A meeting of the Dunbarton Board of Selectmen (BoS) was held on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Dunbarton Town Offices.

Mike Kaminski called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Board members present:**
Mike Kaminski, Chairman
Dave Nault, Selectman
Robert “Bob” Martel, Selectman

**Town Officials and others present:**
Line Comeau, Town Administrator
Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

**Members of the public present:**
Brian Pike, (Planning Board member)
Bob Leonard

Leo Martel was present recording the meeting for the benefit of the citizens who could not attend.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approve Minutes**

*Motion*: by Bob Martel, seconded by Dave Nault to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 25th, 2019 as amended.

*Discussion*: none.

*Vote*: (3-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Brian Pike** would like to suggest that the parking lot at the town offices be striped, as there are no guidelines as to where to park. There are at least 2 spots that can’t be used because people are just parking wherever and not leaving enough room.

**Mailbox Items**

**Mike Kaminski** shared the following items of correspondence received over the past week:

- The 5 Rivers Conservation Trust initiative for a conservation easement was discussed at a meeting with the School Board last
night. It was a good discussion, and the BoS will be drafting a letter of support for the project.

- Email from Woody regarding some issues regarding a CDL issue. He had been invited to the meeting tonight but was unable to attend.

- A notice was received from NationalGrid stating that they are going to be performing some herbicide treatment along the powerlines. If residents are concerned they can contact NationalGrid to receive notification 30 days in advance of the treatment. Mike Kaminski suggested that they post the letter on Hot Topics. Leo Martel noted that they generally announce this in the newspaper. Dave Nault doesn’t really feel it should be up to the town to distribute this information to residents. Brian Pike suggested they call the Department of Agriculture.

- The Conservation Commission unanimously supports the Koerber property easement. They are looking to gain access via a walking path through the rear parking lot of the school. Space concerns are currently being discussed. Jeff Crosby asked why the property could be accessed from Mr. Koerber’s property. Mike Kaminski replied that there is not enough room to facilitate parking on Route 13. Jeff Crosby feels that if Mr. Koerber that is going to benefit financially from this arrangement, he should look into constructing something himself. Mike Kaminski said that this option along with many others are on the table. They are currently in an information-gathering phase. Dave Nault added that all that has been given is a commitment to work with them on an agreement. It will have to go to Town Meeting for voter approval. Dave Nault said that the next Conservation Commission meeting is on May 8th and they will be cleaning the Kimball Pond mill site.

- Linda Landry submitted a correction to the new fee schedule. The fee for a replacement dog license on the old schedule should have been listed at $1.50 instead of $1.00. as a result, the new fee will be $2.50 instead of $2.00.
  - **The BoS was in consensus to update the fee schedule to reflect this change.**

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
Mike Kaminski opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.
Jeff Crosby said there are several roads in town that have potholes that they are working to fix. There will also be shim-coating done on Gorham Pond Road & Montalona Road as needed.
The next major project they are planning right now is on Ray Road. After that project, that is the last section of road from the town center toward the north that needs any sort of work. They will then need to focus more on the south and east side of town (Montalona Road). They will also be doing roadside mowing, tree cutting, ditch work and culvert replacement. He is wondering if they should entertain a bond to fund an overlay on a lot of their roadways. He would like to at least start the discussion to determine how people would like to proceed. He acknowledges that this will always be an ongoing project, it isn’t something they are going to get caught up on.

Line Comeau said that she is hearing complaints from the K1 area of Gorham Pond Road.

Mike Kaminski inquired about the plan for dust mitigation this year. Mr. Crosby responded that they are going to continue with what they’ve done in the past.

Mike Kaminski asked about the finishing touches on the new road in Overlook. Mr. Crosby said that the things to be done are rather insignificant (grass seeding, tree cleanup, etc.). Lamontagne Builders still has a $15,000 bond on the project.

Dave Nault asked about the bridge and how it has held up with this spring’s high water flow. Mr. Crosby stated that it is doing very well. Plans are still in place to pave the bridge as well as the approach on each side.

Public Comment
Leo Martel said that on Tenney Hill Road, they would like to see the speed limit lowered. There are a lot more cars and even more foot traffic and bicycles using the road and people are driving too fast. Jeff Crosby agrees that it’s a good idea to lower the limit. Mike Kaminski said that they had asked the Police Department about the issue. Leo Martel said the police have been out there a couple of times, but really only on icy days when no one is speeding. He hasn’t seen them since. Mike Kaminski stated that he would like to follow up with the Police Department. Dave Nault asked what the current posted speed is. Leo Martel replied that it currently is not posted.

Brian Pike is curious as to how Ray Road was selected as a major road project, and wonders what the traffic counts currently are. Jeff Crosby said there is more traffic now that the new bridge has opened. Mr. Pike noted that once the work on Grapevine Road was completed, they had talked about continuing on to work on Montalona Road and Morse Road as well. Mr. Crosby replied that they are looking at trying to save what they have with the money they currently have. Some of the other roads that need work also require drainage work, which is something that Ray Road does not currently require.
Mr. Pike doesn’t feel a bond discussion is out of the question. Their roads are deteriorating rapidly, and they may get to a point where some roads are better off as gravel roads rather than asphalt.

