

Town of Farmington
Board of Selectmen Public Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2024
Selectmen's Chambers
356 Main Street-Farmington, NH 03835

Board Members Present:

Gerry Vachon, Chairman
Charlie King, Vice Chairman
Ann Titus
Penny Morin
Doug Staples

Others Present:

Ken Dickie, Town Administrator
Kyle Pimental, Planning Director
Ed Brannan, Highway Dept. Supervisor
Residents Jim Watson, Sandra Benner,
Bobbi-Jo Morin

1). Call to Order:

Chairman Vachon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2). Non-Public Session A:

Motion: (Vachon, second King) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) Hiring passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (Vachon, King, Titus, Staples, Morin-aye) at 5:30 p.m.

Motion: (Morin, second Staples) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 5:48 p.m.

3). Non-Public Session B:

Motion: (Vachon, second Titus) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Reputation passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (Vachon, King, Titus, Staples, Morin-aye) at 5:48 p.m.

Motion: (Vachon, second Titus) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 5:52 p.m.

4). Reconvene Public Session:

Chairman Vachon reconvened the public session at 6 p.m.

5). Pledge of Allegiance:

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

6). Public Input:

Hornetown Road resident James Watson said his mother got stuck in the mud the other day on Meaderboro Rd. and she called the Road Agent and nobody got back to her. He said she waited a couple of days then called the Police Dept. and the Police said they would do something about it. He said that today he saw that they graded Meaderboro Rd. which has made it far worse and there are ruts in there that are 8 inches to 1 ft. deep. He said they hear they are going to put some stone in it and last year they had the same issue and something needs to be done. He said the Road Agent and the people here are just in over their heads. He said he knew they have been short staffed but that is just an excuse and there needs to be some sort of results that need to happen with this. He said the roads were bad last year and you grade them a little bit and come springtime or summer they're fine and here it is spring again and they are just

getting worse and worse. We have to find something to do in the long run he said.

Mr. Watson said every road in Farmington something is wrong with it and nothing has really been done over 20 years and every road has an issue. He said something needs to be done with some of these dirt roads.

Mr. King asked if there are sections that are worse or if basically it's the whole road.

Mr. Watson said there are sections that are worse and on Meaderboro Rd. there's 5 or 6 sections, Ten Rod Rd. has 5- 6 sections and it's bad. He asked if anybody has been on it recently.

Mr. Staples said he was on it Saturday.

Mr. Watson said we're only going to be getting more rain and he understood they could put a Band-Aid on it, put some stone in it but in the long run we really have to do something about those roads. He said the lowest part of these roads is the center of the road we're grading it, putting in stuff right on top but Farmington is full of sand there's no gravel in Farmington. He said he was not a Road Agent but he thinks something needs to be dug out and re-filled in with something that's going to last.

Mrs. Titus said she has had a lot of people send her pictures, videos and one resident on Meaderboro Rd. thinks we should have a warrant article to put money into the Capital Improvement Plan to fix the dirt roads. She said she didn't know if it was a money issue but she knows that it is expensive to fix these roads if they did it but it's a safety concern now and we need to do something. She said this one resident said maybe a warrant article for the CIP to put money away to fix the roads and maybe do a road plan for the dirt roads.

Mr. King said currently we're spending about \$500,000 on road repairs out of their budget. He said they're doing \$350,000 a year for pavement plus probably another \$120,000 in additional road repair so currently it's not like they're not doing anything it's just the \$375,000 or \$500,000 doesn't go as far as we would like it to. So I don't disagree with your opinion we need to probably raise some additional taxes to cover some of this stuff because of the cost of doing everything now he said.

Mrs. Morin said it's too late for this year the warrant is in.

Mrs. Titus said but something for next year putting money away to fix the roads the right way so it's not all sand and when we have rain it's going to be mud.

Mr. King said this year they weren't able to do the paving and they encumbered that money which is \$ 350,000 plus an additional \$350,000 to do the paving next year so it's not like they're not doing anything. He said they couldn't do the \$350,000 because of the permitting required and some of the things they had to do like fixing the culverts whether it's on Dick Dame Lane or some of these other roads. He said it's certainly something that's on their list and he was not saying they don't need to spend more money they probably do because everything costs 25% more.

Mrs. Titus said it's a problem every year and the last 5 years all they have been hearing is the roads, the roads and they have to do something like pick one road and fix it the right way so it doesn't wash out so people aren't stuck. She said there are different age groups up there and a

friend of hers who is in her 50's and was driving a 4-wheel drive truck got stuck. She said if there is a car coming the other way and doesn't see that she's stuck in that mud or she does a 360 in that mud someone is going to get hurt. I know we can't fix it today but we have to start planning and thinking ahead she said.

Mr. Staples said we also have a new DPW Director and they haven't given him a chance. He said he came in last year with 2 guys in his dept.

Mrs. Titus said she wasn't dissing him at all.

Mr. Staples said they have to give him a chance and he sat in front of them with a plan to rebuild these roads and said they need to come up and they need to give him a chance. He's fully staffed, we've got the material we need to give him a chance to build these roads. If he fails then we'll hang him he said.

Mrs. Titus asked if the road plan was out there and if it was on the Town website so people know there is a road plan.

Mr. Vachon asked Mr. Dickie if they have a road plan on the website for how they are tackling the dirt roads.

Mr. Dickie said they don't.

Mrs. Titus said Ed (Brannan Highway Supervisor) does a wonderful job and when she talks to him it gets fixed so she didn't think it was fault to anybody it's just they need to be proactive about this and fix this problem.

Mr. Staples said they do and they finally have staff to do it.

Mrs. Morin said unfortunately they're coming up behind the 8 ball because it hasn't been done for so many years so she thought they are making significant progress-not as quickly as they want to but progress.

Mr. Vachon said they will have to take a look at those low spots that continue to be problems, box cut them and buy some good gravel because ours in the pit isn't good enough and if we have to have it trucked in we'll have it trucked in.

Mr. Watson said a lot of these areas need to be dug out and he was not sure maybe we don't have the equipment and now they're saying they have the staff to do it but this is not the first or second year this has been an issue and it's been going on for a very long time especially on the opposite side of Rt. 11 where mainly the dirt roads are and they seem to be neglected. He said culverts are an issue and there is no place for water to go and he thinks we're in over our head now. He said we have a Road Agent but maybe it's hiring somebody that can determine what roads are the worst roads in Farmington. He said it seems like every year it's another issue.

Mr. Vachon clarified that when he said box cut he meant to dig them down 3 ft., back fill them with good gravel to stiffen up those lower areas.

Mr. Watson repeated there is no good gravel in Farmington and he was not sure where they are getting their material from but it seems like wherever those tight areas are they bring it in and it's just as bad.

Mr. Vachon said if they have to get some NH DOT spec gravel at 1.5 inches that's what they have

to do. We'll get municipal pricing on it he said.

Mrs. Titus said she didn't know how much it would cost to get a contractor in here to do what that gentleman just said and she was sure it would cost a lot of money but maybe they need to do something like that. Fix them, fix them right and then maintain them she said.

