

**Town of Auburn
Board of Selectmen
February 23, 2015**

Selectmen Present: Russell Sullivan, James Headd & Richard Eaton

Also Present: William Lambert, NHDOT; R.B. Lewis, Paula Marzloff, Dan Carpenter, Mickey Rolfe, Audrey Trickett, Mike DiPietro, Mike & Linda Dross, John & Mary Ann Rolfe, Dennis & Pauline Vieira; Greg Santuccio, Scott & Karen Norris, Brad & Kim Sargent and Tom Gonyea, Residents; Ray Pelton, Police Lieutenant; Kathryn Lafond, Recording Secretary

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Accounts Payable for Week of February 16th, 2015

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$285,360.71 for the week of February 16th, 2015; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Payroll for Week of February 16th, 2015

Mr. Headd moved to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$5,338.93 for the week of February 16th, 2015; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Payroll for Week of February 23rd, 2015

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$39,738.83 for the week of February 23rd, 2015; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Week of February 9th, 2015

Abatement Applications

Granted – 86 Eaton Hill Road (Tax Map #7, Lot #6-1) – \$63,200 Reduction

Granted – 5 Finch Lane (Tax Map 24, Lot 2) - \$22,500 Reduction

Granted – Camper @ Calef Lake Campground (Tax Map 5, Lot 65-ORA-13) - \$45.68 Abatement

Granted – Camper @ Calef Lake Campground (Tax Map 5, Lot 65-ORA-20) - \$73.00 Abatement

Denied – 516 Bunker Hill Road (Tax Map 5, Lot 83)

Notice of Property Lien

516 Bunker Hill Road (Tax Map 5, Lot 83) - \$420.00

48 Manchester Road (Tax Map 7, Lot 26) - \$538.28

Pistol/Revolver License

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Mr. Headd moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the week of February 23rd, 2015; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sullivan thanked all who volunteered their time, including Mr. Dross on Saturday to shovel the school roof and assist with the snow removal; it saved the school money and potential damage. Mr. Michael Rolfe indicated that it worked well.

Appointments with the Board

William Lambert, NHDOT – NH Route 121 Intersection Control

Mr. Lambert stated that he appreciates the invitation to attend tonight noting that the Selectmen addressed two letters to Mr. Richard Radwanski requesting a four way blinking light, Mr. Radwanski forwarded the request on to him as he handles signs, signals and markings. Mr. Lambert explained that the current intersection configuration is common and at some point in the last 10 to 12 years it turned from a 2 way stop to a 3 way stop. Mr. Lambert indicated that a flashing beacon with 3 red lights and 1 yellow won't make much of a difference and went on to provide copies of two proposed options; the first option being turning the intersection into a four way stop, the second would be installing a small raised traffic island. Mr. Lambert stated that it is designed to still fit tractor trailers. Mr. Headd asked Mr. Dross his opinion of the options. Mr. Dross noted that he thinks the island would be a good idea and thinks were people go straight through the intersection it will slow them down. Mr. Headd asked if the island will impede plowing. Mr. Dross indicated it would far less than a roundabout. Mr. Lambert noted that the State plows that area. Mr. Dross replied that that they do but the town needs to clean it up. Mr. Michael Rolfe noted that the stop sign on Hooksett Road is set far off to the side. Mr. Lambert stated that the sign can be moved closer to the road, with a beacon even. Mr. Dross asked when the State would be able to install the island. Mr. Lambert thought this summer. Mr. Eaton commented that motorists going straight through have the most near misses, he thinks the island is a really good idea. The other Board members agreed. Mr. Lambert indicated that he would pass along the consensus to NHDOT.

Old Business

43 Leppert Way Tax Matter

Mr. Sullivan asked his colleagues to discuss this matter in non-public. Mr. Headd and Mr. Eaton felt that would be appropriate.

New Business

FY 2013 Audit Report

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The Board acknowledged receipt of the annual audit for year ending December 31, 2013 and agreed that they would like to invite Plodzik and Sanderson in to go over the financial report with the Board.

Other Business

Mr. Sullivan noted that the Department of Revenue Administration determined that the median ration for land and buildings in Auburn for tax year 2014 to be 97.9% and the overall equalization assessment – sales ratio for land and buildings to be 96.9%.

Mr. Headd informed those present that an amendment is to be heard on March 2nd regarding the pole exemption bill. Mr. Headd explained that the amendment would require that poles and conduits be assessed uniformly throughout the State which would likely be a low. Mr. Headd indicated that he plans to attend the hearing and continue to take a defensive posture.

Mr. DiPietro asked if the matter of past due Police Detail invoices had been resolved. Ms. Lafond replied that slowly payment is being received and billing is being done differently as of January 1st.

Mr. DiPietro asked if the former Fire Station is being sold. Ms. Lafond stated that the attorneys are still working the title process. The Board would like to meet with Mr. Demirjian regarding his intentions.

Mr. Dross informed the Board that there was an accident on Dearborn Road and the road was closed by the Police and/or Fire Department barricades but the Police were not there and he was not notified of the closure. Mr. Vieira expressed his concern that no one was there. Lt. Pelton explained that both Police and Fire had multiple calls to respond to at the same time and apologized that in the chaos no one called the Road Agent.

Minutes

Ms. Lafond stated that Mr. Headd had a correct to the minutes which she did not have time to address. Ms. Lafond indicated that she would amend the minutes tomorrow, redistribute them and include them for approval on the next Selectmen's agenda.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Eaton moved to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A 3, II (c) Reputation of any person, other than a member of the Board; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Headd – yes, Mr. Eaton – yes, Mr. Sullivan – yes. The motion passed.

Meeting in Non-Public Session with the Selectmen was Secretary Lafond.

Mr. Headd moved to exit Non-Public Session; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Headd – yes, Mr. Eaton – yes, Mr. Sullivan – yes. The motion passed.

Mr. Eaton moved to seal the Non-Public meeting minutes; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; All were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Headd moved to adjourn; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the public meeting ended at 7:43 P.M.