

**Board of Selectmen
January 13, 2016**

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

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

The Board returned to public session at 6:55 p.m., at which time Mr. Edwards called for a short recess. The meeting reconvened at 7 p.m., with Mr. Edwards leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those now present included: Jim Gilbert; Cynthia Smith; Tom Beeler, *The Granite State News*; Donna Martin (videographer); and Ed Comeau (videographer). Sgt. Michael Fenton temporarily joined the session in progress.

Ms. Twombley moved to seal the minutes of the immediately preceding Non Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, III. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. Ms. Twombley – ‘aye’; Mr. Edwards – ‘aye’. The motion passed 2-0.

1. Appointments

a) Jim Gilbert, Blue Bay Restaurant – At the restaurant, Mr. Gilbert has a fenced-in outside area for his customers. He would like his customers to be able to take their alcoholic beverages to this area; however, the NH Liquor Commission requires a letter from the Town stating there are no objections. Police Chief Fifield is in favor of this request, as long as the area is monitored. Mr. Gilbert noted that patrons who smoke would also utilize this area. He has met accommodations required by the Fire Chief. Mr. Edwards supports this effort, with the understanding that all requirements of the Fire and Police Chiefs will be met. **Ms. Twombley moved to send a letter of support to the NH Liquor Commission. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.** A letter will be prepared for the Board members’ signatures.

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

3. Unfinished Business – None scheduled.

4. New Business

a) Approval of 2016 Town Warrant – Ms. Williams stated that the Budget Committee held its public hearing on January 12. Article #28 is a petitioned warrant article relating to a permit for Bingo. The petitioners will have to explain this article to the public. **Ms. Twombley moved to execute the 2016 Town Warrant as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

b) Redemption of Map 109, Lot 9 – Tax Acquired Property – The former owner has submitted a bank check for the total amount due to redeem this property. **Ms. Twombley moved to execute the Selectmen’s Deed, prepared by Town Counsel. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

c) 2015-2 Sewer Warrant – Ms. Twombley moved to approve the 2015-2 Sewer Warrant in the amount of \$15,707.40, as presented. **Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

5. Proposed Capital Reserve Fund Expenditures

a) Landfill Closure \$450 – This represents the cost of mandatory gas emission testing. **Ms. Twombly moved to approve this expenditure. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.**

6. Correspondence

a) Tax Collector to USPS – A copy of Ms. Nichols' letter to the USPS, in which she refers to her experience in utilizing the certified mail process and requests reimbursement for same, was provided for the Board's information. Ms. Twombly read the letter aloud.

7. Unscheduled Matters/Public Comment #2

--Ms. Twombly announced that the Heritage Commission has just purchased a B&M caboose! It was built in NH and is in great condition. It will be moved (one way or another) from Northfield to Union in April.

--Mr. Edwards referred to the excellent framed photographs now hanging in the hallway of the main floor. A great job done by Victor Becker of WPI!!

8. Administrative Matters

a) Town Administrator's Update

--The Board had previously executed the Default Budget; however, several more original signature pages are required for posting. Mission accomplished!

--In past years, the wording of the warrant articles has been printed in bold type on the ballot. Is the Board in favor of printing the ballot in regular type, and only bolding specific language for emphasis? Yes! Reference was made to certain language in the article regarding the second floor of the public safety building appearing in bold print.

--The State representatives currently have a busy meeting schedule, with many bills being voted upon. Does the Board wish to invite the representatives to a meeting in order to discuss any bills that may be of particular interest? Mr. Comeau (State Representative) spoke to the number and length of meetings scheduled, especially on Wednesdays. He suggested such a meeting be planned for a Monday. He also suggested checking with the General Court website for the calendar to determine what is being voted on. Ms. Williams will develop a spreadsheet of areas she believes will be of interest to the Board. Mr. Comeau suggested a regional meeting to foster communication among Boards of various towns.

--The Board reviewed the warrant and assigned speaking roles to each relevant article. Reminder: **Town Deliberative Session is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2016, at 1 p.m.**

b) Building Permit Releases – None forthcoming.

c) Petition and Pole License – Ms. Twombly moved to approve the Petition and Pole License submitted for Spruce Drive. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

d) Payment Manifests – Ms. Twombly moved to approve AP #40 (2015) in the amount of \$17,597.78. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

Ms. Twombly moved to approve AP #1 (2016) in the amount of \$693,323. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

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e) Minutes – Ms. Twombly moved to approve the minutes of December 30, 2015, and January 6, 2016, as presented. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion, which passed 2-0.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Bodah, Secretary

Approval of Minutes:

Richard C. Edwards, Chairperson

Kenneth S. Paul

Connie Twombly