Mr. Vachon said now with the full staff a box cut is doable with our 6 guys plus Mr. Brannan and they have the equipment, they have the ability and they have the gravel they need because they make their own gravel. He asked Mr. Brannan if they have it tested and make sure it passes NH DOT spec.

Mr. Brannan said the quality of DOT spec gravel can be pretty broad it can be very sandy, it's typically very clean, it doesn't have a lot of fines that makes it pack so as far as using DOT spec gravel sometimes it's not the best situation on a dirt road. He said there are some spots on these dirt roads that probably could stand to be dug up and put a good base gravel in and the biggest part is getting them to drain.

He said most of the areas they are dealing with right now are areas that are more shaded and they haven't had any sun for the winter so when you hit temperatures like we gotten they thaw so fast the water doesn't have a chance to evaporate.

Mr. King added that the frost hasn't come out of the ground yet.

Mr. Brannan said not all the way so the water can't go down so the only way to get rid of it is to evaporate and a lot of places the ditches still need to be dug out. He said they did make good progress last year on the paved roads but they still have a long way to go.

Mr. Staples said he has faith in him and the crew and asked if he thought they were over their heads or they've got it.

Mr. Brannan said it will take time but if they want to bring in a contractor it's all about the money.

Mr. King said he was not going to disagree with anybody who sat here because in some ways no one was wrong but the reality is the spring thaw is earlier than usual and it ends up being a mud season. He said he has a dirt driveway as does everybody in his neck of the woods and they all look the same and the same as some of our roads. He said our roads could be better and they're going to be out there patching and fixing this until the frost comes out of the ground so they have to be as responsive as possible and fix these bad spots until it dries out enough to then do future improvements.

He said he didn't know if Mr. Vachon's suggestion to box cut them was the best answer and for some these roads they need to go through them and get them to pavement.

Mr. Brannan said at some point between the traffic and the weather it's probably going to force them to go that route because the cost to repair the dirt roads is going to go higher and higher.

Mr. King said the traffic counts aren't getting any less on Meaderboro Rd. or Poor Farm Rd. so we have the same mud and we've got twice the number of vehicles and it has twice the amount of abuse on it. He said they could sit around and say they've never done anything but he has been here 12 years and it's a challenge every year at this time.

He said he drives in and out of his driveway twice a day and it's got ruts in it. He said if you put 200-300 cars on it, you'd be lucky to keep them together because in some of these spots like Meaderboro Rd. are put through some stuff that years ago they would have had to dig out 5 or 6 feet before they even started. He said when you get past Hiram's and go down in the hollow it just runs right through the swamp and they just keep putting dirt into it.

Mr. Brannan said when you get down near the swamp because the sun can get in there they're dry and hard and it's the shaded areas that...

Mr. King said Poor Farm Rd. and Reservoir Rd. are scenic roads so there can only be selective cutting along those roadsides so those are always going to be shady and there's always going to be an issue with the slope to get the water off and he has said they need to buy some better materials at times. He said they've had situations where they have to buy 1.5" stone or buy 1.5" crushed because some of our materials aren't the best stuff for a base in some areas. He said this is the time of year especially where winter can't make up its mind this is what we get-it's cold, it freezes back in, it gets muddy hopefully it stays warm enough that the frost can come out of the ground and we can get them back into working condition but there's nothing more they can do than just fighting fires right now and put stone in them whether they get 1.5" from Brox or use what they have for materials in-house from the last time they crushed.

Mrs. Morin said she wanted to jump in on the whole paving of all the dirt roads and she thought they are just going to cause something different in that they will need more Police patrols because of some of those straightaways. It's going to cost us either way she said.

Mr. King used Dodge Cross Rd. as example of one of the first roads that should be paved. He said everything around it is paved, it has too much slope to keep the water from eroding that road which is about 1.5 miles if that and they are out there every year with the mess and that's an area where every road is paved. It's not like we're talking the corner of Poor Farm and Meaderboro Rd. or Pound Rd. or something out there he said.

Mr. Brannan said the town has around 16 or 17 miles of dirt roads.

Mr. King said that's about right and they have 50-something total in the town and 35 are Town roads and maybe 12 are State roads and some of them have always been a challenge.

Mr. Brannan said dirt roads will always be a challenge they take constant maintenance and they're never going to get away from that. He said as far as the muddy spots he noticed there are some areas where the base isn't very good and those areas probably should be dug up but they cost money for gravel and right now they are going to keep picking away at what they think is the worst of the worst and hopefully they can get caught up. If it comes to a point where we need to get contractors we'll have to figure out where we're going to get the money he said.

Mr. Vachon asked what his plan of attack at this point and if it was to pound in stone in the muddy spots and try to stiffen them up.

Mr. Brannan said yes and they are pretty low on stone in our pit so it may come to a point where they have to buy some and that's the only thing that is going to tighten these spots up. He said they could dig them out but if there is still frost underneath it, they're just going to fill

up with water and even the best of gravels will turn mud if you put enough water into it. He said boxing it out works but you have to get the water away first.

Mr. Vachon said he wasn't talking about tomorrow but box cutting them in the summer if they knew where the spots were.

Mrs. Morin asked Mr. Brannan if he would go out this spring and check those spots and document it to know where the worst spots are so they can at least attack those and get them repaired.

Mr. Brannan said it's the same places that they had last year.

Mrs. Morin asked if they repaired any of those places over the summer.

Mr. Brannan said no.

Mr. King said just our usual grade and calcium chloride and trying to maintain it.

Mr. Brannan said they didn't put any of that down this year hoping it would make a difference in the winter and it actually may have when it was cold because the roads stayed a little bit better and they didn't have as many complaints about the roads getting rough although they did but he didn't think it was as bad as last year. He said but the warm weather came a little sooner this year and it came quick and we've had days that were 50 or 60 degrees and the frost is going to come out fast and if the water has no place to go, you're going to have mud there's nothing anybody is going to do about it.

He said they are going to be on Meaderboro Rd. tomorrow and hopefully they can get thru it.

He said there's some rain coming Tues. and Wed. night and a few other opportunities for rain during the next week and a half. Hopefully it's rain and not snow the first of next week he said.

Mr. Vachon asked where they were headed after Meaderboro Rd.

Mr. Brannan said to Ten Rod Rd. He said they raked Dodge Cross Rd. today and it seemed to come out fairly decent all things considered. He said he and Mr. Dickie were talking about it and because there is so much rain in the forecast they have to pick and choose their days to be out there and asked if it was okay if they ended up working on a Saturday here and there if they have to so they can keep up with it. He said if they lose 3 days this week because of rain they should try to make it up on Saturday.

Consensus of the board was they were okay with it.

Mr. King said even if they have to work in the rain dump some stone in those holes.

Mr. Brannan said if it's not too bad they will but at some point, it gets to the point where they're just going backwards so they just have to be careful on that. We don't want to go out there and tear up the road and make other parts of the road worse while they're trying to fix this spot so we have to be careful how we do it. We are doing what we can he said.

