

Board of Selectmen Minutes 05/04/2015

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Board of Selectmen	May 4, 2015
Regular Meeting	Selectmen's Hearing Room, Town Hall

Present:	Philip Crawford, Chairman
	Thomas Terranova Jr, Selectman
	Christopher Barrett, Selectman

Chairman Crawford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He announced that the meeting was being recorded for transmission via cable television. He led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council on Aging interview

Gloria Lemieux was interviewed by the Board for a vacant position on the Council on Aging. Senior Center Director Linda Naccara said Ms. Lemieux has been very involved in volunteering at the center and is hard-working, friendly and loyal, and has been an advocate for the center. Ms. Lemieux said the center is like a second home to her, and praised Ms. Naccara.

Chairman Crawford noted that she takes advantage of the center's offerings and said it is a tribute to the center that she now is stepping forward to serve on the board. Selectman Terranova said he spoke with Ms. Lemieux today and thanked her for volunteering and now stepping up to the board. Selectman Barrett thanked her for her willingness to serve.

On the motion of Selectman Terranova, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Gloria Lemieux to a vacant position of the Council on Aging, the term of which expires on June 30, 2016.

Donation to Fire Department

Chairman Crawford noted that Allan Burnham, one of the original full-time firefighters in Town, has made a generous donation of \$10,000 to the preservation of the Fire Department's antique Model T fire truck, and said the Board wanted to publicly acknowledge his generosity.

Mr. Burnham remarked that the vehicle is so old its Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) is F106. After a brief discussion of other antique fire vehicles in the region, Mr. Burnham said that he was on the Fire Department in 1963 when the vehicle was obtained and worked on getting it ready for the 1976 Bicentennial parade. He retired from the department in 1986 to start his own company with now retired former Fire Chief Joseph Lingel, sold his interest in that company in 1999, founded a equipment maintenance and testing company, and is now again retiring. He said this is his way of leaving a mark and said he hopes others will donate to the preservation fund. Board members thanked Mr. Burnham for his donation.

On the motion of Selectman Terranova, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to accept the \$10,000 donation from Mr. Burnham.

Request for addition to Rotary Park in memory of Henry Lowey

Diane Lowey Stump and members of the Lowey family asked the Board for permission to place a tree and a plaque at Rotary Park near Pillings Pond in honor of Henry "Hank" Lowey, who lived in Lynnfield for 53 years, was active in Town events and organizations, including the Lynnfield Republican Town Committee, and loved town, said Ms. Stump. They had sought originally to have a bench placed at the park, but have adopted the tree planting as Plan B. The Lowey family will pay for the cost of this project.

Public Works Director Andrew Lafferty said he visited the site and said there are locations suitable for a tree or a bench. Family members said they would prefer a bench.

Selectman Barrett said he knew Mr. Lowey, and said he was a wonderful man and that he and Alan Dresios, who was also in attendance, recall his dedication to the Republican Town Committee.

On the motion of Selectman Terranova, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to allow the placement of a bench and a dedication plaque at Rotary Park in the memory of Mr. Lowey. Chairman Crawford said the family should coordinate with the Department of Public Works on the specifics.

Street paving schedule

Mr. Lafferty presented to the Board the street paving schedule for Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016. Mr. Lafferty said he, Town Engineer Charles Richter, and the DPW staff review the roadways based on a number of criteria, look at the evaluations of the pavement management program, and check the

recent damage due to the winter snow season, as there were significant changes to road conditions due to the poor weather. The DPW also tries to coordinate paving with utility companies, including National Grid, Verizon and the local water departments, trying to have any utility work in the street done prior to the paving work.

Two projects carried over from the previous year, on Lovell Road and Bourque Road, required significant drainage improvements and will be reconstructed. There will also be a large amount of patching of potholes.

Selectman Barrett asked about roadways not included in the list. Mr. Lafferty said regular pothole work is being conducted on a daily basis. He said other projects will be added if there are sufficient funds and time when these projects are completed. He noted there are about \$1.2 million in available funds, and said that there is little cushion with the projected cost of the listed projects, but he said he thinks the DPW can make it work.

Chairman Crawford noted there is a big difference in cost and timetable when dealing with full construction versus and overlay. Mr. Lafferty said some of the full construction projects may continue into next year if drainage issues or subsurface defects are found. A binder would be placed on the roads for the winter. He said the Wing Road project could take the entire summer. Chairman Crawford asked if the DPW would address the drainage issues in the Perry Avenue and Ledge Road areas. Mr. Lafferty said the intent with the road projects would be to address collapsed drain lines, not redesign the drainage system. He said that the Ledge Rod drainage issue requires a design review. Chairman Crawford noted that some areas with issues, such as Ledge Road and London Road, are not accepted Town roadways.

Chairman Crawford noted that the annual funding for road work has increased in three years from \$600,000 to \$1.2 million. He said this amount of funding will provide a good test of what can be accomplished. Operating budget funds must be used before June 30 in each fiscal year; WRAP funds must also be used before the end of June. He asked about the availability of contractors. Mr. Lafferty said that he has begun speaking to contractors about scheduling their work and noted all communities are seeking to begin work. He said there are only a few large paving contractors. The reclaiming contract has been rebid so that if the primary contractor is not responsive, the secondary contractor can be utilized.

