

**Town of Auburn
Board of Selectmen
August 31, 2015**

Selectmen Present: James Headd, Richard Eaton & Dale Phillips

Also Present: Rene LaBranche & David DeBaie, Stantec Consulting; Jack Chapman, Mike & Linda Dross, Dennis Vieira, Tom Gonyea, Paula Marzloff, Susan Goodhue, Scott & Karen Norris, Michael Rolfe, Audrey Trickett, Mike DiPietro, Greg Santuccio, Frances McFarland, Connie Schofield, Brian & Jennifer Hashem, William & Brenda Clunie and other Hills Road/Meadow Lane Residents; Kevin Cashman, Police Officer; William Herman, Town Administrator; Kathryn Lafond, Recording Secretary

At 6:30 p.m. the Board entered into consultation with legal counsel pursuant to RSA 91- A:2, I (b).

Mr. Headd called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Payroll for Week of August 24th, 2015

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Payroll Manifest in the amount of \$46,667.70 for the week of August 31st, 2015; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Accounts Payable for Week of August 31st, 2015

Mr. Eaton moved to approve the Accounts Payable Manifest in the amount of \$1,482,885.65 for the week of August 31st, 2015; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda – Week of August 31st, 2015

NH Department of Revenue Administration / Form MS 1 Extension

Summary of Inventory of Property Valuation – Two Week Extension

NH Liquor commission / Site Approval for Off-Site Caterers

Auburn Pitts with The Derryfield / Auburn Day, September 12th

Correspondence

Dean Dyche / “Limit Lines” for Stop Signs

Jack Chapman – Annual Suckerbrook Cycle-A-Cross Race

Mr. Chapman informed the Board that the annual bike race will be held on September 20th and this year’s recipient is Jake Dobmieier. Mr. Chapman indicated that he would report back to the Board after the race as he normally does. Mr. Eaton told Mr. Chapman to keep up the good work.

Stantec Consulting – Hills Road Extension

Mr. Labranche introduced David DeBaie a traffic engineer with Stantec Consulting. Mr. DeBaie indicated that at the Board direction Stantec reviewed Hills Road and made some recommendations in response to the concern for potential increased vehicle speeds. Mr. DeBaie went over the suggestions, such as posting speed limit signs as there are presently none, posting advance warning of the roadway curves and posting an advisory speed plaque suggesting 25 to 30 mph at the curves, adding “GO SLOW” pavement markings and adding a single yellow centerline and white edge lines. Mr. DeBaie stated these suggestions may influence motorists to slow down, he would not recommend adding stop signs on Hills Road, and stop signs are not recommended for speed control per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. The also may result in other safety issues if motorists start to disregard them because they regularly don’t encounter other vehicles at them. Mr. Dross, Mr. Eaton and Mrs. Phillips expressed that they were not in favor of stop signs on Hills Road due to safety reasons. Mr. Labranche indicated that there had been mention of posting Hills Road as no through trucking or posting as a “one way” for non-resident traffic from Auburn into Hooksett, these are options for the town to decide but Stantec can help implement if the Board is in favor of them.

The residents of Hills Road and Meadow Lane present took turns expressing their concern with the potential influx of traffic, potential speeding, their children safety and decreased property value due to the connection of Hills Road from Hooksett. Multiple residents from the Hills Road area and other areas in town were in favor of any sign or other traffic deterrent that was possible.

Conducting a speed study was brought up by a resident. Mr. Herman indicated that having one done is a decision of the Board of Selectmen and a task that would need to be hired out. Mr. DeBaie noted that the road would need to be open to traffic to collect the data.

Mr. Dross brought up the "one way" option, noting that Hooksett residents wouldn't be able to come down the road in the morning when the kids would be waiting for the buses but they would be able to access it going home at night. Many present expressed favoring this option. The Board agreed to have legal counsel look into the legality of implementing this option. A resident asked how this would be enforced. The Board acknowledged that it may not be easy but the police would be the enforcing entity.