Resident Sandra Benner said she had a concern for the residents mostly up thru town and on the side streets and asked how often the crosswalks are maintained and painted. She said she is down here just about every day and today for instance there is no light at the one at Cumberland Farms to get across so the kids are coming home from school they stop at the crosswalk and nobody stops. She said they get a little way out in the crosswalk and nobody

stops. She said she sees this just about every day on both sides.

She said up by the Main St. pizza she was coming home yesterday and there was a man walking bent over with a walker and he got half way out and the cars are still coming each way they don't stop. She said she has a friend that was almost hit there and one in a wheelchair who was hit there and asked what the Town can do about putting in better crosswalks or better paint or something. She said everyone who lives in town knows that they're there and they don't stop. She asked if it was a law you have to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk and then said the signs in other towns say you must yield to the pedestrian. She said she has crossed Grove St. over to Cumberland Farms and she has had cars right behind her just as she is barely off the crosswalk. She said she saw woman near the former TD Bank crossing from the laundry mat and it looked like she had some laundry with her and a small child and she is out by the Christmas tree and no one was stopping so she had to wait to get across. She said she was concerned what the Town can do about it and it might be a problem they already know about but she was afraid for the people especially the elderly people that can't get across with walkers because a lot of them don't drive down and they have to have a way to get to the laundry mat and the stores. Mrs. Benner said that's the Tiger Trail from Cumberland Farms across that crosswalk it's not painted you can't see the paws but that's one of the Tiger Trails for the kids so that's her concern.

Mrs. Titus suggested maybe more Police presence downtown.

Mrs. Benner asked if they knew how often they paint the crosswalks.

Mr. Vachon said it should be done once a year but he didn't think they got them all done last year.

Mrs. Benner said she was in Maine the other day and they have lit ones in their sidewalks and she knew that is probably very expensive for the Town but you see them and you know they are there and they're solar powered. She said Dover has painted bricks instead of the white lines and when you come into a town you know you're not going to do 50 or 60 mph. but they do because she knows how fast she goes and she sees them go by.

She said she has talked to a lot of people and there were a couple of people here that have concerns about it and asked what could be done and if anyone was aware of what's going on with that.

Mrs. Morin said they are aware of it.

Mrs. Benner said when you pull out from the TD Bank lot and you're coming down Central St. you have to stop in front of a crosswalk but you don't see anybody so a lot of people don't. She said you have to pull up there because you can't see up the road past that laundry mat just like the tree down at that road by Crowley's where you have to pull out to see if anybody is coming.

Mrs. Titus asked if there was reflective tape or paint, they could put there.

Mr. Vachon said they put glass beads in the paint when they paint them.

Mrs. Benner said she has family that comes here and friends that live on the other side of town that cross over and she didn't understand why people don't see these children let alone an

adult and the handicapped adults trying to get across. I wanted to come to see what could happen, I don't know, maybe do something different with it she said.

She said if you look from Cumberland Farms across there the traffic there is hardly any painted and it's well traveled and she thinks that's because of the kids too. She said over in front of Peasley's where the funeral parlor is there's a button and you push it and asked why they have one there but they won't have one at other places.

Mr. Vachon said he believes that is a walking route to school.

Mrs. Benner said they are walking to school on the other side of town by the Cumberland Farms too.

Mrs. Titus said that was part of the Tiger Trail and that was a grant.

Mrs. Benner said so is that one that comes up Grove St. it's all painted there with the tiger paws. She said the older kids will run across and if you're fast, you're going to get across but if you're not you're not going to and she wouldn't want to see somebody with a stroller trying to get across to the laundry mat. It's scary that was my concern. Thank you for listening she said.

Mrs. Morin said a lot of towns are doing the speed tables at crosswalks and she didn't know if that is something they want to consider.

Mr. King said at that location that's a state highway and they would have to ask the state and he was not opposed to asking that. He asked the one up by School St. the lights were out and if that ever got fixed.

Mr. Dickie said yes.

Mr. King asked if they could a price for what it would cost to do other crosswalks that don't have those flashing lights.

Mr. Dickie said he didn't have a firm price but he was hearing it was \$10,000 to \$12,000 per crosswalk.

Mrs. Titus asked if they could look into the safety grant where they got the other ones from the state.

Mr. Dickie said he would have to check and he didn't know.

Mrs. Titus said they should see if they can get a grant to do the rest of them since they've had some issues with them.

Mr. Dickie said he has been working with one of the businesses in town and he is trying to get other businesses signed up to do a crosswalk from Cumberland Farms down to Crowley's with the blinking lights.

Mr. Vachon said he was approached about that as well.

Mr. King asked if they can get a price. He said if they get a price, they've got some ones that she pointed out that really need to be lit and what they can do for additional signage and we have signage out there to slow these people down coming down the hill or going up the hill to get out there but if we had those flashing ones it alert people that somebody is trying to cross. He said the one he drives by most of the time is like the old 103 in Rochester that's highly trafficked one and all of sudden you're on high alert because it's flashing and you're looking around and

then you see the pedestrian and it does make a difference there. I think some of the ones downtown, maybe there are 4 or 5 of them and they're talking \$50,000 to fix this problem. Mrs. Benner said even if they put those in, a button when you can cross when it shows green and you can go it doesn't necessarily mean the people are going to stop. She said it's green she starts to cross she still has to look to see if someone is coming and are people going to stop. Mr. King said hopefully they will and at least they'll be alerted with flashing lights that somebody is trying to cross.

Mrs. Benner said they also have these cones they put in the middle of the road you see them everywhere.

Mr. King said maybe if we have those cones we can put in the center of the road on these hazard spots to control the traffic speed but he would like to get a price on it because Town Meeting is next week and maybe it will come up and the taxpayers will vote to spend the money to do it.

Mrs. Morin said we do have those center cones and asked if they could get those out sooner rather than later.

Mr. Vachon said the last thing they were told was there were only 2 that's why there was one on the bridge and one on Main St.

Mr. Brannan said he thinks there are more than 2 but there's only a couple that are any good as they've gotten beaten up and they can definitely get more. He said he believes there are 6 crosswalks from Cumberland's to Crowley's.

Mr. Vachon said there used to be one at every crosswalk and they were down to 2 that were functioning and recently there's been one down by the bridge and one up past Cumbie's somewhere up by School St. There used to be one at every crosswalk he said.

Mr. Brannan said there's another crosswalk down at the bridge somewhere.

Mr. King asked if he had any idea how much they are.

Mr. Vachon said the ones that have the spring base on them and are made to spring back if people hit them because they go on the yellow line are probably about \$200 a piece.

Mr. King said they buy the ones they need because if we need 10, we need 10 because there are other places where you go up to the park and where ever we need one in the downtown area.

Mr. Brannan said he would get a price on them.

Mr. Vachon said he would him the vendor that he uses for signs and stuff the shipping isn't cheap but everything else is. He said it's usually cheaper to use them than a local company and they're pretty fast on shipping.

Mr. Brannan said they did put it out to bid to do the crosswalks, all the downtown painting last year and got no responses. He said they had a quote early in the year and they had to put it out to bid so we couldn't use them and they got busy enough where they didn't have enough time. He said they are going to do them themselves and they have a machine and he has a couple of guys that are willing to come in and do them over night which is the best to do them.

