

**Town of Auburn  
Board of Selectmen  
May 12, 2014**

**Selectmen Present:** Russell Sullivan, James Headd & Richard Eaton

**Also Present:** Mike Dross, Road Agent; David & Elizabeth Robidoux, Linda Dross, Armand Miclette, Brad & Kim Sargent, Scott Norris, Paula Marzloff, J.H. & Mary Ann Rolfe, Michael Rolfe, Tom Gonyea, Audrey Trickett, Greg Santuccio and Mike DiPietro, Residents; William Herman, Town Administrator; Kathryn Skoglund, Recording Secretary

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

**Approval of Accounts Payable for Week of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

***Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$553,222.31 for the week of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

**Consent Agenda – Week of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

Property Tax Warrant & Oath of Inventory

- First Issue Property Tax Warrant 2014 - \$6,093,611

Corrective Deeds

- Longmeadow Cemetery – Patricia Allard  
Auburn Village Cemetery – Gerald and Carol Cote

Pistol/Revolver License

- Three (3) Licenses

***Mr. Headd moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the week of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

**Elizabeth Robidoux – Robert Frost Scenic Byway**

Mrs. Robidoux indicated to the Board that she is Chair of the Byway Council. The Robert Frost/Old Stage Coach Scenic Byway was formally designated as such last Thursday by NHDOT, a designation that the Council has been working towards for the last three years. Mrs. Robidoux provided the Board with a map depicting the Byway and described the route as starting in Atkinson at the Haverhill town line following Route 121 through Hampstead, Sandown, Chester and Auburn to Route 101 then running down Route 28 from Auburn into Derry, where it then weaves through several different roads ending back on Route 121. Mrs. Robidoux explained that the Federal initiative was established in 1991. The National Scenic Byway Program has 3 levels of designation; All-American Roads, National Scenic Byways and

State Scenic Byways. Mrs. Robidoux continued that the next step is to develop a Corridor Management Plan which inventories and sets strategies to manage the archaeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities that support the byway's designation. Mr. Michael Rolfe asked if Auburn receives grants for this. Mrs. Robidoux stated that there used to be grant money available now its mainly volunteer efforts. Mrs. Robidoux noted that the designation can bring in tourists, which is good for local businesses. A gentleman from the audience asked if a road is considered part of a scenic byway can development still be done. Mrs. Robidoux stated that all normal maintenance and development can still be done; she would hope that the scenic/historical markers would be preserved.

### **Elizabeth Robidoux – Well Contamination Pleasant Court**

Mrs. Robidoux commented to the Board that she is a resident of Auburn at 5 Pleasant Court and their well is contaminated with road salt. A recent analysis shows that the well water exceeds the EPA drinking water standards with unacceptable levels of sodium and chloride. Mrs. Robidoux provided pictures and described the drainage in the area, noting that water pools around the well location. Mr. Robidoux commented that you can hear the ground water getting into the well. Mr. Sullivan stated that is typically a seal issue and they can have it resealed by a well driller who will be able to tell where it's leaking from. Mr. Sullivan was unsure how road salt affects the seal. Mr. Eaton spoke well specifics with the Robidoux's and reiterated Mr. Sullivan's suggestion of having a well driller look at and repair. Mrs. Robidoux stated they will follow the Boards suggestion and bring back information for the Board.

### **New Business**

Mr. Herman made the Board aware that there have been reports of activity such as bonfires, drinking, firing weapons, trash and broken glass throughout the Nutt Road trail area. Mrs. Jarlene Cornett has notified the Police Department. It has been requested that the gate of Nutt Road near the intersection of Steam Mill Road be secured with a lock and signage for appropriate use but posted. Mr. Eaton suggested that the gate be moved passed the telephone pedestal for the ease of access of the phone company. Mr. Eaton noted that the lock on the gate has been cut a number of times. Mr. Sullivan verified that the town can gate, lock and post signs. Mr. Herman confirmed yes. The Board was in agreement with that course of action.

Ms. Skoglund asked the Board if she could put on the Town Hall electronic sign notification of the Town's Memorial Day Bazaar when the event date gets closer. The Board was fine with this.

