

**TOWN OF LISBON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES**

June 1, 2015

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Stephen Knox (SK), Donald Butson (DB)  
Thomas Demers (TD)  
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE: Suze Tavernier (ST)

SK Opened Meetings

SK Explained the new format the Board will be following for Selectmen Meetings. the Board will conduct Selectmen's Business first before opening meeting up to input from Department Heads and Public

**SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS:**

Board signed: AP and Payroll, adjustment journals, diesel & gas logs, estimate on repair

DB Asked if all the accounts at Passumpsic have been funded.  
The Board asked that GC and Treasurer be contacted and find out where we are on the accounts.

Board reviewed estimate for light replacement at the transfer station. The two estimates were 1,930.00 from Royal Electric and 1,250.00 from Herb Dodge  
The Board discussed the estimates, and then signed the expenditure request from FG to have lights replaced by HB

DB made motion to accept donations for the Lisbon Life Squad TD 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted all

TD Asked if we received answer from KC if the purchase from Blaktop is cold patch, and labor question. The Board asked that KC be contacted and asked to reply to that question

**DEPARTMENT HEAD: TAX COLLECTOR**-Jennifer Trelfa present the Board with a group of property owners that either needs to be deeded or a deed waiver. JT I have contacted several banks and waiting to hear back from, some are on payment plans.

TD what is standard protocol?

JT Well not sure about the past, but last year we sat down and went through each one and set up payment plans. Liens are put on and most pay off before due for deed, these are the ones left over after that process. I need to know from you if you want to carry on with setting up payment plans and sign waiver.

SK Deed waiver does not waive right to deed, would like to give the opportunity to do payment plan

*pek*  
**T.E.D**

DB I would like to do the same as last year

SK- Where do we go from here?

JT I get letters and payment plans together and will present with waiver to the Board

TD Do you send out certified mail?

JT How much time to respond to letter?

DB 30 days seems reasonable

SK Breakdown Payments over a year?

ST That is what we did last year

DB We should do the same as we did last year

SK So we will offer payment plan and sign waivers

JT We will send out a package to each owner, will try to get together for next Monday, but may be the week later.

JT About the Deputy, I had her do her fingerprints and gave her dates I would need her, not sure it's going to work out. She is really looking for full time slot

SK If she doesn't want it, then keep looking

DB If you are not comfortable, don't think it's going to work

JT I will talk with her again

SK Go back to her first

JT I will not be here next Monday, and the lien date is Wednesday

**PREVIOUS BUSINESS:** Scenic by way: SK Roselind Paige is going to see if someone from the Conservation Commission is interested in being the Town's representative, don't need to appoint someone to fall

SK Tommy did you call any one about trees

TD No, but I have the number "New England Tree Experts 802-472-6646 (VT)

**BOARD REQUEST** Board Requested the Highway Department be contacted regarding the removal of Lilac that are down in front of the Town Hall

**WWW ROOF DAMAGE:**

Board Requested a claim will be submitted to PLT for the recent damage to the roofs, due to recent storm

**TOWN ORDINANCE:** TD Asked if there was a Town ordinance regarding out door wood boiler, someone had approached him with that question

SK That would be a Building Inspector question

Chief Hartwell – Can't be put within 100 feet of neighbor, and the stack has to be a certain height, or above roof line

**TA SEARCH:**

DB Regarding the TA applications, suggest we review individually and pick top 3-5 application, then review as a Board

SK We will review at next Monday's meeting

### **PREVIOUS BUSINESS:**

DB Sgt. McKinley contacted us regarding the sale of the tractors; he suggested we have a sealed public bid

SK Then we have cost associated with that, newspaper ad

ST Would like to contact Trustees and find out if the Selectboard has authority to sell as part of the Grove Hill assets. Will contact SC as he and JN spoke with the AG's office when Grove Hill was turned over to the Town.

DB Can you let Sgt. McKinley know

SK So we will just sit on it for now

### **SCHOOL GENERATOR**

DB Received email regarding school generator

SK We did not put into budget for 2015, had discussion about possibility of putting into 2016 budget.

TD Did you talk to Bob Adams?

SK We spoke with BA earlier, then SC came into meeting and spoke about the State fee, then invoice came, think there was a lack of communication, not in the 2015 budget.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD: FIRE- Chief Greg Hartwell**

SK We asked you to come in to speak about the issue with fire truck

GH It's 35-36 years old, we as a Department do not believe it's worth fixing, and think we have a solution to kill two birds with one stone. We found a 1997 truck with ladder and pump. It is certified for both the ladder and pump, it's 56 years newer than one of the current trucks and it fits in the station

SK So we are a piece of equipment down, are you able to respond to calls

GH No, and its estimated cost to repair is 10,000.00 and not ever sure the pump can be fixed, won't know until they get into it

TD What is cost of new truck?