Mr. King asked if they had a vendor that quoted it.

Mr. Brannan said last year early in the season which was Spots on Lots.

Mr. King asked if they couldn't do it.

Mr. Brannan said no.

Mr. Vachon asked if our guys are throwing glass beads when they are doing them.

Mr. Brannan nodded his head yes. He said he spoke to Mrs. Titus about the Tiger Trail and they are going to look to see if they have the stencil. He said he assumed they did it in-house the last time and if they have that they will see if they can get that done too.

Resident Bobbi Jo Morin asked if they could do some kind of a fundraiser to help raise money to get the crosswalk stuff put in.

Mr. King said that's something they could but he thought it was something the Town needs to do and if they need to spend some money to do it then that's what they need to do because it's a safety issue. He said it's been better in the past but it's fallen into disrepair say lack of signage or whatever they just need to get it done.

Ms. Morin said she remembered the cones and the big barrels out in the middle of the one in front of FHOP and everyone kept hitting it.

Mr. Vachon said they can only take so many strikes before they break.

7). Review of Minutes:

February 26, 2024- Non-Public Session A- No errors or omissions

Motion: (Titus, second Staples) to accept the minutes as written passed 4-0-1 (Morin abstained).

8). Old Business:

Road Posting- Mr. Dickie said he put it on the agenda because the board voted for it to be effective today and in talking to some of the board members Ed's intention was all of the roads and he was not sure what the board's intentions were. He said there has been some conversations about different roads where now you have the Transfer Station project for recycling that they need to bring cement in for the forms. He said he talked to Mr. Vachon about it and Jeff Greenhalgh showed up at Mr. King's factory Friday concerned about it so he wanted to put it back on the agenda to discuss where they wanted to be as far as posting roads. He asked what their thoughts were-are they intending all roads, are they intending the dirt roads and what the intent of the board was.

Mr. King said Mr. Vachon expressed the concern that they need to follow the rules that they set and this is always something they at least should have a consideration for some reasonableness. He said they post the roads for the right reasons to keep them from getting them beat to crap but let's list all the people they don't stop-they don't stop the fuel trucks, they don't stop the school buses, they don't stop the firewood trucks, they certainly don't stop the dump trucks, they don't stop the municipal vehicles as they're considered exempt and then asked who is left. He said they are picking on local businesses that are delivering materials and if someone has a washed-out driveway. they can't bring them any stone for their driveway. He said they are doing

it up on Ten Rod Rd. but you can't have any because they have the road banned. He said there is other stuff that needs to go on in the town and now they're trying to build this recycling building and if they put the road on the ban, the people they are subcontracting for municipal reasons are they going to say they can't travel. He said in some ways they are doing the Town's work and if they were subcontracting our road work, they would be covered under being exempt. He said they are subcontracting to do this public safety building and if he needs to, he will make a motion to consider them exempt because they are doing municipal that needs to be done. We're only picking on the people that follow the rules we're not picking on the people that don't follow the rules he said.

He said every year they have the same thing they have some logging crews that will stay off the dirt roads when they are logging in the spring because they know that's really going to cause problems and they have others that they're chasing around and they're just doing whatever they do.

Mrs. Morin asked if they are chasing them around and that is one of her concerns. She said she didn't think they chase them around enough. She said in the past they have posted the roads but then there was no follow through on the other end when these big trucks or logging trucks were on the soft dirt roads there was no follow up and there were no teeth to that part of it.

Mr. King said he didn't disagree with that either but in some ways, we have to pick our fights. He asked when they do road bans in the future if they would consider saying they're going to ban the dirt roads separate from the paved roads, maybe a little bit longer on the dirt roads, maybe a little bit less on the paved roads. He said those people working on the recycling building project should be considered exempt just like the Town if we were working on it. He asked what the difference is if they're hauling a load of gravel up there to that site vs. somebody coming in with a cement truck. He said when we put a truck on the road it's about as heavy as you can get-it's got a wing, a plow, a sander or a grader right to the max so when we go out there sometimes, we're the biggest abusers as far as per axle weight but there are some other people that could probably beat us on any given day.

He said he was not opposed to not having the road banned but in this case regarding this project they should consider them just so we can stay on time, exempt. He said look at what they have coming into the Transfer Station and they have people hauling off how many containers a week with trash.

Mr. Staples said that's the thing with Cocheco Road, you've got Cardinal's, the septic place and they have to go materials in and out. He said Waste Management goes in and out all the time and on Chestnut Hill Rd. you have Tom Huckins with his tractor trailer going up and down it. You can stop them he said.

Mr. King said you have Rt. 75 which is a state road, Rt. 11 is a state road and going on to this site we're a mile and a half or a mile off the state road for this project and we can't pick it up and move the building. He said Barrington doesn't ban their roads and maybe they should talk to John Huckins who worked there to find out the reason they don't and he didn't know how many

other towns do and don't and there's trade off both ways.

He asked if they looked at what percentage of vehicles they're actually banning considering the one that are exempt if they were banning half of them and everyone else is exempt. He said trash is not exempt but every municipality lets them go so the trash doesn't pile up.

Mr. Vachon said he didn't know if they allowed it in the past and they have to call.

Mr. King said some of our collector roads are very susceptible so maybe in the future they need to consider them case by case some of these highly trafficked roads like Chestnut Hill Rd., Cocheco Rd. those don't get banned and a bunch of other ones do.

Mr. Staples said look at Meaderboro Rd.-you can't stop the milk truck and they're heavier than anything.

Mr. Dickie said he had an issue with it when they go across the dirt road with a full load of milk.

Mr. Staples said it rips that road right apart.

Mr. Vachon said when Mr. Dickie called him on this he has never been in favor of do as I say not as I do. He said he didn't agree with them saying we're all exempt because we want to get this project done. He said you can't build your house because you can't have concrete trucks come in because we have a ban on the roads but we're going to build our building. That's my concern but I'm one of five he said.

Mr. King said he brings it up every year they do it and he starts asking if they are sure they are ready to ban them because they really should only ban them for 6 weeks. He said they started early because of the weather and asked if they were going to be banning them out past those 6 weeks which is even more unreasonable on the taxpayers. He then asked regarding this project if they were going to pull the plug on it for a month or 6 weeks. I don't think that's in the best interest of the community especially where we're pulling 8-10 containers out of there a week. So between AJ Foss and the Waste Management trips that's going to have way more impact than any we're going to have with that building especially where the building is coming in in about 3 or 4 weeks. If we have to reschedule it's going to cost us money and if we have to put it somewhere temporarily that's going to cost us money plus any damage to the parts he said.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to consider subcontractors on the recycling building project to be exempt under the municipal umbrella passed 3-1-1 (King, Titus, Staples-aye; Morin-opposed; Vachon-abstained).

Mr. Vachon asked Mr. Dickie to carry on with the project.

Mr. Dickie asked Mr. Brannan to notify them that they can come in.