Mr. Herman asked if the Girl Scouts could borrow flags from the town for a ceremony they will be having. Mr. Herman suggested letting them use the flags at the Safety Complex rather than the once from the Town Hall. The Board was fine with this as well.

Ms. Helen Lloyd-Davies informed the Board that she owns 17 Copley Court and she is concerned with the excavation that is occurring on her neighboring lot, Lot 4. Ms. Lloyd-Davies is concerned that it is being graded in such a way that it will lead to significant drainage on to her property, she is also concerned that the 3-4 foot bank that is at roughly a 45 degree angle at her property line will inhibit her ability to get in and out of her driveway. Ms. Lloyd-Davis described her difficulty getting in and out of her driveway in the winter with the height of snow that developed. At the time she purchased her property the developer told her that Lot 4 would be built so that the roof lines would be lower than her house and the property would be lower

but that is not how it appears to be being developed currently. Ms. Lloyd-Davies indicated that she had to spend money on additional remedies for drainage that the developer did not do after she bought the house. Ms. Lloyd-Davies would like an engineer to visit the sites and assess the drainage of the lots and whether the development is being built in accordance with the approved plans. Mr. Sullivan was agreeable with that. Mr. Herman noted that Building Inspector Rouleau-Cote had suggested that it would be a good idea to have Stantec go out and check the site for basic best management practices. Mrs. Rouleau-Cote believes it should be on the developers dime as this is all part of the subdivisions site development. The Board agreed with this. Ms. Lloyd-Davies described water pooling at the end of her driveway. Mr. Eaton suggested that Ms. Lloyd-Davies meet with the Building Inspector and Stantec Consulting on site. Mr. Herman would have Mrs. Rouleau-Cote contact Ms. Lloyd-Davies.

## **Old Business**

### Policy for Handling Roadside Solid Waste

The Board reviewed the provided policy. Mr. Herman noted that the changes suggested by the Board last week were made. Mrs. Marzloff noted that the town's clean-up day was this past Saturday and was concerned that those picking up the litter may pick up hazardous material. Mr. Herman was directed to make the departments involved in the clean-up aware of the new policy.

***Mr. Eaton moved to adopt the Policy for Handling Roadside Solid Waste as written and presented tonight; Mr. Headd seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

### Griffin Mill Bridge

Mr. Eaton asked if the Fusco's had been heard from. Mr. Herman stated no but noted that he hasn't reached out to them since prior to the last meeting. Mr. Eaton suggested that they be invited in to next weeks Board meeting. Mr. Headd suggested sending them a letter. The Board was in agreement with that. Mr. Herman pointed out the Town is in receipt of a letter from NHDOT, the Griffin Mill Bridge has been enrolled in the State Bridge Aid Program. Mr. Herman described as the letter indicates the earliest the construction funds would be available is Fiscal year 2022 but it is anticipated that due to the gas tax the timing could be accelerated to Fiscal Year 2018. Mr. Herman commented that would mean for the town construction could occur July 2017. Mr. Herman also noted that Stantec is finishing the contract that will need to be submitted to NHDOT.

### SB409 – Disaster Assistance Funding

Mr. Herman informed the Board that on Thursday by a vote of 23 to 0 the bill passed. The bill is slated to go to the House next. Mr. Herman reiterated from last week this bill makes an appropriation for disaster assistance grants and Auburn would receive around \$60,000.

The Board was provided an email from Dee Cleary recommending that she, Dan Carpenter, Pat Clement, Patrick Glennon, Alan Villeneuve and Kevin Heald be appointed to a duck race committee.

***Mr. Headd moved to establish the Duck Race Committee and appoint Deidre Cleary, Dan***

***Carpenter, Pat Clement, Patrick Glennon, Alan Villeneuve and Kevin Heald as members for a term of one year; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

