

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
August 29, 2016



Selectmen in attendance: Christine Torno, Royce Heath and Paul Nadeau

2:30 pm – Open Meeting

- Chairperson Christine Torno made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (A) to discuss personnel matters; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.
- Out of executive session at 3:45.

2:46 pm

- Selectman Paul Nadeau made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F) to discuss confidential records; seconded by Chairperson Torno, all in favor.
- Out of executive session at 3:53.

2:55 pm

- Selectmen signed the pole permits
- Discussion on the Virtual Town Hall Website. There needs to be updates for contacts.
- Dale and Sue are the site administrators- Mandy and Ben were blocked. Dale, Christine and Sue are the key contacts, and Sue is a supported user.
- Paul Nadeau made the board aware that there was a fence post that was broken out front of the town office. Selectperson Torno made a motion to get quotes for repairing or replacing the fence post; seconded by Selectman Heath. Post on the front door and website requests for a price to repair/replace the fence.

3:00 pm

- Open public hearing to adopt GA Appendices A-D for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.
- Chairperson Torno closed the public hearing.
- Selectman Heath made a motion to adopt the GA Appendices A-D; seconded by Chairperson Torno, all in favor.
- Deborah Wilson said she feels the GA Administrator should be the one collecting for Thanksgiving baskets and not someone outside the office.

3:15 pm

- Mary Lane questioned Selectmen Heath and Nadeau about the ethics policy. She wanted to know where it was and what was going on with it? She asked if it was in use and the response from the BOS was yes. She also asked if people on committees in town had to sign the policy.

NIAID – Laurie Callahan

- Mary asked about the no spray agreement and if that pertained to the NIAID problem.
- Selectman Heath asked if it was safe to put a chemical into the water. She explained that surrounding towns have not had a problem with the chemical.
- Norman Turgeon mentioned John McPhedran coming here to discuss the NIAID problem. He has about 47 people working on it and they are working with NH DES, who is able to use the herbicides.
- Maine is less likely to want to use diquat, a herbicide that attacks the plant. The use of a herbicide requires consent of the towns that use the water. The towns of Berwick and Somersworth use the diving and suction method to remove the plant.
- There was a lot of discussion regarding this issue and there were many questions about how changing the no spray ordinance would help. In order to change the ordinance, it would need to

be voted on. Chairperson Torno said that legal would have to review the ordinance and give an opinion.

- Deborah Wilson asked if she and Mary Lane could rewrite the ordinance and put it on the November ballot. Deborah then wanted to do a citizens petition to put it on the ballot. Chairperson Torno explained that this would be very expensive.
- Norman Turgeon recommended asking for legal advice and if the ordinance included all herbicides, or just spraying.

3:50 pm

- Chairperson Torno made a motion to go into executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(F) to discuss confidential records.
- The Selectmen exited Executive Session at 4:10 pm.
- Chairperson Torno made a motion to allow taxes to be paid for 3 years, then the first half of 2016 taxes were due on 10/15 and the second half on 4/15/17; seconded by Selectman Heath, all in favor.

4:15 pm

- Nancy Wyman came in to discuss participation in the 2017 Lebanon Celebration by the Lebanon Historical Society. Nancy asked that a request for \$1,500.00 be put on the May warrant for the Historical Society. She said she would also like to see the celebration last 3 days.
- The Selectmen said they should have plenty of time to put something on the warrant and asked Nancy to write something up and remind the Board in March.
- Mary Lane said she still needs to be appointed by the BOS to be on the NIAID Steering Committee. Chairperson Torno made a motion to appoint Mary to the NIAID steering committee; seconded by Selectman Nadeau, all in favor.
- Sue told selectmen about the need to get in touch with a company who can test a well at a residence in town across from the landfill. Selectman Heath suggested she call Katahdin Analytical which does water testing.

4:40 pm

- Ben Thompson gave a letter to selectmen outlining waterfront base lots, additional frontage and excess frontage. The amounts for Spaulding Pond and Northeast Pond are different.
- Deb Wilson asked questions about the math calculations.
- Selectperson Torno made a motion to accept Ben's recommendation for assessment of waterfront property; seconded by Selectman Heath, all in favor.
- Mary Lane asked if the Selectmen had come up with the mil rate yet, they haven't. She then asked if they had any plans on assessing the whole town, and Chairperson Torno said that they do not as of right now.
- Ben brought to the attention of the Selectmen that some back lots on the lake were being taxed as shoreline and that it would be a good idea to suggest these lots be combined for tax purposes.
- Deb Wilson asked the Selectmen about private entities collecting money at the office. Chairperson Torno said that she would be looking into it.

5:20 pm

- Chairperson Torno made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Heath, all in favor.