

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

March 19, 2024

MINUTES

Present: Shawn Talbot (Chair), Jason Somero, Lou Alvarez, Debbie Deaton (Town Administrator)

Also present: Joe Woodworth, Gary Somero (Fire Chief), Ben Hatcher (Deputy Chief), Cody Vaillancourt (Deputy Chief), Shawn Bator (Patriotic Purposes Committee)

5:00 Open Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance

5:01 Realignment of Board:

Jason made a motion to nominate Shawn to continue as chair of the Selectboard. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

There was some discussion regarding the liaisons between boards. Lou suggested he would step down as ZBA member if Shawn didn't want to be the liaison for the Planning Board since Nichole is also on the Planning Board. Shawn replied Nichole is her own person and makes her own decisions. He does not feel there is a conflict of interest but is open to the opinions of the Board. Lou added he will be stepping down to alternate on the ZBA regardless of this decision.

Jason said he would like things to remain consistent. It was decided the liaison's/ex-officio's will remain as is.

5:10 Fire Department-Gary Somero, Ben Hatcher, Cody Vaillancourt:

- Gary stated Deputy Hatcher will be appointed as Chief and Deputy Vaillancourt will be appointed as the C2 position. This was voted on by the officers.

Ben stated the goal is still to have the full-time Fire Chief/Building Inspector/Code Enforcement position but there is no one that has the time to do both positions at this time. Gary suggested the Building Inspector position be posted as soon as possible so when he retires in June, the new person can step in.

Jason clarified the Selectmen appoint the Fire Chief. The Fire Department can make a recommendation. The Board agreed on this.

This will be discussed on April 2nd. The Board will prepare some questions. Jason thinks there should be a non-public.

- Gary added that is also when the sealed bids will be opened for refurbishing the donated fire truck.

- Ben said the Fire Department has been in discussions with the DPW regarding a spare truck. The current brush truck the Fire Department has needs a lot of repairs and is on loan from the State. The DPW has a spare truck (F-550) that would be perfect for a brush truck. Gary submitted a letter requesting this (attached). Lou mentioned he thought the manifold needed repair. Gary will talk to DPW about this. Ben added they have volunteers and parts donated to make it into a brush truck which would save the taxpayers money.

Shawn made a motion to approve the transfer of the truck from the DPW to the Fire Department. Jason seconded the motion and Lou abstained.

Debbie will inform the DPW of this decision.

- There was also some discussion regarding the generators. Gary said the state needs each page signed separately for receipt of the generators. The Board signed the necessary documents. Lou mentioned Jeff Muhonen was asking about having access to the generator power. Lou will speak further on this to Jeff and bring it to the Board for further discussion.

5:30 Round Table Discussion:

- The SVAS MOU was signed without changes.

• Jason said there was an Emergency Meeting of the Selectmen on 3/14/24 at 7pm to swear in himself and to declare the Town Clerk/Tax Collector position vacant and nominated Lisa Carbone. The nomination was unanimous and Lisa was sworn in.

Jason apologized to the Town for dropping the ball by not having the position on the ballot. When it was brought to light, the Candidacy period had closed and it was too late to put it on the ballot.

- **Shawn Bator-Patriotic Committee** asked the Selectmen if they would be willing to speak at the Memorial Day Parade. Jason would like to speak at Smithville Cemetery, Shawn will speak at the Central Cemetery and Lou will speak at the Soldier's Memorial.

There was also some discussion regarding donations for the parade. The problem is where to put the funds once they are donated. It was suggested Patriotic Purposes fall under Parks & Rec or Heritage Commission so the donations could be put in one of the revolving accounts. Debbie will check with the auditor, the DRA and possibly the attorney. Next year we will do a warrant article for Patriotic Purposes.

Mr. Bator also mentioned the parade will remain the same this year (May 19th) but they are looking to change it up next year. They have a lot of great ideas.

Mr. Bator also said he was trying to get the 305th Regiment for the parade. They also tried to get the ROTC to march but they weren't able to do it on short notice.

