

**Town of Auburn
Board of Selectmen
May 22, 2017**

Selectmen Present: James Headd, Richard Eaton & Dale Phillips

Also Present: Dave Nye & Amy Lachance, Parks and Recreation; Sue Jenkins, Tax Collector; Tom Gonyea, Linda Dross, Mickey Rolfe, Dennis Vieira, and Mike DiPietro, Residents; William Herman, Town Administrator; Kathryn Lafond, Executive Assistant

Mr. Headd called the public meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Payroll for Week of May 15th, 2017

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$44,316.89 for the week of May 15th, 2017; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Accounts Payable for Week of May 22nd, 2017

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$68,076.38 for the week of May 22nd, 2017; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Week of May 22nd, 2017

Land Use Change Tax Warrant

136 Harvard Avenue (Tax Map #9, Lot #28-1-3801) - \$4,000.00

Betterment Assessment Warrant – First Issue

Cottage Avenue Waterline Improvement - \$2,290.56

Supplemental Property Tax Warrant – First Issue

Tax Map #2, Lot #26 - \$3,114.00

Payment in Lieu of Taxes Warrant – First Issue

Manchester Water Works - \$175,000

Deed for Cemetery Plot / Auburn Village Cemetery

Mary Dolores Dawson and Delima E. Fitzgerald-Pierce – Sheet #17, Lot #143B
Paul C. & Marilyn A. Lambert – Sheet #22, Lot #187C

Notice of Property Lien

18 Sun Valley Road (Tax Map #18, Lot #24)

Correspondence

Rockingham County Commissioners & Executive Committee, Rockingham County
Delegation – Rockingham County Fiscal Year

Adopted Policy

Prepayment of Taxes Policy

Pistol/Revolver License

Two (2) Licenses

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

David Nye / Parks & Recreation – Event Closure of Eaton Hill Road Extension

Mr. Nye requested permission to close Eaton Hill Road Extension in front of the Safety Complex on June 3rd, 2017 for approximately 6 hours for the Auburn Old Home Day event. Mr. Nye indicated that he spoke with the Road Agent who was fine with the closure. The Police and Fire Departments are participating in the event and will make provisions to have emergency vehicles accessible so not to inhibit the response to any calls. Mr. Headd indicated that the school parking lot is accessible. Mr. Nye stated yes. The Board agreed with closing Eaton Hill Road Extension from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to accommodate the event, as well as set up and clean up.

Mrs. Phillips moved to authorize the closure of Eaton Hill Road Extension on June 3rd from 2:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for the Auburn Old Home Day; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Schedule Eddows Field Site Walk for BOS & P&R Commission

Mr. Herman noted that the Board had previously talked about conducting a site walk at the Wayne Eddows fields and asked if they would like to schedule one at this time since the Parks and Recreation Commission representation is present. The Board indicated that in general, they were available and flexible. Mrs. Lachance, Parks and Recreation Coordinator was asked to coordinate a date and time to conduct a site walk with both the Board of Selectmen and the Recreation Commission.

Right of Way between Cottage Avenue and Paradise Lane

Mr. Herman explained that some time ago a gentleman had stopped in to see the Board right before a Monday night meeting. This individual would like to have the right of way that abuts his property extinguished and turned over to the property owners. Ms. Royce, Land Use Administrator researched the right of way at the Boards request. Mr. Herman continued that the right of way was deeded to the town by New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) if the Board is inclined to extinguish the right of way it would need to go before the voters. Mr. Eaton suggested that right of ways are provided for a purpose, there may be a future need such as sewer or water. The consensus of the Board was to not extinguish the right of way.

Potential Special Election

Mr. Herman informed the Board that as a result of the passing of State Representative William C. Polewarczyk, Jr. of Chester a special election to fill the vacancy may be necessary. The town of Chester and Sandown have both discussed the potential of a special election and it is likely that Chester will formally request of the Governor and Executive Council that one is held. Mr. Herman believes that only one of the communities within the districts needs to submit a request for one to be held. Also, he has heard that there are at least two Republicans that may be interested in filing the position. If so, a primary election will need to be held. Should both a primary and the special election need to be held the Board will need to identify about \$8,000 to hold them.