Mike Kaminski asked if he expects any sort of money from the state. Jeff Crosby said not currently.

Brian Pike asked where they were with the road management program provided by Central NH Regional Planning. Jeff Crosby affirmed that they had worked with them and they provided an assessment to the town. If they want to continue with it, they have to buy into it. Mr. Pike understands what you get into that program, it’s something you can upload to and maintain yourself. He feels that it may be a helpful tool to use as far as looking toward a bond this fall. It may help to craft arguments and present evidence.

Brian Pike noted that there is some building activity taking place Montalona Road, so there are a lot of trucks and big rigs coming out of there and dragging soil out onto the road. He rides a motorcycle in good weather, and the road there is not safe for bike travel. Mike Kaminski asked Line Comeau to pass that information along to Chief Sklut to monitor the road conditions.

Bob Leonard of Holiday Shore Drive said that there are some sections where the ice builds up in the winter causing the culverts to raise the roadway on his road. Jeff Crosby acknowledged that it has been ongoing for a number of years, and they need to figure out a way to eliminate that problem. Their current budget is at $570,000. They’ve asked for an additional $100,000 per year to help shore up the department. Line Comeau noted the $570,000 is not entirely for road project. $230,000 of this would typically to go toward road repairs (culverts, etc.).

Bob Leonard said that there are 3 trees at 14 Holiday Shore Drive that are right on the roadway. It affected plow drivers this winter as well. Jeff Crosby agreed that there were a lot of challenges plowing there, but the trees didn’t look like they were dead so they aren’t posing that sort of hazard. Bob Leonard also mentioned a tree on Gary Road that is leaning rather precariously toward some power lines. There are some areas that could use some repaving or coating, including an area on Holiday Shore Drive toward the second beach.

Brian Pike asked what Jeff found out about culvert relining. Jeff Crosby replied that it ended up being more expensive than he expected it to be. Bob Leonard asked what material they use. Mr. Crosby replied that they use a PVC material. They fold it, then heat it up and it expands to cover the inside of the culvert.

Mike Kaminski asked about planned state road maintenance. Jeff Crosby said they received a notice regarding some paving work at routes 13 and 77.

Jeff Crosby addressed the parking lot issue mentioned by Mr. Pike. He stated that the directive received from the BoS last year was to not line the parking lot, with the
exception of the handicapped spots. Line Comeau said that with the increased traffic with the business next door, it may now be worth putting out some lines to offer some guidance.

Mike Kaminski closed the public hearing at 7:54 p.m.

Mailbox Items

Mike Kaminski shared the following items submitted to the BoS since the last meeting:

- The Police Department collected 50 pounds of prescription drugs during Drug Take Back Day.
- Welfare department update.
- Update from attorney regarding the ongoing utility settlement.
- Fire Chief Jon Wiggin submitted a document for the reappointment of existing wardens to be signed by the BoS.
- The resident with multiple vehicles on his property has already made significant progress in removing them. He understands the issue and is complying with the town’s request.

5-Rivers Easement

Dave Nault read a letter of support to be submitted to the 5-Rivers Conservation Trust: The Dunbarton Board of Selectmen unanimously support the development of the 5-Rivers Conservation Trust/Koerber Conservation Easement on 133 acres. We are very willing to work closely with the School Board and the Five Rivers Conservation Trust to resolve any issues that may be identified with creating a public access point to the property. We feel that protecting this property with such an easement is in the best interest of the citizens of Dunbarton. Additionally, our Conservation Commission voted to help fund a portion of this 5-Rivers Conservation Trust/Koerber Conservation Easement.

➢ The BoS is in consensus to submit the letter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Leo Martel asked that the BoS keep the public updated as things progress with the Koerber Easement. Mike Kaminski said that the next big update will be in June. They’re currently in the application process for funding.

BOARD MEMBER ISSUES

Dave Nault shared that Jeff Trexler will take a look at the 2nd floor of the Town Hall and will give his suggestions regarding the structure.
Bob Martel said that regarding the previously discussed Tenney Hill issue, the road is wide at the top of the hill, but once you get down toward the end it narrows a lot, so when people speed through there, it makes it even more dangerous. As far as involving the Police Department, they are only enforcement; they can’t change the speed limit. Mike Kaminski said they were in consensus to lower the speed limit. Jeff Crosby added that it would be a wise idea to lower the limit on all dirt roads in town. Line Comeau will ask the Police Department to come in to discuss the issue.

Line Comeau shared that the auditors were in the office for 2 days this week. They will return for more information soon. There was also 4 feet of water in the basement earlier this week. Dunbarton Fuel came out to help pump out the water. The sump pump apparently failed. They will be looking into having the alarms installed on the pump.

Line Comeau said that Keegan Westbrook will be looking at the roof issues in town (safety complex, highway garage). Line Comeau said that the search for new legal representation for the town is still a work in progress.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: by Dave Nault, Bob Martel seconded by to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: (3-0).

The BoS adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jennifer King, Recording Secretary

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Mike Kaminski, Chair

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Dave Nault, Selectman

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Bob Martel, Selectman