Shawn Talbot said there was an Autumnfest meeting and there was discussion about Patriotic Purposes, 275th Anniversary, etc. and other elements of funding/how things can be done. There was a suggestion to have a fireworks competition at the field. Everyone has their own display that they would have purchased anyway and they would be set off at the town field.

Jason suggested there are funds in the Stearns Burton fund which would be available if the committee would like to have a speaker. Mr. Bator said he also heard of some grants that could be available.

- Debbie said Warwick Mills is all caught up on the back rent and is working on getting the insurance certificate and signed lease agreement.

- Peter Somero submitted 3 quotes for mowing:

Silverleaf \$23,080

Lowe's \$22,240

Sutliff \$21,815

The Board discussed the bids and Peter's recommendation. It was decided to go with Lowe's because was local.

Shawn made a motion to accept the Lowe's bid for landscaping of town properties. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Peter also submitted 3 quotes for gravel crushing:

Fred Chancey \$7.25/yard

C&C Trucking \$10/yard

Gordon Service \$10/yard

The Board discussed the bids and Peter's recommendation. It was decided to go with Chancey.

Jason made a motion to accept the Chancey bid of \$7.25/yard. Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- Jason stated he was walking in the cemetery and ran into the DES representative and had a conversation regarding the dam. There was nothing definitive said.

- Jason said he received a text from Kevin Thompson (soccer) asking if the soccer players could be at the Transfer Station on April 6th for donations toward their trip to Florida. The Board didn't see a problem with this. Jason advised Mr. Thompson he would have to speak with Peter and Steve.

- Jason stated he would like to reconsider the April Amnesty for stealing signs. He does not think people should be rewarded or that it is the Town governments place to offer amnesty. There is such a lack of justice and injustice in this country.

Taking street signs can cause serious safety issues. Jason said he was talking to the Police Seargent at the polls and it personally affected him because he was on a call and had to call for backup from another town and the officer couldn't find the street because the sign was missing.

Shawn said he was looking at it from the perspective of getting the signs back so the Town didn't have to pay for new ones, not to mention the safety issue. Shawn said he felt this may lead to some good will and maybe stop the stealing of signs and possibly change the culture of this. Jason said he feels people should realize there are consequences for their actions.

Shawn said he is not motivated to reconsider this. He thinks it would be a good thing. Jason stated the Board voted yes to have the amnesty month but he would rather not do it. Lou suggested having someone do 20 hours of community service if they get caught.

Shawn and Lou want to continue with Amnesty Month. Debbie will send the posting to the Board prior to putting it on the website and Facebook.

- Shawn said at the Autumnfest meeting, Mindy had mentioned they were painting the buildings white and would like permission to paint the sign white as well. The Board thought this was fine.

- Shawn also mentioned Ron Stanley would like to hire Jenny Worth to update the message board on the tv channel once a month. The Board agreed this was ok.

- Shawn said there were also some ideas being bounced around for the 275th Anniversary. There will be a meeting at some point regarding this.

At 7:05, Shawn made a motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c). Lou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 7:20, Jason made a motion to return to public session. It was seconded by Shawn and passed unanimously.

At 7:35, Shawn made a motion to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3, II (I). Jason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. At 8:00, Shawn made a motion to return to public session. It was seconded by Jason and passed unanimously.

The Board took a short break.

- Lou submitted an email with pictures from Tim Somero regarding the property at 445 Turnpike Road. He said he thought he asked Jenny to have Gary to look at the property again. Debbie will confirm this. The banking needs to be stabilized.

- Jason suggested the Capital Reserves be separated by department on the ballot next year. He would like the taxpayers to be able to vote on each one separately. Shawn suggested checking with the Planning Board regarding the CIP because these requests are likely to increase once the CIP is complete.

At 8:40, Jason made a motion to adjourn. Shawn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.


Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Deaton
Town Administrator

Minutes approved by BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Shawn Talbot, Chairman: 

Jason Somero: 

Lou Alvarez: 



New Ipswich Fire Department

Physical: 490 Turnpike Road
Mailing: 661 Turnpike Road
New Ipswich, NH 03071
Tel: (603) 878-1364



Chief Gary Somero
Deputy Chief Benjamin Hatcher Deputy Chief Cody Vaillancourt

New Ipswich Highway Department
661 Turnpike Road
New Ipswich, NH 03071

March 18, 2024

To: Town of New Ipswich, Highway Department

Due to a severe need for a new brush truck, we are requesting to transfer the Ford 1-ton dump truck to be transferred to the New Ipswich Fire Department to be refurbished into a brush truck for fire department use.