Salt Shed- Mr. Dickie said they are putting forth a warrant article to allow them to put \$100,000 into the Capital Reserve Fund for the salt shed however he and Mr. King went up Friday to take a look at it and it's done its job for the last 40 or 50 years that it's been there and its in pretty sad shape. He said they are trying to figure out how to replace it and there have been some text messages going back and forth about potentially landing some telephone poles at a cost of about \$200 a pole and he estimated it would be around 35 poles if they did a pole shed. He said he has a company coming in on Thursday to give him a potential plan for how to replace it and

get it up at the highway shed instead of down at the Transfer Station and get it relocated so they don't have to put the loader over the road every time they try to do a storm and it's right there and is more handy for them.

He said he talked with Fred Cameron in hopes that he might have some rough lumber that would be able to tie in these poles together and obviously in the front where you have a span for the opening where the trailers, the dump trucks and the loader go in you have to have something different than a 2' x 12' but he is trying to get the wheels turning on how they can replace it at the cheapest cost possible. He said if the \$100,000 does pass, he thinks there is maybe \$5,000 in that CRF so funding is going to be a little bit tight so they're trying to figure out how to get it replaced and stay within that if possible.

Mr. King said they reached out to a resident who could get these poles and they are not the standard poles they're the ones for power lines and they're up to 16" in diameter so they're not the standard utility poles they're the larger ones used for transfer lines that they could get for that \$200 apiece. He said the resident came forth and he knows people that have these used ones from taking down the ones recycled from power line work and he is trying to get a contractor to see what they can do for a price.

He said he was up there and it's pretty bad off and if they are going to carry it through another year it's going to cost us money and they already put some money into bracing it because it was lifting off at the top. He said they could get a couple more years out of it but it's just going to be pouring good money after bad and it needs to be somewhere else. He said they spend all this extra labor because it's up there and the guys are down at the highway garage and we should have relocated it down here 10 years ago. He said they have guys constantly going back and forth and it's right next to the river and it shouldn't be there and it needs to be right where they're working. He said it's a shed and asked what they could get up there that going to last the next 30 years.

Mr. Dickie said they put that one there after he got out of high school so it's over 40 years.

Mrs. Morin joked that's a long time ago!

Mr. King said it's a safety concern without putting additional money into it and he would like to just keep pursuing what they can get for a price because it would be great if they could do it this year and building season here will be starting pretty soon. He asked if they needed to talk to NH DES about the location.

Mr. Dickie said he didn't think it was too close and he talked to Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Ron Lemer and he didn't think so but he will talk to DES just to make sure that they're not too close to the streams or the brook.

Mr. King added or our wastewater treatment plant.

Mr. Vachon asked if he talked to John Cardinal about the one he put up and see what that cost him.

Mr. Dickie said he would ask hm.

Mr. Vachon said Alton built one that same style with the vinyl dome but he didn't know what it

cost. He said they built it in-house with 6' long concrete blocks for edges in the back and then they put the vinyl cover on it. He said they put that up for fairly minimal cost and those blocks aren't that expensive and he buys them all the time for blocking off parks and stuff and they're fairly cheap something like \$40 apiece.

Mr. King asked about their lifespan.

Mr. Brannan said he thought it either 50 or 75 years on the steel.

Mr. Vachon said his concern was the cover itself.

Mr. Brannan said he was not sure.

Mr. Vachon said the one in Alton has to be 6 or 7 years old by now.

Mr. Brannan said if they're not getting 25 years out of it then its not worth it.

Mr. King said if they get a price on that and on the pole barn type that will tell them whether they want to consider it. He said he would be skeptical because of the life of the vinyl.

Mr. Vachon said his concern was they'd be replacing it in 10 years.

Mr. King said if they do poles and something gets damaged, they can just replace it and they need to make the front high enough so they aren't hitting the headboards on the trucks and that one over there looks to be about only 20 ft.

Mr. Brannan said it's 15 ft. to the beam the trusses are actually 16 ft. and they're not high enough.

Mr. King suggested going 20 ft. high on the front and slope it to the back.

Mr. Brannan said he would say 24 ft.

Mr. King said you have to be able to get to 24 which you may not be able to do with the poles. He said the poles they may be able to get may only be 26 ft. which you have to haul over the road unless we pay for special trucking. Either way we have to work at getting the price he said.

Mr. Brannan said he would like to see 18 or 20 ft. in the back so they can get to it with the loader and hit them.

Mr. King asked how high the edge of the loader bucket would be going up.

Mr. Brannan said it can get up to 16 ft. when you push up that pile. He said ideally, they would make it another 20 ft. deep and a little bit wider on the salt portion. He said they didn't need as much room for the sand in the mix so they wouldn't have to crowd it as much.

Mr. Vachon asked Mr. Dickie to keep working on this and get the board some pricing.

Mr. Staples asked if the houses around there are on a well or Town water.

Mr. Dickie said Town water.

Mr. Staples said the only thing DES might worry about is contaminating wells.

Mr. King said they might want to have the Assessing Clerk check that and it should be on the record with everything up that street is on Town water because they'd be getting an assessment and a bill. He said they should make sure there isn't an old well there because the houses there are old enough that they could be on a private well. Just because the water runs by doesn't mean they're on it he said.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Vote to Apply- Mr. Dicke said he needed the board to do an official

vote to accept the potential of getting \$10,100 to pursue the Hazard Mitigation Plan renewal. He said he needed the official vote from the board because to submit for the grant it needs to be notarized and the meeting minutes have to be part of it and it's very detailed when working with the state. He said the board gave him the general approval last week but he needs an official vote.

Mr. Vachon asked if that was the official wording that they have here or no.

Mr. Dickie said it was to pursue the Hazard Mitigation Plan to get up to \$10,100 for the Town to renew the Hazard Mitigation.

Mr. Vachon said the last thing in their packets is guidance for meeting minutes and asked if that is the motion that they would like to see or if they need to make a different motion for \$15,000.30 or do they replace that amount with the \$10,000.

Mr. Dickie said it's \$10,800 for the Town of Farmington.

Mr. Vachon asked if that was the wording they have to use to make it valid.

Mr. Dickie said yes it is.

Mr. Vachon then asked for the total cost of the project because it asks for the total cost of the project in which the Town will be responsible for a 10% match or do they just have to state the \$10,800.

Mr. Dickie said they just have to state the \$10,800.

Motion: (Vachon, second Morin) to pursue the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program as presented in the amount of \$10,800 for updating the local Hazard Mitigation Plan passed 5-0.

Homeland Security Grant- Mrs. Morin said there was an e-mail sent to them for document sharing for another grant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Mr. Dickie said he believes that is the potential to go after the levee monies. He said once they get this in place then they can go after a grant to help us offset the cost because right now they're with the Army Corps of Engineers and it's an 80/20 split and it could be up to \$200,000 or a little more coming out of our pockets. He said he has been working with Mr. Pimental on this but he needs to get the mitigation plan in place to allow us to go after it.

Interim Fire Chief- Mrs. Morin said she was looking at the documents and maybe they did this at the last meeting when she wasn't here and asked if they need to appoint someone as the interim Fire Chief.

Mr. Vachon said they did not do that at the last meeting.

