

TOWN OF TOPSHAM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 - 7:00 P.M.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Donald Russell  
Marie Brilliant  
David Douglass  
Ruth Lyons  
William Thompson

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: All present

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager, Richard Roedner

A meeting of the Topsham Board of Selectmen was held on Thursday, September 3, 2015 at the Municipal Building at 100 Main Street, Topsham, Maine.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL**

Chairman Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All present were invited to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The recording secretary took the roll call and noted that all Selectmen were present.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

We met earlier this evening with representatives from the new Midcoast Parkview Health Group about the ongoing transition to health care in the local area. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Lois and Randy for coming in and explaining both the physical changes and the philosophical changes that are underway.

Many of you have noticed that a portion of the Middlesex Road was recently repaved. As part of that project, the new striping will be a bit different than in the past, with shoulder width expanded a bit to provide additional room for bicyclists. There will also be some new striping under the overpass to remind drivers to share the road with bikers.

Our Recreation Program is sponsoring a golf lesson class for adults, and there are still slots available. If you are interested, contact the Recreation Office.

Topsham is currently advertising for a part-time position in the Town Clerk's Office, and for two patrol officer positions in the Police Department.

117 tax liens were mailed out today, which is down from 140 last year.

Lastly, nomination papers are being accepted for one position on the Board of Selectmen and two positions on the School Board. Contact the Town Clerk's Office if you are interested.

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES** - None noted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - Board Chairman Don Russell announced that he will not seek re-election to the Board in November. Don has served on the Board for the past 9 years.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - None noted.

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA** - None noted.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SELECTMENS MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2015**

Motion was made by Selectman Douglass, seconded by Selectman Lyons, and it was

**VOTED**

To approve the Consent Calendar approving minutes of the August 6, 2015 meeting as submitted in the Second Draft.

(The vote was 4 in favor with 1 abstention (Selectman Brilliant.))

**PUBLIC HEARING** - None noted

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None noted.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None noted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**15-53 CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION ON PURCHASE PRICE FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES, UTILIZING BIDS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURCHASING POLICY**

**Police Cruisers**

Police Chief Lewis reviewed the bids for a new police cruiser as follows:

Yankee Ford	(total after trade)	\$51,428
Quirk Ford	(total after trade)	52,680
Casco Bay Ford	(total after trade)	52,776
Wiscasset Ford	(total, no trade given)	56,698

It was noted that the finances were approved at Town meeting under the Capitol Expense Account.

There was a discussion on how best to put lettering on the cruisers. One vehicle in the department has lettering that can only be seen when lights reflect off of it. Selectman Douglass said he would like to see uniformity. It was noted that having the cruisers all back, rather than black and white saves approximately \$700 per vehicle, so the department is requesting to go with

the black cruisers.

Motion was made by Selectman Douglass, seconded by Selectman Lyons, and it was unanimously

**VOTED**

To accept the bid from Yankee Ford in the amount after trade-in of \$51,428 for the two cruisers.

**Emergency Vehicle**

Mike Labbe, Deputy Chief/EMS Director, told the Board that Rescue is recommending the purchase of the Ford Expedition from Yankee Ford. He said the Expedition has the towing capacity needed for the Mass Casualty Trailer, generator trailer, ATVs, and equipment from the State EMA needed in emergencies. He added that the passenger space is larger than the Explorer and is needed for fire fighters to sit heating and cooling of personnel at scenes in town and in remote locations.

Fire Chief Stockdale explained how equipment can be transferred from the current vehicle to the Expedition to save costs.

Following discussion, motion was made by Selectman Thompson, seconded by Selectman Lyons, and it was

**VOTED**

To accept the after trade-in bid from Yankee Ford in the amount of \$29,183 to purchase a 2016 Ford Expedition.

(The vote was 3 in favor [Russell, Lyons and Thompson] with 2 opposed [Douglass and Brilliant].)

**15-54 CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF TRUCK BODY FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Public Works Director Dennis Cox recommended the purchase of a replacement dump body for a plow truck at Public Works that was budgeted in this current year's capital budget from H. P. Fairfield in the amount of \$28,999. He said the Everest SDS Body meets or exceeds all bid specifications.

Motion was made by Selectman Douglass, seconded by Selectman Brilliant, and it was unanimously

**VOTED**

To accept the bid from H. P. Fairfield in the amount of \$28,999 to purchase a replacement truck body for the Public Works Department.

**15-55 CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL TO REPAIR STORM DRAIN PIPE AT 33 FOREST DRIVE**

Public Works Director Dennis Cox spoke to this agenda item saying he has sent out requests for

proposals to have the storm drain pipe at 33 Forest Drive repaired. He said the integrity of the steel pipe is rusted to the extent that the bottom of the pipe no longer exists for approximately 200 feet and the ground over it is collapsing. He noted that the unique problem with replacing or repairing this pipe is that it goes through private property, which the Town does not have an easement for. Also, the pipe goes under a two-car paved driveway very close to the garage of the house and then under a couple of gardens before stopping out behind the house. Mr. Cox explained that an 18" pipe can be threaded inside of the collapsing 24" pipe and will address the problem.

Motion was made by Selectman Douglass, seconded by Selectman Thompson, and it was unanimously

**VOTED**

To accept the bid from Ted Berry Company in the amount of \$22,700 (slipline and grout existing pipe with 18-inch pipe; including filling void between pipes) to be paid from the Road Reconstruction Budget.

**15-56 CONSIDERATION AND ANY APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PLACE A POSITION ON THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 BALLOT TO FILL A TWO YEAR UNEXPIRED TERM ON THE SAD #75 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO SHORTEN THE AVAILABILITY OF NOMINATION PAPERS FROM 40 TO 18 DAYS**

Motion was made by Selectman Douglass, seconded by Selectman Lyons, and it was unanimously

**VOTED**

To place a position on the November 3, 2015 ballot to fill a two-year unexpired term on the SAD #75 Board of Directors and to shorten the availability of nomination papers from 40 to 18 days.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Patty Williams, Recording Secretary