

Minutes of the Special Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM

Members present: Christopher Ashley, Chair; Linda Cook; Steve Flanders; Dan Goulet; Keith Moran; Neil Fulton, Town Manager.

There were about 25 people in the audience.

Also participating: Doug Barba, Annah Dupuis, Milt Frye, Lucy Gibson, Jeff Goodrich, Beth Hazlett, Nancy Hoggson, Rosi Kerr, Sarah McGinley-Smith, Judy Miller, Norm Miller, Liz Ann Peyton, Sue Pitiger, Stuart Richards, Jennifer Roby, Demo Sofronas, Irv Thomae, Jay Van Arman, Fran Walz.

Ashley opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. He introduced the Selectboard members - Dan Goulet, Keith Moran, Linda Cook and himself; he reported that Steve Flanders would be a bit late, and introduced the Town Manager, Neil Fulton. Ashley explained that the warned agenda was for a meeting limited to public input and comments about the Main Street Paving Project, and that no decisions would be made at this meeting. The Project would be on the agenda at the next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting, June 25, 2014.

Ashely reviewed the rules for public comment asking that people please use the microphone, state their name and he set a limit of 3 minutes per comment, with a warning to wrap up at 3 minutes. He also asked people to summarize their points at first, since he was keeping minutes as they were required for any Selectboard meeting.

1. Public Forum on Main Street Paving Project. Several townspeople present spoke. Afterwards, Ashley summarized what he had heard and asked the audience to tell him if he had left something out: question about "why" this project was needed; concerns about safety - vehicle speed, children and other pedestrians, width of road way; the need for more public discussion about this project; the impact of the project on the fabric of the Town; the need for an overall plan and more pavement would increase the cost of the project. Audience members asked him to include: the historical district and the impact of changes.

Selectboard members were polled on their thoughts. Cook said the plan had not been on the table that long. Goulet said to repave the existing and then do a study. Moran did not want to change the country feel saying this is not New Jersey. Flanders supports paving existing and to study the rest. Flanders thanked Fulton and Hodgdon for the proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Approved by the Selectboard on August 27, 2014.

Christopher Ashley
Selectboard Chair

Next Regular Meeting – June 25, 2014 at 6:30 PM