### Road Reconstruction

Mr. Eaton commented that at the close of last weeks discussion Mr. Michael Rolfe was going to look at Stantec estimate and provide a price for the labor portion. Mr. Dross felt the Board had a problem as the Purchasing Policy sets the labor and equipment rates, so they can't be bid out. Mr. Eaton noted that after the last meeting bidding out was no longer what we're after; Mr. Rolfe met with Stantec to come up with the \$98,080 that is estimated for labor and equipment for Margate. Mr. Rolfe stated that he talked about his production rates with Mr. Labranche of Stantec but Stantec came up with the estimate. Mr. Dross noted that the estimated \$98,000 does not take into account for any unsuitables. Mr. Eaton commented that he's not talking about unsuitables until they know they are there. Mr. Dross stated that there are unsuitables. Mr. Eaton indicated that before we move forward he would like Mr. Dross to meet with Stantec out on site and price out the work that needs to be done. Mr. Dross stated that the Board has not told him who is doing the work so why would he waste his time doing that. Mr. Eaton responded that his understanding from the meeting last Monday was the Board and Mr. Dross had a gentlemen's agreement that the Road Agent and his chosen sub-contractors would do the work. Mr. Eaton continued that the estimate provided by Stantec is \$301,000; he doesn't want the project coming in at \$350,000 or \$360,000. Mr. Dross brought up unsuitables again. Mr. Eaton indicated that he understand that the estimate does not include unsuitables and if unsuitables are found the cost will be different. Mr. Eaton would like bi-weekly reports from Mr. Dross as the project progresses. Mr. Dross was ok with that. Mr. Dross restated that if he comes across unsuitables he will come back before the Board as well. Mr. Eaton stated he was ok with that. Prices for pipe were brought up. Mr. Eaton asked if prices from 3 companies could be sought. Mr. Dross stated yes. Mr. John Rolfe stated we always do. Pipe sizes and the way Mr. Dross and Mr. Rolfe would do the work differed from what Stantec estimated for was discussed. Mr. Eaton commented that he has no issues with Mr. Dross and Mr. Rolfe's judgment; he'd like to see Stantec come up with a better estimate next time.

Mr. Dross stated that he does not agree with doing Lantern Lane this year and felt the money could better be spent elsewhere in town. Mr. Eaton discussed his train of thought with regards to what roads to do this year and next and commented that maybe he is not thinking in the right direction. Mr. Michael Rolfe suggested that the Board drive Rockingham Road. Mr. Dross suggested splitting up the available funds to complete roads on both sides of town. Mr. Sullivan commented that there is a cost savings to staying in the same area. Mr. Dross asked who called Stantec to provide an estimate for reclaim and pave on Lantern Lane. Mr. Eaton stated that he did. Mrs. Dross stated that is illegal, he is part of a Board; he can't make decisions all on his own. Mr. Eaton stated that he didn't make any decision, he asked Stantec to provide an estimate so the Board could make a decision. Mr. Dross stated that he just needs direction from the Board if he is doing the work, if the Town is bidding out, etc. Mr. Dross continued that he is willing to work with the Board and provide updates as we go. Mr. Eaton commented that he just wants to be kept abreast, would like to see some price shopping. Mr. Eaton stated that he is fine with the rates set in the Purchasing Policy; he wants to try to stay close to the provided cost estimate. Mr. Eaton stated that he thinks if the town can do this the residents will be happy. Mr. Sullivan agreed noting that it's in the best interest of the town that moving forward those doing the work should know the budget and try to stay within the budget. Mr. Sullivan commented that he is also in favor of regular updates and reports if Mr. Dross finds unsuitables. Mr. Headd was in agreement and stated lets get going.

Mr. Dross asked what constitutes a department; there has been reference to a highway department. Mr. Sullivan commented that Mr. Dross is the Road Agent and the town has a highway garage.

Mr. Michael DiPietro asked if there was anything new with the former fire house on Raymond Road. Mr. Herman stated no.

## **Minutes**

### May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Public Meeting

***Mr. Headd moved to approve the minutes of the May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 public meeting as written; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.***

Ms. Skoglund reminded the Board that at the last meeting Mr. Tom Gonyea had two recommended inclusions to the Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes of April 17<sup>th</sup>, which she had suggested he put in writing for the Board to review. The Board reviewed Mr. Gonyea's recommended inclusion. Mr. Headd stated that Mr. Gonyea's interpretation of what Mr. Worster said is incorrect. The Board took no action.

Road Agent Dross asked when the town plans to bid out engineering, legal and assessing. Mr. Sullivan did not believe the town was required to.

***Mr. Headd moved to adjourn; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the public meeting ended at 8:13 p.m.***