Mr. Dickie said he has been working with Mr. Pimental trying to go after that because they don't have the Fire Chief replaced.

Mrs. Morin asked if they wanted to consider an interim for that position.

Mr. King said they talked about the Deputy Chief so they have a formal Fire Chief during the interim period until they hire one.

Mr. Dickie said Rolly Edgerly is the Deputy he has been working with.

Motion: (King, second Morin) to appoint Rolly Edgerly as the Interim Fire Chief until a permanent replacement is found;

Discussion: Mrs. Titus said she thought that was a good choice.

Mr. Vachon asked if he accepted that he would fill in as the Fire Chief.

Mr. Dickie said yes.

Amendment: Mr. King said it was reasonable to compensate him for this time and amended his motion to add and to compensate him with a 10% pay increase during the interim period.

Mrs. Morin accepted the amendment.

Vote: the motion passed 5-0.

Road Work Materials-Mr. King said he is okay if they have to get some materials and Mr. Dickie can spend up to \$5,000 without getting their permission and \$5,000 will get you maybe 10 triaxles of stone. He said if they have to bring in some materials especially in these next few weeks just get it, we're going to use it.

Mr. Dickie said he will make sure and he usually goes to the Town barn every morning trying to make sure they have what they need and keep moving so if we need material, he will tell them to go ahead and buy it.

Mr. King said maybe when they crush next year they will have a different list of the stuff they need.

Mr. Vachon said this year Mr. Brannan had them do 3" crush for road bases and he didn't know if they did any 1.5" and they had plenty of ¾ crushed down there so they did some beefier stuff for road base.

Mr. Staples said because he wants to rebuild some of these dirt roads.

Mr. King said if they put the stone in crushed too fine that stuff is just going to float back out and they put the stone in to firm them up. He said if they need 10 triaxles because they don't have it they better get it today it's not like they're not going to use it.

Mrs. Morin said if they're going to move the Hornetown Rd. Bridge to River Rd. that's going to need some serious attention from all of the water that has come through since the flooding.

Mr. Dickie said he has already been working with Mr. Brannan on that because they need to do some prep work for that road because they're talking about potentially bringing the bridge down from the Hornetown side and they're going to walk it to see but they have to open it up so they can get down through there as it's grown in.

Mrs. Morin said it has grown in, there are trees in the middle and there are crevices that are pretty deep going across the roads.

Mr. Vachon asked if they are authoring Mr. Dickie to spend up to \$10,000.

Motion: (King, second Morin) to authorize Ken Dickie to spend up to \$10,000 to buy the necessary materials for road repairs;

Discussion: Mr. Vachon said that should be roughly 19 triaxles depending on the delivery charges.

Vote: the motion passed 5-0.

9). New Business:

Cartwright Property House Lot Potential Sale- Town Planner Kyle Pimental said he sent the

board a map of the Cartwright property just to visualize the portion that is Town owned now and the 4 residential lots off of Bay Rd. and he was looking for some input from the board on how they want to proceed with selling these lots. He said he already asked the Assessing Clerk to reach out to the Town's Assessor to see what the market value is for these 4 parcels but they also have the option of using the Town's auctioneer.

He said he was sure they could get a higher price if they go in that direction but this is really the Selectmen's decision on how to move forward with the sale of these with the thought that the revenue generated from these house lots would go back into a management plan for the property, parking lots, trails, whatever else they plan out for the property. He said they are talking 380 acres and that's a lot to manage. He said they could get to the management side later but at first, he was looking for some direction on how they would like to proceed with these 4 lots.

Mr. Vachon said he thought they should use the auctioneer that's what they're trying to use for all of their sales.

Mrs. Morin said she agreed but that they need a starting value.

Mr. King said he would like to see Mr. Pimental reach out to the Auctioneer through Mr. Dickie and say these are 4 lots and the Town is considering selling them for that money to be put towards this project and what his thoughts are as far as doing them all at once, one at a time, what he feels the value should be and put forth a proposal to the board to approve and then have him sell them that's why they hired this firm. He said they have done it differently in the past and this is a new process for them and hopefully they have better success than by doing it by sealed bid which they have done in the past. That works but I think we lose the competitive advantage by marketing it ourselves because we don't get the word because we just use the means that we normally use he said.

He said he thought this year would be the year to do that and they need to come up with a plan but there is some initial planning stuff that they know that they need to do. He said they know when the spring breaks they have to do some cleanup on the site and some posting, not posting preventing people from using the site but posting like this is the parking area.

He said they know they need to do some cleanup internal to the site and they know there are some old vehicles from the 1950's, there is probably some log clearing debris and they should find somebody to do that. He said they need to sell these properties and they need to do some initial cleanup and inventory when they do that cleanup maybe through Town resources but this is a pretty big size piece and they may need to get somebody to give them a price to do some of that cleanup if they can't find it through volunteerism. He said they need to come up with a list of the things they know they have to do first and that's selling this property to put aside, cleanup internally, around the perimeter, do some notice where they need to do it and come with this is what we have to have done in the short term.

He said and then put that together with a broader plan and that's probably going to need a group or a subcommittee appointed by this board saying what's the plan and who they are

going to get to work on it. He said he didn't think it was fair just to say the Conservation Commission here you go because they have trouble getting a full board and we would be better served by having a broader volunteer board of people willing to help and provide an opinion of how to go about it. Maybe we could flush out a plan by the end of the year, kind of a basic long term plan but I think there are a bunch of steps we can do sooner than later and that's site cleanup, site prep, sell the lots for money and have it start being accessed by the public and try to build some interest in the project to get some volunteerism along with a subcontractor to do some basic stuff, parking areas, trails, boards that show the property and where it's at he said. Mrs. Titus asked if this property abuts the Valley View School to do a second egress for safety. Mr. King said he believes so.

Mrs. Titus said maybe they can talk to the school district and they might want to buy some of that property.

Mr. King said that may not be an allowed use unless it's just an emergency exit.

Mr. Vachon said they would have to find out if they can actually cut an emergency exit through that property depending on what restrictions were placed on the deed.

Mr. King said there is already an access thru there.

Mr. Vachon asked if it goes out thru that entire property. He said he was told there is one behind the high school that goes up to Bay Rd.

Mr. King said that's the one he was thinking of by the high school to the water tower but he didn't know if that is on this property.

Mr. Vachon said no that it's off to the side of Valley View and pointed out the location of VVCS on the map to Mr. King.

Mrs. Titus asked if they would be allowed to do that or if there would be access to do that.

Mr. Vachon said they would have to build a bridge because that river runs right thru it. He asked if those are all buildable lots.

Mr. King said yes.

Mr. Pimental said they do fall under specific covenants though from the Waldren subdivision that proceeded this so if someone wanted to buy one and put a duplex would not be able to do that-single family only. He said there are covenants that any buyer would want to be aware of and they would share that with the auctioneer so everybody is clear on what they can do but all 4 lots are buildable lots.

Mr. Vachon said it's awful steep behind a couple of those lots and he didn't know if the lot itself was buildable.

Mr. Pimental said it's an approved subdivision.

