved to approve the minutes of May 13, 2015, as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

Richard C. Edwards, Chairperson

Kenneth S. Paul

Connie Twombly