A resident suggested discontinuing the road. Mrs. St. Hilaire indicated that a petition warrant article could go through the ballot process, it could be subject to appeals and potential legal ramifications. Gating the road was mentioned and Mrs. St. Hilaire stated that she did not believe that a town road that was class 5 or better could be gated.

Mrs. Mindy Bedard stated that there is a document indicated that the through road could not go through until the last two houses in the Hooksett subdivision were built and sold. Mrs. Phillips requested a copy as the town has looked for any such documentation and has found none. Mrs. Bedard indicated that the copy of the letter is with an attorney.

The timeline for opening the road was discussed as well as sight distance on the road. Mr. Labranche estimated 4 weeks to completion of the road. Mr. Eaton mentioned that clearing overgrown roadside brush was discussed and he would not recommend it, he believes that doing so will have an opposite effect and may encourage speeding as the brush makes the road seem narrower which discourages speed.

Mr. Headd indicated that the Board would have the towns engineers and attorney look into the one way option and have a firm plan for the next meeting. A resident asked if the Board would look into the option of a gate, limited use as well as the one way. Mr. Headd stated yes.

Mrs. Hashem informed the Board that construction trucks are still using Hills Road. Mr. LaBranche indicated that he had talked to the developer about this. Mrs. Hashem stated that it is still happening and she has pictures.

Mr. Dross reported to the Board that someone tried to drive thru the gate that was installed on Dartmouth Drive, it is bent.

Mr. Dross also informed the Board that there is a sediment issue on Cottage Avenue, so the taps cannot be done until that is corrected.

New Business

Friends of the Library – Raffle Permit

The Board reviewed the raffle request. The Friends of the Library will sell ducks with corresponding numbers to specific prizes. Every duck is guaranteed a prize, a child prize will have a value of \$5.00 or more and the adult prizes will have a value of \$10.00 or more.

Mrs. Phillips moved to authorize the Friends of the Griffin Free Public Library to sell “pick a duck” for \$5.00 each for children and \$10 each for adults from August 31st through September 12th 2015 with the drawing to be held at the Annual Duck Race event; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Northern Pass Public Information Session – Sept. 3rd

The Board received notification an Open House/Information Session for Rockingham County regarding Northern Pass will be held on Thursday, September 3rd, 2015 at the Deerfield Fair Pavilion, 34 Stage Road in Deerfield from 5:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Mr. Herman relayed that a transmission line to be updated runs through Auburn’s southeastern corner near Chester and Derry for about a quarter mile, but there are no structures in the town.

Derry Dispatch Center Open House – Sept. 30th

The Board acknowledged an invitation to the Board, Budget Committee and the Fire Department to attend an open house hosted by Derry Fire Alarm on September 30th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Minutes

August 17th, 2015 Public Meeting

Mrs. Phillips moved to approve the minutes of the August 17th, 2015 Public meeting as written; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

August 24th, 2015 Non-Public Meeting

Mrs. Phillips moved to approve the minutes of the August 24th, 2015 Non-Public meeting as written; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Herman informed the Board that on August 28th the town received information on the results of the regional energy purchasing quotes that had been sought by the consortium put together through the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission. The recommendation is that the consortium go with the quote from Constellation New Energy at \$.07445 per KWH. Mr. Herman sought the Board authorization to execute the necessary contracts on September 2nd should they want to take advantage of this pricing.

Mrs. Phillips moved to accept the quote from Constellation New Energy and authorize Mr. William Herman to sign the necessary contracts; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Eaton moved to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A 3, II (c) Reputation of someone other than a member of the Board at 8:25 p.m.; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Headd – yes, Mr. Eaton – yes, Mrs. Phillips – yes. The motion passed.

The taxpayer requesting the meeting with the Board was not present; no discussion was held.

Mr. Eaton moved to exit non-public session; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion; A roll call vote was taken; Mr. Headd – yes, Mr. Eaton – yes, Mrs. Phillips – yes. The motion passed.

The Board entered into consultation with legal counsel pursuant to RSA 91- A:2, I (b).

Mrs. Phillips moved to adjourn; Mr. Eaton seconded the motion; all were in favor, the public meeting ended at 8:55 p.m.