Mr. King said he was on the (Planning) board at the time and they did the subdivision with pretty clear intent and being reasonable with the terrain out there so it wasn't like it was poor quality lots and a lot of thought went into that subdivision of subdividing those lots off that made sense and that's why they had the covenants. He asked if there was a setback covenant.

Mr. Pimental said he hasn't looked at the covenants so he didn't know he just knew that the

covenants are referenced in the deeds that the Town has conveying them to any new owner. Mr. King said their intent was to preserve the quality of the residential feel in that area and that's why some of the restrictions were put on the lots.

Mr. Pimental asked if there was general consensus that the board would want them to move in the direction of the auctioneer.

Consensus of the board was to have them move on to the auctioneer.

Mr. King said that is what they told this contractor they were going to do.

Mr. Staples said he has attended his auctions and he hasn't seen any land go for dirt cheap and a lot of the stuff he has is above the value of what it should be.

Mr. Dickie said he has a meeting with the auctioneer on Wednesday.

Mr. Pimental said they would move forward with that and that he agreed with Mr. King that developing a short term and long term plan for this and on what some of the things that need to be done right away he agreed that some of the cleanup efforts that were identified in the Phase I assessment, there are some photos of cars, tires and other stuff that needs to be picked up there, figuring out how much volunteers are willing to take on and what additional work may need to be contracted out.

Mr. Dickie said he would have the highway garage road crew go up and take a look.

Mr. Vachon said if they can fit it in we have some other priorities with them.

Mr. King said he wanted to be cautious about that because there are a lot of things the highway crew has to do and this would be nice but they are not cramped on lead time and if they can get out there with 6 people with a bring your own equipment day they can get it whipped out pretty quick.

Mr. Vachon asked Mr. Dickie if he knew of anyone with a tractor.

Mr. Dickie said no.

Mr. Pimental said the Town has owned this property for a month and they're going to have it for the rest of time so there's a whole lot of opportunity for this property to be not only a gem for the Town but for the region but there's no rush. He recommended that the Town take their time to do this right so they're not retroactively trying to fix things or putting trails in where they don't belong.

He said one of the other things they would want to do is a full survey of the property with a wetland delineation to help determine where it makes the most sense to drive recreational activities, where sensitive areas are that they may want to avoid and making a trail system that makes sense and is not just a trail to nowhere. He said eventually if there is a pedestrian bridge that goes over the river to Spring St. maybe that's part of a long-term plan for this but having a survey done and then coming up with either a management plan or a master plan for this to figure out how they want to manage this land over time.

He said whether that is the Cons Com that is going to be in charge of that or there's another entity the Town wants to consider, originally they had talked about partnering with Southeast Land Trust and the Town made a decision that they wanted to move forward and get the deeds

in place first so they had all control over what the uses where to insure they had potential for a well if needed and other improvements that they want to make to the property that maybe they would not have been able to do if they had controlled the conveyance. He said now that that's in place if the board wants to revisit that at some point, they always can but the Planning Dept. staff can help come up with some of those short term and long-term goals and come back to them with that. He said the big thing is what they want to do with the lots that have some form of injection of funding to help pay for some of these things that are going to cost the Town some money.

Mr. King said his opinion was to have the Town secure it initially without partnering up with anybody initially but he was not opposed to looking at it. He said they need to get the initial cleanup done, inventory it for ourselves and then maybe look at a couple of options from outside organizations such as SELT and Moose Mountains Regional Greenways and get some other ones and ask them what they would bring to the table that we can't supply ourselves, what it's going to cost us and what we're going to get for it because they may have different preferred uses.

He said we took it with minimum restrictions as far as the uses but before they put on other restrictions they want to make an informed decision. He said there may not be any but they have a preference of how they manage those properties and what requirements go with them. He asked what the long-term benefits are vs. us trying to do it ourselves.

He said having a survey makes sense and they should get some estimates.

Mr. Vachon asked if they had any idea what that would cost-it's a funky shaped big lot and it's not going to be cheap.

Mr. Pimental said not that they have to use them but he believes that Norway Plains has some survey work that was done prior on the pieces of this.

Mr. King said but the original developer New Dam Partners were using a survey firm north of us that no longer has a business and he didn't know who picked it up after that if anybody.

Mr. Pimental said in speaking with Randy (Tetreault, Norway Plains surveyor) he said there were some CAD files that existed in and around here at least some boundary surveys that were done.

Mr. King said they've done a lot of work in town so he didn't have a problem with getting one quote for now to at least get a rough order of magnitude and then the board can decide if they want to go for bids or weigh that because potentially it could be a big number and they could be talking \$50,000.

Mr. Pimental said he was thinking it would be between \$30,000 and \$50,000.

Mr. King said there were already wetland delineations done and asked who did that and they may want to ask for there to be access to that. He said if he had Norway Plains do some wetland delineations on a parcel and then he sold the parcel that engineering work doesn't go to the next owner he would have to authorize that to go so if somebody has engineering surveys they may have to contact the donor and ask if they would give us access to that through their engineering firm if they still exist.

He said Mr. Tetreault would know the correct terminology and there probably has been a bunch of work and he may be able to get access to that. He gave the example of the property he bought on Rt. 11 and he was able to go through the seller to get the survey information and their engineering firm that he could build off from. He said if Mr. Tetreault is going to do the work and he knows who did the work and they can get transfer of the rights to that information from her he can work with them to reduce some of the cost. There's a professional relationship where they trade information because that's what the landowners want he said.

Mr. Pimental said the other thing they're going to get to is there was some baseline documentation that they had hired Barry Keith to put together for us and they don't have that yet but there might be some information there they can also use. He said it may be sort of a piece meal but not a full survey because there might be work that was already done but it's a big undertaking it's a massive piece of property. He said the big square shown on the map is made up of multiple lots and that's all of the lots together. He said the Town may choose to merge the lots together but right now that's 4 different parcels that are sort of mixed in there. He said that was the direction he was looking for and thinking about how they wanted to move forward in the short term and long term so this was really helpful. He said he wanted to mention that as he was sitting in the audience and listening to the other conversations, he sent a message to their Transportation Planner to ask about flashing lights at crosswalks and Mr. Brannan asked him what the process is for a community to petition the state to lower the speed limit if the Town decides they want to move in that direction and any other safety improvements that might be eligible for grants so he sent him a message and he can get back to Mr. Dickie and Mr. Vachon when he hears back from him and they can forward it on to the rest of the board.

He then said to piggyback off of Mr. Dickie's comment about the Hazard Mitigation Plan and the funding that Mrs. Morin referred to is the BRIC funding. He said the BRIC stands for Building Resilient Infrastructure in Communities and is a FEMA grant that is fed thru Homeland Security and the challenge is you need a non-expired Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Town's plan has been expired since August of last year thru no fault of the Town.

He said this has been an issue with the state and they were not able to get the funding to the communities in time so a lot of communities in our region have expired plans which has a direct impact on applying for certain funds and the whole system is not functioning the way that it should. He said they're not providing towns with the money in a timely manner for them to get their Hazard Mitigation Plans in place to then be eligible to actually implement the plan and then go after some of this other funding.