The New Ipswich Fire Department will hold all proper insurances required and will run proper trainings on the use of the Ford 1-ton truck. In conjunction with this, the Fire Department will be responsible for all necessary repairs and maintenance on the equipment as deemed necessary.

Sincerely,

Gary Somero
New Ipswich Fire Department, Fire Chief

3-19-24

Peter Somero
New Ipswich Highway Department, Superintendent

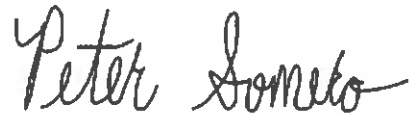
REMEMBER SMOKE DETECTORS & SPRINKLERS SAVE LIVES

Town Administrator

From: Highway Department
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 1:03 PM
To: Town Administrator
Cc: Shawn Talbot; Jason Somero; Lou Alvarez
Subject: 2024 Mowing
Attachments: Scan0335.pdf; Scan0336.pdf; Scan0337.pdf

Here are the quotes for mowing this year. I would prefer Lowe's Lawn and Home because he is young and lives in town. Sutliff Lawncare is from Rindge and is trying to get the town of Rindge contract also. Thank you.

Peter Somero



New Ipswich DPW Director
dpw@newipswichnh.gov
603-878-2447

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ESTIMATE

Silver Leaf Landscapes
53 Porter Hill Road
New Ipswich, New Hampshire 03071
United States

603-499-6453

Bill to

Town of New Ipswich
Peter Somero
661 Turnpike Rd.
New Ipswich NH 03071

highwaydept@townofnewipswich.org

Estimate Number: 6
Estimate Date: March 11, 2024
Valid Until: April 10, 2024
Grand Total (USD): \$23,280.00

Service	Quantity	Price	Amount
Lawn Maintenance Totals for lawn care of proposed properties of the Town Office, Memorial Field, Appleton, Smithville and Bankvillage Commons, Fire Station, Old School House, Old Town Hall. Totals figured on an 18 mow season. Some properties mowed weekly, others mowed on an as needed basis. Lawn care includes, mowing, weed whacking and blowing of the property.	1	\$19,800.00	\$19,800.00
Mulch Mulching of the Town Office	1	\$1,030.00	\$1,030.00
Fertilizing Fertilizing and aeration of the proposed Memorial Fields for the season. Fertilizing plan would be 2 applications throughout the season along with 1 round of aeration.	1	\$2,450.00 \$2,250.00	\$2,450.00 \$2,250.00

Total:

~~\$23,280.00~~ \$23,080.00

Grand Total (USD):

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Estimate Number: 8

Estimate Date: March 11, 2024

Valid Until: April 10, 2024

Grand Total (USD): \$175.00

Service	Quantity	Price	Amount
Lawn Maintenance Lawn Mowing, Trimming and Blowing Per mow. <i>for Smithville Ball Field</i>		\$175.00	\$175.00
Total:			\$175.00
Grand Total (USD):			\$175.00

Lowe's Lawn and Home
173 fox farm road

INVOICE

Town of New Ipswich

Invoice # 0000001

Invoice Date 03/08/2024

Due Date 03/08/2024

Item	Description	Unit Price	Quantity	Amount
Service	Town office Mulching	560.00	1.00	560.00
Service	Fertilization and Aeration of Town Park	4100.00	1.00	4,100.00
Service	Town office mowing	70.00	15.00	1,050.00
Service	Town Park mowing	750.00	15.00	11,250.00
Service	Fire station Mowing	50.00	15.00	750.00
Service	Bank village common mowing	50.00	15.00	750.00
Service	Asplinton common Mowing	50.00	15.00	750.00
Service	Smithville Common Mowing	50.00	15.00	750.00
Service	Old Town Hall Mowing	50.00	15.00	750.00
Service	Old School House Mowing	50.00	15.00	750.00
Service	Smithville Ball Park Mowing	130.00	15.00 6	1,950.00 780.00

