

## TOWN OF LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE INCORPORATED 1763

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Monday March 25, 2024
6pm
Lisbon Railroad Station
And
Zoom

**PRESENT:** Scott Champagne, Selectman; Arthur Boutin, Selectman; Brian Higgins, Selectman; Krystle Dow, Administrative Assistant (Zoom); Audrey Champagne, Town Clerk/Tax Collector (Zoom)

**PUBLIC:** David Page, Juliet Born, Michael Shores, Peggy Wallace, Michael Petriccione, Victor Carbonneau Sr., Debbie Carton, Madeline Morreale, Celestine Shores, Jason Kelley, and Mike (EJP Representatives), Charlie Hampson (DPW Supervisor), Elizabeth Cavanaugh (Zoom), Sandra (Zoom), The Sullivans (Zoom), Robert Cook, Rosalind Page, Tom Simpson

Approval of minutes from March 11th BOS meeting: Brian Higgins made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 11th BOS meeting and Arthur Boutin seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

<u>Muddy Road Discussion:</u> Charlie Hampson (DPW Supervisor) started out by thanking everyone for coming. He stated he knew why everyone was there and it was due to the muddy roads. He stated that they cover approximately 64 miles of road and out of those 64 miles 22 is dirt. It's hard to keep up sometimes especially when you only have three full time guys as the 4<sup>th</sup> guy is the mechanic and is in the shop. Charlie stated that every spring is different but what they hope for are cold nights and warm days.

Charlie stated that a goal for the town crew is to make the roads passible for at least a fire truck and ambulance. Charlie stated that he himself lives on a dirt road and understands mud season. Charlie talked about the base material of dirt roads and how most of the dirt roads around here are more clay (which holds moisture). Charlie stated that there is only so much the crew can do with the amount of money they have for roads. Charlie did have two representatives from EJP to talk about Geogrid. Mike (EJP Rep) introduced himself to the crowd and explained what he does and that he travels all over. Mike spoke about geogrid and road fabrics. He spoke about drainage and how important that is. Mike explained base layers and subgrades and so on. Lots of questions were asked by the public. Charlie Hampson stated that he did purchase two rolls of road fabric and Mike stated that they are roughly 12x9 and 246 fee long. Mike stated that for the top of the line it's roughly \$1,000.00 per roll then the middle grade is roughly \$850 per roll and then the low grade is roughly \$775 per roll. Mike stated that only use what you need and then cut it and that way you get the best use out of an entire roll. Mike and Charlie also stated that the amount of traffic plays a huge impact on the roads. They explained that really you should try to minimize how many trips you take a day when it's muddy. Charlie stated things like Fuel Trucks, UPS/FedEx, Mail and so on go up and down the roads during mud season which doesn't help. There were lots of questions from the public regarding pavement of roads and Mike and Charlie answered them. Once there was no more discussion to be had the board thanked everyone for coming and the public thanked the board and the highway department for all their hard work.

<u>Oath of Office:</u> There are several oaths of offices that need to be signed. They are as follows:

Rosalind Page-3-year term (Planning Board)

Judith Northrop-3-year term (Zoning Board)

Debbie Desantos- 3-year term (Zoning Board)

Bruce Grover-3-year term (Planning Board Alternate)

Elaine Brown-1-year term (Treasurer)

Diana McGrath-1-year term (Assistant Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector)

Matthew Culver-3-year term (Deputy Emergency Management Director)

Steven Segal-1-year term (Deputy Moderator)

Scott Champagne made a motion to approve all oaths of office and Brian Higgins seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

<u>Donation:</u> There is a donation to the Lisbon Life Squad in the amount of \$225.00 from Dorothy Blodgett. Arthur Boutin made a motion to accept, and Brian Higgins seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

**Excavation Warrant:** There is a warrant for Map and Lot R17 L07 A in the amount of \$539.06. This is for material that was taken out of Clough's pit off Rte. 302. Scott Champagne made a motion to sign and approve and Arthur Boutin seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Intent to Excavate: There is an Intent to Excavate for Map and Lot R17 L07 A. Scott Champagne made a motion to sign and approve and Arthur Boutin seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

<u>Veteran's Credit:</u> There is an application for a Veteran's Credit. The board reviewed the application and Scott Champagne made a motion to approve and Arthur Boutin seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

Elderly Exemption: There is an application for an elderly exemption. Scott Champagne suggested the board hold off on this application as there are exemptions marked off that the town never adopted. Scott stated that he would call the applicant and discuss before they decide.

**Police Department:** There is a letter from the Chief of Police to the board of selectmen. This letter is about increasing the detail rate. The administrative assistant had emailed a copy of the letter to all board members. Scott Champagne stated that they should wait until the next meeting to discuss to give everyone some time to review. All board members agreed.

**Quote:** There is a quote from Blacktop on sidewalk paving from the top of the one-way hill to Highland Place on Highland Avenue. The price is roughly \$14,820.00.

At 7:49 PM Brian Higgins made a motion to adjourn, and Arthur Boutin seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

NEXT BOS MEETING: April 8, 2024 @ 6pm.

## Respectfully submitted by Krystle Dow

Board of Selectmen:

**C**hairman

Scott Champagne

Selectmen Arthur Boutin

Brian Higgins

Approved / Not Approved on 04/08/2024.