

**Town of Auburn
Board of Selectmen
June 5, 2017**

Selectmen Present: James Headd, Richard Eaton & Dale Phillips

Also Present: David Allwine, Stantec Consulting, Inc.; Paula Marzloff, Dan Carpenter, Scott Norris, Mike & Linda Dross, Mickey Rolfe, 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 29th, 2017

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$44,913.79 for the week of May 29th, 2017; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Accounts Payable for Week of June 5th, 2017

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$734,287.28 for the week of June 5th, 2017; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Week of June 5th, 2017

Tax Collector Deed Waiver

72 Rattlesnake Hill Road (Tax Map #5, Lot # 7)

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

David Allwine, Stantec Consulting – PFA Sampling Adjacent to Landfill Property

Mr. Allwine introduced himself to the Board and indicated that he wanted to make himself available to the Board if they had any questions regarding the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) required well water samples adjacent to the former town landfill property. Recently the annual water samples from the former

landfill found higher than the allowed levels of PFA's in two of the four monitoring wells on the property. As a result, NHDES is requiring the town test water samples from individual wells within 500 feet of the former landfill. Stantec Consulting has identified three wells within that radius. NHDES is requiring that the sampling is done by June 20th and are also requesting that the two surface water samplings point at the former landfill be sampled for PFA's. Mr. Allwine indicated that once Stantec has the sampling results they will be forwarded to Mr. Herman and NHDES, NHDES will make further recommendations to the town based on the results of those samplings. Mr. Allwine suggested that NHDES may have the town sample a larger radius or perhaps install another monitoring well. Mr. Headd asked if this is something that the town will need to monitor for forever. Mr. Allwine commented hopefully not but explained that these chemical compositions don't break down naturally very easily so the town will likely have to continue monitoring for them for a long time. Mr. Allwine indicated that it is difficult to say how far if at all the chemicals have spread in the groundwater. Mr. Headd asked what the liability to the town is if the PFA's have spread and voiced concern about someone getting sick down the line. Mr. Allwine stated that he cannot say that no one will ever sue the town but that harmful exposure is typical at high levels over a long-term, in most cases, people will not be exposed in that way. Mr. Allwine also noted until the result of the recently required sampling are received it is unknown if the contaminants have spread to residential wells. Mr. Headd asked what the town would have to do if it is found that has occurred. Mr. Allwine explained that the standard response is to install a point of entry mitigation system at the town's expense. Mrs. Phillips confirmed that this sampling is a new test not previously required. Mr. Allwine stated yes, Stantec has tested for a list of 9 isomers and explained that the requirement comes as a result of several issued that have arisen throughout the state and NHDES is trying to get ahead of any issue and get an idea of the spread throughout the state. Mr. Allwine noted that towns may see further standards, regulations, and requirements in the future.

Mrs. Phillips moved to approve Stantec Consulting Services proposal to conduct sampling of on-site and off-site water supply wells for PFA's and the on-site surface water locations on the Town property to comply with NHDES regulations at a cost of \$5,000, and to further authorize the Town Administrator to execute the agreement for this purpose; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Raffle Permit – Auburn Soccer Club

The Board reviewed a raffle permit request from the Auburn Soccer Club. The Board agreed to put the raffle permit on the Consent Agenda.

Supreme Court Decision – Utility Taxation

Mr. Herman informed the Board that on Friday in the appeals of New Hampshire Electric Co-op and Public Service Company/Eversource the Supreme Court affirmed the decisions of the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA). This is a victory for the municipalities and vindication of their valuation methods.

Fish & Game OHRV Law Enforcement Patrols Grant

Mr. Herman informed the Board that the Auburn Police Department applied for and has been awarded an OHRV Law Enforcement Grant by the NH Fish and Game Department. The staff rate of pay for the patrols is \$45 per hour. The grant has been approved by the NH Fish and Game but needs to go through the final State approval process. Mr. Herman noted that the Board may grant authority for the Chief of Police to enter into a contract with the State of New Hampshire for this purpose.

Mr. Eaton moved to authorize Police Chief Edward G. Picard to sign an agreement (State Form #P-37) with the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department for an OHRV Law Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$1,080.00 to perform Off Highway Recreational Vehicle Special Details in Auburn through June 30, 2018; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Dartmouth Drive and Nutt Road

Road Agent Dross informed the Board that last week the sinkhole that occurred on Dartmouth Drive was dug up and they found conduct under the sewer line that was duct taped. Mr. Dross is working with Stantec to find the cause of the sinkholes in order to fix the problem. Mr. Dross noted that another sinkhole occurred further up Dartmouth Drive and two occurred in the ditch. Mr. Herman asked if the sinkholes occurred on the same side of the road. Mr. Dross stated yes and voiced his concern that the sink holes will keep occurring and the potential for one to occur when a vehicle drives over it. Mr. Eaton speculated that water from up the hill is running down beside the conduit. Mr. Dross agrees it's just a matter of finding the source in order to fix the problem, perhaps lateral underdrains to limit the flow.

Mr. Dross also informed the Board the State is not going to review the permit for work on Nutt Road until July 5th. He has ordered the pipe and headwalls. Mr. Dross indicated that he can start other work in the meantime. Mr. Eaton asked when Stantec filed the permits. Mr. Dross stated April.

Mr. Dross added that the box culvert was installed on Old Candia Road, the guardrails will be installed next and hopefully the area will be patched next week.

Probable Special Election

Mr. Headd informed those present that the Town of Sandown has filed a request with the Governor and Executive Council for a special election to fill the State Representative vacancy. If the request is acted on at the June 7th meeting of the Governor and Council, August 8th would be an accurate date for a primary election and September 26th for the special election. Mr. Herman noted that it is not known yet if a primary election is needed or not. The town will likely need to identify \$4,000 per election.

Waste Oil Collection

Mr. Herman stated that Mr. Bob Magnusson from Waste Management will be in to meet with the Selectmen on July 10th.

Perambulation of Town Line – Hooksett

The Board conducted the perambulation of the Auburn/Hooksett town line last week. Mr. Eaton noted that not all of the coordinates for the bounds were accurate but all except two were found. Mrs. Phillips and Mr. Eaton agreed that it was an interesting experience.

Update on Rockingham County Fiscal Issue

Mr. Herman informed the Board that the legislation to move the county fiscal year has passed and is now waiting on the Governor's signature. The fiscal year for the transition year will be January 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. Mr. Herman indicated that it seems that the county will use some of the fund balance and borrow rather than hit the towns with the full amount.

Minutes

May 22nd, 2017 Public Meeting

Mrs. Phillips moved to approve the minutes of the May 22nd, 2017 public meeting; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Non-Public Session

Mrs. Phillips moved to enter into Non-Public Session at 7:31 PM pursuant to the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) Consideration of land acquisition; seconded by Mr. Eaton. 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.

Mrs. Phillips moved to come out of Non-Public Session; seconded by Mr. Eaton. 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. Eaton; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Mr. Headd moved to adjourn; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. All were in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.