

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 4, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MEMBER'S PRESENT: Board Members Tim Copeland, David Canada and Bruno Federico and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine.

At 7:31 pm Mr. Copeland opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Deschaine reported that the current balance was \$8,428,670.56.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Copeland moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 14th and December 21st as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Megan McAllister, on behalf of the NHSPCA, stated that she was there for their annual request to use Stratham Hill Park for their Paws Walk event. She continued that they were keeping the same footprint and expected about the same number of people as the previous year.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request from the NHSPCA for the Paws Walk event with the same terms as the previous year, and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deborah Goarden, member of the Southeast Land Trust, indicated she was there to give a presentation on the trail relocation on the Short easement property. She continued that the new property owner had a problem with some of the trails coming close to his house. Ms. Goarden noted that the main concern was the Yellowjacket trail and that all parties had agreed on how to reroute the trails. She continued that Mr. Hickey and volunteers would be completing the work.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the letter of agreement with the new owner as presented. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

PARKS AND REC:

Mr. Hickey indicated that he had received a phone call from BMW and they wanted to host a sledding day at the Park in February. He continued they wanted to display a few vehicles and have food and giveaways. Mr. Copeland stated he liked the idea but opposed putting the cars out to sell. Mr. Federico responded that he did not have a problem with this as long as they were not selling on site.

Mr. Federico moved to allow BMW to hold a community event with the stipulation that there be no sales at the Park. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey discussed the issues and status of the skating rink.

Mr. Hickey noted that he was approached by Stone Oven catering to possibly set up a partnership with the town. He continued that they were looking to hold events at the Park on

Thursday nights and would sell their pizza. Mr. Hickey indicated that they would be providing the entertainment and would pay \$200 per event. Mr. Canada indicated the possibility of having a food truck event.

Mr. Copeland moved to allow Stone Oven Catering to work in conjunction with Parks & Rec to hold events in the Park on Thursdays. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey discussed the issues with the trails and indicated that they were going to purchase a drag for the back of the snow machine.

Mr. Hickey discussed the items that were going on at Steven's Park, youth sports and programming.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Mr. Lavery stated that he was hoping to get the Town Center Christmas trees down by January 14th.

Mr. Lavery indicated that the cleanup at the Park had been completed.

Mr. Lavery gave the Board an update on the Rollins Hill development, the Steven Drive cistern and transfer station maintenance.

Mr. Lavery stated that the new windows had been installed at the highway garage.

Mr. Lavery noted that the first snowstorm had gone well except for tire issues on one truck that had to be replaced.

MEETINGS: The Chair then reviewed the meetings scheduled for the coming week and reviewed the meetings held this past week.

PARK RESERVATIONS:

Jared Eaton requested use of the Morgera Room on 1/17, 2/28, 3/13, 4/3, 4/17, 5/15, 5/22, 6/5, 6/12, 8/21, 9/11, 9/25, 10/16, 10/23, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4 and 12/11 for Boy Scouts meetings and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Tracey Hall requested use of the Morgera Room on 3/6 for a Girl Scouts meeting and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ed Murphy requested use of the 4H Pavilion, Scamman Pavilion and Front Pavilion for the Boy Scouts Bike and Car show on 10/2 and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

James Ropp requested use of Meeting Room A on 2/6 for a birthday party. The use was approved.

The 300th Committee requested use of the 4H Pavilion, Scamman Pavilion and Front Pavilion on 9/25 for the 300th anniversary parade and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine explained to the Board the issues they had been having in town with the computers. Some had apparently been attacked by a virus.

Mr. Deschaine stated relative to the Town Center TE Grant, that they had gotten approval from NHDOT to go ahead and advertise the project to bidders. He continued the bids are scheduled to be opened on February 1st and he would report back with the results.

Mr., Deschaine indicated that Tavis Austin and Mark Morong had started their orientation that day.

Mr. Deschaine noted that he, Mr. Canada, and PWC Chair John Boisvert had gone to the Exeter BOS meeting and had asked them to reconsider making the maximum daily limit for water purchases to be an average, as opposed to cap, of 125,000 gallons per day, to which they agreed.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the Exeter/Stratham water agreement. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Deschaine indicated they needed to hold a public hearing on the LCHIP grant on the Lane Homestead because it was over \$10,000. He continued that the public notice was posted in a timely manner.

Mr. Copeland opened the public hearing at 9:28 and with no response being heard, closed the public hearing at 9:30.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the LCHIP grant on the Lane Homestead. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada discussed the Neily easement and how it should be worded on the warrant article.

Mr. Canada moved to put on the warrant to raise \$250,000 for the Heritage Preservation fund to potentially fund the easement. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:47 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public to discuss contract negotiations. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 10:04 P.M. Mr. Copeland moved to come out of non-public session. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 10:05 P.M. Mr. Copeland moved to adjourn. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary