

**Selectmen Minutes
Town of Newburgh**

DATE: 09-01-2015

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL: X Leonard (Bud) Belcher, X Renee O'Donald,
X Stanley (Skip) Smith, X Cindy Grant

WARRANTS: AP #57 = \$1,118.00 PY #58 = \$7,826.13 AP #59 = \$ 2,979.37, AP#60 = \$96,697.05
All warrants approved 3-0 as noted above

MINUTES: 8-11-2015, 8-18-2015 – Minutes approved 3-0 as written

Recess to an Assessor Meeting:

1. Jackie will be here to discuss revaluation and Pony Club -
 - Jackie reported that she had researched the Pony Club and sees no reason that they should be tax exempt. She had sent them a letter early in 2015 stating that they would not be tax exempt for real estate taxes. If they disputed this, they had until April 1st to come to the Town and plead their case. Nothing was heard from them until they received their tax bill. Jackie denied them tax exempt status based on the fact that they did not respond by the specified date. It would ultimately be the Board's decision on whether or not they should be taxed.
 - Jackie reported on 2 abatements and 2 supplements. The Board agreed and signed off on all abatements and supplements.
 - Jackie and Cindy reported that the 18 month tax billing and changing over to Trio has gone much better than expected.
 - Jackie reported that she and Cindy had discussed doing a full town valuation over a four year period, by doing a quarter of the town per year. She would be willing to do this for \$5,000 per year. This would involve going to every household, doing measurements, etc., updating the records and this would all count as the State revaluation. This would also include updating sketches and photos for all records. The Board likes this approach and will address this into the budget process.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

1. Fire- No report
2. Rescue- 3 calls last month – Kelly Hamilton reported that the Rescue will run the BBQ at Newburgh Day
3. Roads- Brent reported that grading has been done and calcium has been added. Brent reported that the truck used had leaky hoses and getting the correct mixture was a challenge. The Fire Department assisted by hosing down the North Road Extension.

There was discussion about the need to pave the North Road Extension. Brent said he had gotten a quote from Lane to pave this road for \$75,000. When questioned, he said it may have been a quote from last year or the year before. Renee' questioned if it was wise to pave that road with only a couple of residents before the other roads are paved that have a lot more residents. The Board requested that Cindy call and get some prices to get just that road paved and see if it could be done this year. The funds would need to come out of the road budget and not included in the bigger paving project. Renee' requested that Cindy send out bid prices for equivalent work as what Lane provided the quote on.

Brent presented a cost estimate from Wellman Paving to fill in ditches on Dahlia Farm Road and with rip-wrap. The cost estimate was \$41,750.00. The Board requested that different quotes be requested for this work. Brent was asked if he had a write up for quotes. He did not. He said he walked the area with a representative from Wellman's to come up with his quote. Selectman Smith requested that the Town Manager contact Sewall to come up with a plan for Dahlia Farm Road. Once that is done, a written plan will be sent out to contractors for prices.

Brent and Bud updated the Board about the meeting with the Bickfords at the end of the Tapley Farm Road. The meeting went ok. Brent and Bud assured them that the Town wants to work together with them to come up with a solution regarding their fence and lilac bushes that obstruct the line of vision onto the Littlefield Road. Various options were discussed with the homeowner, Brent, Buddy and Jeff from Sewall. Bud made a motion to accept the Sewall Road Plan with the exception of the Tapley Farm Road of moving the road to moving the fence and 5 feet deep of lilacs and placing 70 feet of stockade fence in its' place. Skip seconded, motion carried 3-0.

4. Recreation – Kelly reported that Newburgh Day is 11/26 from 4-7. There will be a street dance with live band, games, and fireworks. Rescue will be doing a barbecue. The Fire Department will be doing parking and be on hand for the fireworks. The archery class will be held on 9/19 and 9/20. At this point there are about 10 people signed up. The craft fair will be 11/14. Community Café is cancelled for September, but will be back for October. Cindy requested that the Recreation Department consider purchasing a cart to hold the new tables.
5. Library – Gary said he had nothing new to report
6. Town Managers Report –
 - The Town Manager reported that we received a check back from MMA for Worker's Comp and Risk Management for not having any claims.
 - Cindy noted that there has been concern by the Fire Department that residents have not all purchased house numbers for their mailboxes or yards. She is wondering if the Board agrees to apply for the King Grant to purchase house numbering signs and additional emergency number signs for the ends of the roads. Cindy has the grant application completed and just needs the cover letter to go with it. She said she will apply for \$5,000. The Board unanimously agreed to go ahead.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Sewall Co. Plan – Covered previously
2. Maine Bond Bank Paperwork- The Bond Bank sent the agreement they need signed and sent back to them. The Board directed the Town Manager to sign on their behalf.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Job Description for Town Manager - Tabled until next meeting as Town Manager is also working on additional descriptions for other office staff.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

SELECTMEN'S COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.