Landfill Monitoring Wells Sampling

Mr. Herman informed the board that the monitoring well samples report was received from Stantec Consulting. The sampling testing from the formation town landfill was expanded this year to include testing of perfluorinated chemicals (PFC's) at the direction of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). PFC's were detected in all 4 monitoring wells, with two of the four wells testing over the reporting threshold. Stantec thinks that NHDES may want the town to install another well to the southeast of monitoring well #4 but suggest not taking action until they receive recommendation or direction from NHDES.

Perambulation of Town Line - Hooksett

Mr. Herman indicated that the perambulation of the Auburn/Hooksett town line was last done in 2002. There are 8 bounds to be checked, 3 of which are known. Hooksett would like to conduct the perambulation with Auburn in the next month. Hooksett has identified some days that would not work, Mr. Herman will email that information to the Board so that they may determine was days would work.

Other Business

Mr. Herman informed the Board that he picked up the plans for the Town Hall entry from Alternative Design and asked if the Board would like to put the project out to bid. The Board agreed that they would like to see the plans first.

Mr. Vieira stated that he heard that there was something on Channel 9 about the Safety Complex and asked what that was about. Mrs. Phillips indicated that she had heard some things and was at the Town Hall in the morning that day, she then got a call from reporters after the fact but knew nothing about the interviews until she was shown after the fact. Mrs. Phillips continued that in her opinion what she saw was one of the best soap operas she has seen, with great theatrics. Mrs. Phillips stated that there was no way 100 firefighters were there and the four-page letter of complaint was mentioned but there was no mention of other individual complaints. Mrs. Phillips noted that Mr. Eaton must have known about the matter since he was there to be interviewed, the Board did not suggest the survey the attorney did and the Board agreed. Mrs. Phillips stated that Channel 9 was misinformed and the report was in poor taste. Mr. Eaton noted that the survey was sent out without the Fire Chief's knowledge. Mr. Vieira asked what survey. Mr. Eaton explained that a complaint letter from former Fire Chief, Bruce Phillips was received and in response, the Board agreed to have the town's attorney send a survey to Fire Department personnel in order to receive honest and anonymous answers. Mr. Eaton supported the survey opposed to an independent investigation that was also suggested. Mrs. Dross stated that because of a survey he was going to give his resignation, what kind of a Chief is that. Mr. Eaton commented that the Fire Chief was a little blindsided by the survey, he had assumed that the Fire Chief was going to be made aware of the Boards course of action. Mrs. Dross and Mr. Vieira asked why the Fire Chief would need to be. Mr. Eaton replied that as it was the list of fire personnel that was provided to the attorney was old and inaccurate with 9 members missing and the Deputy Chief's address incorrect. He

spoke with the attorney and those members will be receiving a survey, once the surveys are received back to the attorney he will report the information provided to Board. Mr. Rolfe commented that he thought the waterworks in the news report was a bit much and all the players who came to the previous meeting with the Fire Chief were the same players in the matter with Mike Dross. Mr. Eaton commented that matter and this one are separate and suggested that there is already division within the town, let's not create more. Mr. Headd suggested that the Board end this conversation. Mrs. Phillips noted in her opinion whoever orchestrated the news report should be told that it was in poor taste and added that the Board did not direct the Town Administrator to tell the Fire Chief about the survey.

Minutes

May 8th, 2017 Public Meeting

Mrs. Phillips moved to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 2017 public meeting; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Non-Public Session

Mr. Headd moved to enter into Non-Public Session at 7:30 PM pursuant to the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3, II (c) to discuss items in consideration of the reputation of someone other than a member of the Board, Seconded by Mrs. Phillips. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Headd – yes; Mr. Eaton – yes; Mrs. Phillips – yes. The motion passed.

Meeting in Non-Public Session with the Selectmen were Tax Collector Susan Jenkins, Town Administrator Herman, and Executive Assistant Lafond.

Mr. Eaton moved to come out of Non-Public Session. Seconded by Mrs. Phillips. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Headd – yes; Mr. Eaton – yes; Mrs. Phillips – yes. The motion passed.

Mrs. Phillips moved to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. Seconded by Mr. Headd. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Phillips moved to unseal the minutes of the November 23rd, November 23rd, December 14th, and December 27th Non-Public Session. Seconded by Mr. Eaton. A vote was taken, all were in favor, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Mr. Headd moved to adjourn; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.