He said hopefully once that funding becomes available the Planning Commission is going to be your contractor to do that and he will sit as Town staff for that and help push that along as quick as he can to get that in the review process so when the fall comes around and the next round of BRIC funding the Town will be ready to apply at that time. We'll see what funding is available to help cover the costs of the work from the Army Corps of Engineers and whatever levee studies

need to be done to meet that criteria so you don't end up with a giant floodplain behind it that's going to impact that entire neighborhood which is they're going to need floodplain insurance which is likely to be costly he said.

Mr. Pimental then asked if they had any other questions and hearing none he thanked the board and left the meeting.

Economic Development Committee- Mrs. Morin said she saw a little blurb about the EDC being disbanded and she wanted to clarify that the EDC has not been disbanded by the Select Board. Mrs. Titus said she didn't think they disbanded they just don't have enough members to hold a meeting.

Mrs. Morin said they don't have enough people so they are looking for people to serve on the EDC.

Mr. Vachon noted as with most of the boards they are still looking for volunteers.

Mrs. Morin said the Budget Committee only had 1 person sign up for the voting next Tuesday.

More Police Presence?-Mr. Staples said they heard a lot tonight about speed through town and that people aren't yielding to pedestrians on crosswalks and asked if they can get Police Chief Scott Orlando to do a couple of directed patrols, write some tickets and slow some people down.

Mr. Dickie said he will continue to do it he's been active and he has seen Officer Danielle Morin patrolling up thru town early in the morning, at noon and at 3 p.m. and he would ask if they can increase it.

Spring Street Property- Mrs. Titus said there is a house on Spring St. that she thinks the Town owns and there is a broken window and she didn't know if people are going in and out of that and asked if they could get that boarded up.

Mr. Staples said he already brought that up to the Building Inspector and he said there is no real way they could into there from that position that steep.

Mr. King asked if they own a house on Spring St. hopefully they are going to sell it.

Mr. Dickie said they are and that's on the list.

Mr. Vachon said Mr. Dickie was doing some research on that property.

Mrs. Titus said there is a tree against the house and a broken window and people must be going in and out of there so she was just bringing it up because she thought it should be boarded up. She said they boarded the front door so maybe they could put the window.

Memorial Day Parade Committee-Mrs. Titus said the parade committee is meeting at the American Legion on March 14 at 5:45 p.m. and they can call Angela or her if they want to be a part of it and they are looking for the 4H group, the karate people, the school district and she reached out to KJ and he is going to get back to her. She said the parade is on Sunday, May 26 at 1 p.m. and if you want to be a part of it, please let someone know and they would welcome that.

10). Town Administrator's Business:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day-Mr. Dickie said he would get it on the website as

well but he wanted to announce that May 4 is the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and it goes from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. He said you bring it to Rochester at the turnkey residential drop-off center at 18 Isinglass Drive off of Rochester Neck Rd. He said he would post that on the Town website and on Face book so the residents know that's the day to bring their hazardous stuff down to Rochester.

11). Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, Town Hall at 6 p.m. (if needed)

Mr. Vachon said the elections are next Tuesday and the polls are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and there are 2 Selectmen running for re-election and asked if they were going to be sitting inside or have Pro Tems.

Mrs. Titus said she would be sitting inside and have somebody outside hold a sign for her.

Mr. Staples said he planned on sitting inside and have 1 of his guys hold a sign outside for him.

Mr. Vachon, Mrs. Morin and Mr. King said they would be there and Mr. Vachon said the 3 of them would run the curtains. He said in the past they haven't met the night before the elections because it's 2 long days in a row with the elections and Town Meeting and asked the board if they still want to meet next Monday or not.

Consensus of the board was not to meet unless it was necessary.

Mrs. Morin asked that if a meeting was necessary if they could meet prior to Town Meeting so they don't have an extra night out.

Mr. Dickie asked where they planned to meet so he can post it in case it is needed.

Consensus of the board was to post a meeting for 6 p.m. on Wed., March 13 at the Town Hall in case a meeting is needed.

Mr. Vachon said that when he looked at the calendar on the Town website it showed the Selectmen's meetings starting at 7 p.m. which is incorrect and then saw that it now says 6 p.m.

Mr. Dickie said it did say 7 p.m. and he had it corrected today.

Mr. Vachon wished everyone a good night and that he would see everybody at voting next week.

12). Non-Public Session C:

Motion: (King, second Titus) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) Reputation passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (Vachon, King, Titus, Morin, Staples-aye) at 7:40 p.m.

Motion: (King, second Titus) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 7:49 p.m.

13). Non-Public Session D:

Motion: (Vachon, second Morin) to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) Compensation passed 5-0 by a roll call vote (Vachon, King, Titus, Morin, Staples-aye) at 7:49 p.m.

Motion: (Staples, second King) to come out of non-public session passed 5-0 at 8 p.m.

14). New TV:

Mr. Dickie asked the board if anyone was opposed to him purchasing a new television to put on

the wall in the conference room to allow them to conduct/participate in electronic meetings.

Motion: (Morin, second King) to allow Ken Dickie to spend up to \$400 to purchase a new TV;

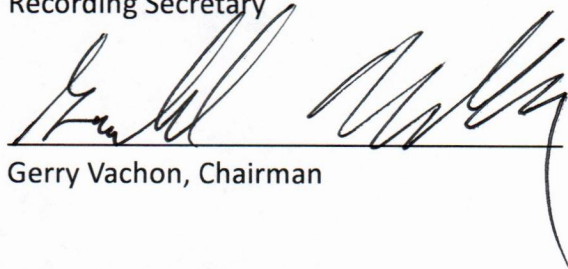
Amendment: by Mr. King: to spend up to \$1,000 with the funds to come from the Community Television Special Revenue Fund

Vote: the motion passed 5-0.

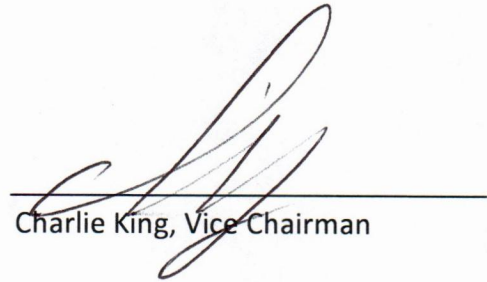
15). Adjournment:

Motion: (Vachon, second Morin) to adjourn the meeting passed 5-0 at 8:02 p.m.

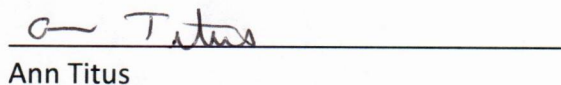
Kathleen Magoon
Recording Secretary



Gerry Vachon, Chairman

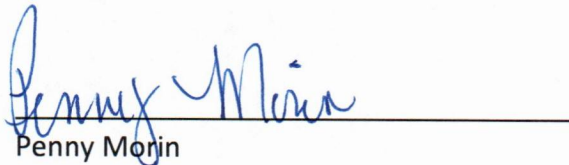


Charlie King, Vice Chairman



Ann Titus

Douglas Staples



Penny Morin