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Select Board

January 3, 2017

Present: Marj Roy, Vicky Mishcon, Jim Delaney, Dave Blinn

Also present were: Bill Keyser, Todd Adams

Road Agent Report:

Work continues on the fire truck conversion. Snow removal and sanding roads have been priority. Lawrence Street walkway is on the schedule.

Cemetery Warrant Article/S

Keyser questioned whether the Board of Selectmen would recommend the Cemetery Committee's warrant article requesting \$30,000 for the cemetery fence. After discussion, the Board recommended that the Cemetery Committee write two warrant articles so that the voters can decide how to pay for the fence. The first warrant article will be to request the full amount of \$30,000. If that fails, the second warrant article, as a back-up, will be a two-year plan requesting \$15,000 each year to accumulate the funds for the fence. Keyser will talk to the Cemetery Committee members tomorrow and have the information for the warrant article to the Board by Friday.

Chaffee Park Winter Damage

Todd Adams spoke to the Board about the damage at the beach and the road over by the beach. Vehicles are driving in an area where it is not meant for vehicular traffic. There is a specific spot where the road is deteriorating. Thompson will barricade the area to block vehicular traffic to the beach.

Additionally, there is a bob-house illegally on the beach again. This is the same bob-house at issue last spring.

Library Ramp

The company who is currently doing the masonry work on the Town Hall building foundation estimated that the cost to replace the handicapped ramp at the Library will be approximately \$15,000. The Board will look for other alternatives and additional estimates.

Snowmobile Club

Temporary Sign Request

Lisa Meier, Secretary of the Snowmobile Club contacted Roy for approval to put out a temporary large sign

again in front of the Town Hall. The Board discussed options for displaying this large temporary sign in places other than in front of the Town Hall for weeks. After the Board discussed other options, Delaney made the motion that all future temporary signs for functions or events be displayed on the Town Green, for not more than two (2) weeks, with no flashing lights, and to include the venue. Delaney made the motion. Mishcon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Roy will contact Meier with the Board's decision.

January 16, 2017

Present: Marj Roy, Vicky Mishcon, and Dave Blinn, and Jim Delaney

Also Present: Chief Glenn Laramie; John Thompson; Noise Ordinance Committee members, Donna Blinn and Gail Beaufays; Pecco Beaufays; Andy Guptill; John Sava; Jane Hubbard; Chris Braley; Jeff Newcomb; Fire Chief Rene Lefebvre; John Kinney; and Greg Stetson.

Noise Ordinance Public Hearing

Mishcon explained the formation of the committee tasked with developing an appropriate noise ordinance tailored for Andover. The Committee condensed the noise ordinance that was presented at Town Meeting in 2016 and made it workable for the Police Department to enforce if needed.

Andy Guptill commented that his concern was on Section #3 Application for Special Permit. The last sentence stated that applications for a special permit shall under no circumstances be granted for a Sunday, at any time. After discussion, the Board struck out that line so that Sunday would be exactly like the other six days of the week except for the time, limiting it until 8 AM on Sunday morning.

Chief Laramie commented that if any fines are assessed, that the money from the violations comes directly to the Town of Andover. No money goes to the State.

Pecco Beaufays suggested to the Board that non-residential brides who choose to have their wedding ceremony at the beach including those who are guests at his Inn, that a donation might be made to the town for use of the Town Beach. The Board will look into this prospect.

John Sava spoke to the Board about his concerns on the road treatment times during inclement weather on school days

on Beech Hill Road. Sava indicated that the roads are treated but not in time for the school bus run. Sava would like to see the times adjusted. Road Agent Thompson explained how the roads are treated in town and how the runs go. Thompson also explained that there are other roads in Andover having the same issues as Beech Hill Road. According to Town Policy the roads are not to be plowed until there are three inches of snow on the roads. Thompson brought up his concerns to the Board during last week's work session about updating the Town's snow plowing policy. Thompson said that the roads are more heavily traveled now and the Town needs to look at procedures and come up with new ideas on treating the road, other options other than what they use currently to treat the roads. However, other options could be costlier. The Board will review this policy on their next work session, Friday, January 20th and address it.

Jane Hubbard presented the Board with an outline to develop an Emergency Plan for the Lawrence Street Bridge should it fail. At last year's Town Meeting, some residents expressed a concern for family members especially elderly parents who live beyond the bridge if it were to fail. Mishcon explained that every three months an independent engineering firm inspects that bridge. If there are any changes, they notify the Town so adjustments can be made such as weight limits for crossing the bridge. The plan is to replace the bridge in 2021 when there

should be federal funds available. At this point, the State does not expect a catastrophic event for this bridge.

Fire Chief Lefebvre explained that if the bridge were to fail, they have the apparatus to do life safety, but would not likely be able to get their equipment up in that area beyond the bridge. They would be able to get people out, but not take care of structures. The upper end of Tucker Mountain Road is another road that has issues during mud season.

Hubbard suggested that a committee be formed so that a long-term plan can be developed. This way there would be options and procedures in place, information as to how to approach it. Hubbard suggested the committee be formed with representatives from the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Board of Selectmen, the Highway Department/Road Agent, and the school.

Mishcon will contact Nancy Mayville from Department of Transportation (DOT) for information if the bridge were to fail now. Bailey bridges, cost, etc.

Hubbard will send out an e-mail and start the process of forming a committee.

Mishcon requested that they schedule a meeting in February before Town Meeting.

Fire Department

Andy Guptill indicated that there have been opinions during the past ten years as to combining the fire precincts into one; others wanted to keep the two precincts separate. Administratively, See Minutes on page 28

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