



Select Board Meeting on December 9, 2014

Present: Select Board Members Charles Moser, Chair, Bernie O'Grady and Louise Lavoie

Assistant Building Inspector Bob Bergeron, Chief Barry Hutchins, Broadband Committee Chair Steve Hoffman

Sixteen Citizens, Guest Speakers

I. Call to Order at 7:31 PM

II. Approvals

- a. Payroll Manifests
- b. Accounts Payable Manifest
- c. Approval of 11/25/14 Minutes as Written

III. New Business

a. Warrant Article request from town of Webster Selectmen  
More information is needed. Bernie O'Grady moved to decline support for request; Louise Lavoie seconded; passed unanimously

b. NRPC - Broadband presentation from Carol Miller, Director of Broadband Technology, DED, State of NH DRED

Ms. Miller is spearheading statewide initiatives. Towns like Mason with underserved areas have a choice of waiting for a service provider to be interested in an area where there is no economic return or to explore alternatives for service.

Ms. Miller's Suggested Plan of Action for a town:

Create a Vision

Set Goals and Objectives

Engage Public Participation

Promote and Sustain Broadband Initiatives with a Marketing Campaign

Complete A Community Assessment

Tools are available through UNH Extension Service.

NH Speed Test -- All residents are encouraged to take the test to document lack of adequate internet service.

[www.iwantbroadbandnh.org](http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org)

#### Establish Funding

NH Charitable Foundations may be a source of income. Town could create a donor fund in hopes that people might contribute or bequest money.

Bonding for Broadband Service Bill in Concord is in interim study committee; legislators are defining "adequate broadband"; towns are permitted by law to bond for broadband structure.

Steve Hoffman, Mason Broadband Committee discussed possibility of WiFi Coverage for underserved areas of Mason.

Brian T, CEO of WiValley Broadband Solutions, provided an overview of his company as a provider with hybrid solutions to cost effectively expand service areas. Also suggested the advantage of running fiber optic cable alongside the pipeline.

#### c. Highway Safety Grant

Motion to accept federal funding for \$6,485 to Mason Police Department. Louise Lavoie made motion; Bernie O'Grady seconded; passed unanimously; signed by Chair Moser

#### d. Review building Permit #25-14

Is in Village Residential District? Is it a pre-existing lot? Select Board needs answers to questions. Building Inspector Eric Anderson needs to provide approved septic design; no construction should begin until it is received.

e. Bond Payment Release to Monadnock Landclearing - Timber 14-293-13 approved after consultation with Road Agent Gary Lizotte

#### f. Sign Notice of Intent to Cut 14-293-18

Check to be sure applicant is current on real estate taxes, which will determine if bond is needed, before approval.

#### g. Tax Warrant 14-293-13 - discussed

### IV. Old Business

#### a. Highway Policies - tabled

V. Informational Items/Communication

- a. Communication from Mason Elementary - reviewed
- b. Police Logs - reviewed
- c. NHRS Retirement Training on 12/17/14 - Can webinar training be offered to save time and money?
- d. Communication from NH Employment Security - reviewed
- e. Staff Meeting on December 23 - Louise Lavoie to chair meeting at noon
- f. Road Agent Gary Lizotte scheduled to review highway budget

Motion by Charlie Moser to enter Executive Session at 9:51PM for 91-A:3 II(c) would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person. Bernie O'Grady seconded, unanimous vote.

Came out of non-public at 11:16PM and adjourned immediately.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by  
Barbara DeVore, Volunteer