Subtotal 23,410.00

Total 23,410.00

Amount Paid 0.00

Balance Due \$23,410.00

New Total

\$22,240

INVOICE

Sutliff Lawn Care And Property Maintenance LLC
13 shady Ln
Rindge, NH 03461
Sutlifflawncare@yahoo.com
+1 (802) 246-7080
Facebook.com/sutlifflawncare



New Ipswich Town

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New Ipswich Town

#	Date	Product or service	SKU	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		Spring Spring clean ups bark mulch lawn Mowing April- May 2024		0	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00
2.		Summer Lawn Mowing June - September 2024		0	\$9,600.00	\$9,600.00
3.		Fall Fall clean ups Lawn Mowing Aerating and Fertilizing Ball fields. October - November 2024		0	\$7,415.00	\$7,415.00

Total \$21,815.00

Note to customer
Quote

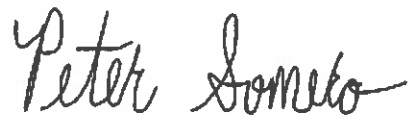
Mowing Smithville Ball Field 4-6 times is included in this quote.

Town Administrator

From: Highway Department
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:35 AM
To: Town Administrator
Cc: Shawn Talbot; Jason Somero; Lou Alvarez
Subject: Hiring to crush gravel at the T.S.
Attachments: Scan0338.pdf; Scan0339.pdf

Here are the prices for three different companies to crush our gravel. I have decided to hire it out because by the time I rent everything I need it will cost near double to make 1 1/2" gravel and then me and my guys can work on the roads instead. True 1 1/2" gravel will be more versatile for us to use than one pass through a jaw crusher making 1 1/2" x 3"-4". Fred Chancey would be my recommendation because he has a closed circuit plant which will make around 1 1/4" processed gravel. I will use the Highway Block Grant. Thank you.

Peter Somero



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Highway Department

From: Fred Chancey [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 3:10 PM
To: Highway Department
Subject: Gravel quote

Price four Crushing gravel at transfer station to 1 1/4 inch road gravel with closed circuit plant.
7,25 per yard 4000 yard minimum under 4000 yard they will be a 2500 mobilization fee. Thanks Fred

\$29,000

C & C Trucking, L.L.C

114 North St.
Jaffrey, NH 03452
603-532-6960

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
3/18/2024	110

Name / Address
Town of New Ipswich NH DPW 661 Turnpike Rd, New Ipswich, NH 03071

			Project
Description	Qty	Cost	Total
This is based on 3000 yards. If there is more material in the pile, it will be an addional cost depending on the yardage 3" Minus through a jaw crusher	3,000	5.00	15,000.00
Additional \$5 if it goes through the cone crusher	3,000	5.00	15,000.00
		Total	\$30,000.00

Customer Signature _____



Gordon Gravel & Stone

Cody Gordon • 250 North Street • Jaffrey, NH 03452

Cell phone: 603.325.8457 e-mail: gordonservices@ymail.com

March 11th, 2024

Town of New Ipswich 2024 Gravel Crushing


Estimated 3,000 +/- yards

Jaw Crushing 3-5" - \$5.00/yard

Jaw and Cone 1.5" - \$10.00/yard

Price includes loading, crushing, and piling on site

"Service is our business!"

From: Tim Somers [REDACTED] 
Subject: 445 Turnpike, erosion concerns
Date: March 17, 2024 at 6:06 PM
To: Lou Alvarez lalvarez@townofnewipswich.org, LandUse landuse@townofnewipswich.org

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Lou,

My Dad and I witnessed excavation activity including dumping soil in proximity of Furnace Brook.

The person driving the tractor is the home owner.

When we watched the person, the work shifted to moving firewood. When we turned away and in a few minutes we went back to watch, the work changed to moving soil.

It was like a child's game of cat and mouse.

What does the Town of New Ipswich expect from land owners during building construction to protect our waterways from uncontrolled erosion?

Is there a better place to direct this question...?

Tim
[REDACTED]



