

**Town of Auburn
Board of Selectmen
August 26, 2014**

Selectmen Present: Russell Sullivan (via conference call), James Headd & Richard Eaton

Also Present: Jonathan Sheff and Stephanie Marshall, MKS Performance Solutions; and William Herman, Town Administrator

Mr. Headd called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Replanting of Town Hall Trees

Mr. Herman briefed the Board on an issue that arose earlier in the day concerning the re-location of two trees from the front lawn of the Town Hall property for the septic system project. The Norway maple tree is listed as an invasive species by the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food and, as such, can not simply be re-planted. Because the tree was planted in memoriam of former Selectman Donald Benyo, who died in office, the agency would consider allowing the Town to re-plant the tree if it mitigated the situation by removing other invasive species on Town property. Mr. Herman indicated the two burning bushes that flank the stone memorial in front of the Town Hall are also invasive species and, if removed, the Town would be given permission to re-plant the Norway maple.

The Selectmen were in agreement with the proposal, and signed a letter to the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food proposing this mitigation effort.

Non-Public Session – Reputation of any Person other than a member of the Board (RSA 91-A: 3, II (c))

Mr. Eaton moved to enter into Non-Public Session at 7:10 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3, II (c). Seconded by Mr. Headd. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Headd, Yes; Mr. Eaton – Yes; Mr. Sullivan – Yes.

Meeting in Non-Public Session with the Selectmen were Jonathan Sheff, Stephanie Marshall and Town Administrator Herman.

Mr. Headd moved to exit Non-Public Session at 8:00 p.m. 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 minutes of the Non-Public Session; Mr. Headd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Headd – yes, Mr. Eaton – yes, Mr. Sullivan – yes. The motion passed.

Adjourn

Mr. Sullivan moved to adjourn; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Headd – yes, Mr. Eaton – yes, Mr. Sullivan – yes. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.