GH 69,000.00 and Lyman is willing to help in some way, a one-time donation

DB Why are they willing to help?

GH They feel they are getting a good deal for the service and this is something we need, they are willing to talk about giving some help

DB Where is the truck located?

GH Newbury NY

SK So this is a ladder and pump?

GH Yes, so this would replace two trucks

GH I know KC said we should fix engine but

TD The other thing you run into with older trucks is they have discontinued parts

SK We are agents to expend, but need to hold public meeting

TD Are you looking at a trade or sell outright?

GH Unless someone want to refurbish as antique, it's not worth anything, scrap

SK I have a couple of issues, KC did approach us and recommended repairing.

GH I think we are throwing money down the drain

TD I agree, you are better off to rotate out to newer equipment

GH And this has very low miles

SK You are right in theory, with a Capital Improvement plane to rotate out, but we are putting out fires all over town, and in itself probably a great deal, and 10, thousand to fix and how long will it last

GH It is due to be certified

DB Think we should see what Lyman is willing to do, see what they come up with, I don't want to close the door, I know it's painful

TD But we need to provide fire service

SK It's been dumped on our lap, we have to talk to Lyman may have to sit on it for a while

GH The new truck was recently reduced and the reason is the ladder length, it's only 65 feet and most places want 100 foot ladders. But 65 feet covers our town

DB Not excited about sitting on it, don't want to miss opportunity I think this is something we want to pursue

GH If the ladder fails certification next week I will be coming back in.

TD Who does testing state?

GH No private company, Todd sets it up

TD Are you comfortable that Todd can service this new one

GH Everything is common, everything is readily available

TD No funky tire size or anything

GH No, everything standard

SK Are you sure it will fit in station?

GH Actually 2" lower that we are now

SK Would like a clause in sale that if doesn't fit it goes back. Do you have a guess as to the value of broken equipment, value of ladder truck?

Fire Safety is a concern to me, I want to make sure you have the equipment you need. Will have to hold a special hearing, meet with Lyman. Can you or a representative from the fire depart go to New York and take a look prior to us going down this road?

GH I would recommend that, wouldn't purchase sight unseen.

DB We need to set up meeting with Lyman. So yourself and Todd will go and check it out.

DB It would be helpful for the meeting with Lyman and hearing if you have your information together, bulleted points for hearing

SK We need to convince Lyman and tax payers, we need to give the 1<sup>st</sup> responders the equipment they need, but it's not easy to bite off a chunk of money. Get back to us on what you find out about truck and we will set up meeting with Lyman

GH How did last meeting go with the Developer of Ross Property?

SK Good, not going to buy until they get approvals, they are trying to get some of the money back they have put into it

DB Can't say a lot, nonpublic but it is still on the table

GH So not a dead issue?

DB No, not a dead issue, still on the table

SK In regards to the Fire Department fund we need to set up.

GH Waiting for Town Lawyer to set up

Board asked that Town Council be contacted and have paperwork drawn up

**LIFE SQUAD**-Dave Combs As you know RI is broken down, Todd is fixing, tank dropped out of bottom, should be around 900.00-1,500.00 to repair. Should be serviceable for 3-4 more years, still running A1 for calls right now

SK I received feedback regarding the Fire Department, Life Squad members speaking about Selectmen behind Selectmen's back regarding the Ross property DC They just want to make sure things are going forward  
SK If you know who is saying it, not appreciated. Misunderstanding, insubordination, rumors, not ok. Will you make sure it ends, not appreciated, not sure what rumors are, I didn't ask, it's not ok and it needs to stop

**SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS:**

**ROAD PAVING:**

Board asked that KC be asked to come into meeting prior to starting this season's road paving to discuss plan with the Board

**TOWN HALL:** Board requested Herb Dodge be contacted and request an estimate for installing an ice melt system on the roof of Town Hall

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** Board requested email request from JF be forwarded to all Department Heads and cc. the Board of Selectmen

**PUBLIC:**

George Lippard came in to speak to the Board regarding his outstanding water bills. Board requested Tax Collector contact George and explain bill, and to gather information regarding history of usage. The Board will review and get back in touch with Mr. Lippard

**SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS:**

**MINUTES:** SK made motion to accept minutes of 5/18/2015 TD 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted all  
DB made motion to accept nonpublic minutes of 5/26/2015 SK 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted all

**NON-PUBLIC: (RSA 91:a3III) BUFFINGTON FUND APPLICATION**

SK made motion to enter nonpublic DB 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted all

**PUBLIC:**

DB made motion to adjourn SK 2<sup>nd</sup> so voted all