Chairman Crawford asked if outside engineers will be brought in. Mr. Lafferty said the Town will contract with outside field inspectors, as this work will be too much for one person. Chairman Crawford asked about the order in which the work will be done. Mr. Lafferty said the milling and overlay work will be done first, and said that contractor availability and weather will affect the scheduling. Mr. Richter said that that the DPW is coordinating with utilities so that newly finished roads will not have to be re-opened.

Selectman Terranova asked about marking on Cortland Lane, which he said is in poor condition. Mr. Richter said the Town is doing some patching there, and Reading Municipal Light Department is installing underground cable. Mr. Lafferty said the utility will be required to patch the roadway. Mr. Richter said he will look at the condition of the road. Mr. Terranova said that it is tough to prioritize the road work, as the winter caused significant damage. Mr. Lafferty said that the previous director, Dennis Roy, had an in-house management system for tracking road projects. The last overall evaluation of Town roads took place two and a half years ago. Reviewing that list this year, roads were examined, and utility company schedules were checked. Ideally, the Town would resurface all of Walnut Street, but this would be the only street the Town could address this year. Main roads are very costly. There were well over a dozen roads that could have been added to the list if additional funding and resources were available.

Resident Katy Shea said that many people mentioned the condition of roads to her when she was campaigning for selectmen this year. She asked what other roads would be addressed if additional funding were available. Mr. Lafferty said that sections of Edgemere Road, Hidden Valley Road, Timberhill Lane, Summer Street, Walnut Street, Grey Lane, Maddison Lane and Pine Hill Road need attention.

Selectman Barrett asked about sidewalk maintenance. Mr. Lafferty said that that when a road is slated for repair, the sidewalks are examined. He said there is additional money for sidewalk repair apart from road repair in the operating budget. He noted state Chapter 90 funds cannot be used for sidewalk-only projects. Selectman Terranova pointed out damaged sidewalks on Fairview Avenue and on Salem Street near the Perley Burrill property. Mr. Lafferty noted that Salem Street is a state roadway, not a Town roadway. Chairman Crawford said he has received complaints about root damage to sidewalks on Main Street. Mr. Lafferty asked residents to report damage to streets and sidewalks to the Department of Public Works.

Board members thanked Mr. Lafferty and Mr. Richter for the presentation.

Appointment of temporary assistant wire inspector

Mr. Boudreau said that Director of Inspectional Services Jack Roberto has requested that Arthur M. Skinner Jr. be appointed temporary assistant wire inspector. The wire inspector is on vacation, an assistant wire inspector is on vacation, and the other assistant inspector is not available. Mr. Roberto has worked with Mr. Skinner before.

On the motion of Selectman Terranova, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Arthur M. Skinner Jr. of Malden as temporary assistant wire inspector, with a term ending on May 31.

Use of Town facilities

On the motion of Selectman Terranova, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request from the Lynnfield High School girls' soccer team to use the South Fire lot on September 27, 2015 and October 4, 2015 (rain date) for a car wash fundraiser.

On the motion of Selectman Terranova, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to approve a request from Centre Yoga of Lynnfield to use the common on August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2015 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for free yoga lessons.

Chairman Crawford read proclamations from the Board honoring retired firefighters F. Joseph Lingel, Eric Blackman and James Johnson for their service.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS:	F. Joseph Lingel has served as a Lynnfield firefighter for 44 years, and his service to the Town and its residents has been marked by dedication, bravery, honesty, fairness, compassion and devotion to duty.
WHEREAS:	During his years of service to the Town of Lynnfield, F. Joseph Lingel has faithfully executed his duties as a member of the Lynnfield Fire Department always in a manner that has been a credit to himself, the Department, and the Town.
WHEREAS:	From 2013 to 2014, he served in the capacity of Chief and led the Lynnfield Fire Department with great distinction during that period.
THEREFORE:	We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Lynnfield do hereby offer our deep gratitude, and convey to him the thanks of the citizens of Lynnfield, for his 44 years of dedicated service to the Lynnfield Fire Department and the Town of Lynnfield.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS:	Lieutenant Eric Blackman served as a Lynnfield firefighter from March 15, 1993 through April 2, 2015, and his service to the Town and its residents has been marked by dedication, bravery and devotion to duty.
WHEREAS:	During his years of service to the Town of Lynnfield, Eric Blackman has faithfully executed his duties as a member of the Lynnfield Fire Department always in a manner that has been a credit to himself, the Department, and the Town.
THEREFORE:	We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Lynnfield do hereby offer our deep gratitude, and convey to him the thanks of the citizens of Lynnfield, for his 22 years of dedicated service to the Lynnfield Fire Department and the Town of Lynnfield.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS:	James Johnson served as a Lynnfield firefighter from April 1, 1987 through February 1, 2015, and his service to the Town and its residents has been marked by dedication, bravery and devotion to duty.
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WHEREAS:	During his years of service to the Town of Lynnfield, James Johnson has faithfully executed his duties as a member of the Lynnfield Fire Department always in a manner that has been a credit to himself, the Department, and the Town.
THEREFORE:	We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Lynnfield do hereby offer our deep gratitude, and convey to him the thanks of the citizens of Lynnfield, for his 28 years of dedicated service to the Lynnfield Fire Department and the Town of Lynnfield.

On the motion of Selectman Terranova, duly seconded by Selectman Barrett, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.