

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 25, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:32 pm Mr. Copeland opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Deb. Bronson reported that the current balance was \$8,689,001.65.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Canada moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 4th as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sgt. David Pierce indicated that he was there to speak to the logistics of the Chief Maloney run. He continued they would like to use the facility on April 24th with the run starting at 11AM and setup beginning at 7 AM.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the Chief Maloney run. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ASSESSING:

Ms. Lewy indicated that she had an abatement request for Michael & Julie Geren of 8 Easton Hill Lane. She continued that she recommended approval of a \$449.74 abatement as their third floor was not finished as previously recorded.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the abatement. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy stated that she had a veterans credit for Matthew Bartel of 58 Winnicutt Road and that she recommended approval as he met the Persian Gulf criteria.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the veterans credit. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lewy asked for permission to write to the Governor to ask to be considered to be on the state land use advisory board.

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

Ms. Lewy asked for a non-public session to discuss potential litigation.

At 7:40 Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss potential litigation. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 7:54 Mr. Copeland moved to come out of non-public. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy indicated that she had received a letter from the attorneys who represent Fairpoint which discussed all of the timelines that needed to be met. She continued she thought that the town was all set and would follow up with the attorneys.

PLANNING:

Mr. Austin went over the updates and things going on in the Planning Department. He then asked the Board what they would like to see in his reports going forward relative to performance bonds. The Board then told him what they would like him to include.

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

PARK RESERVATIONS:

The Board then considered reservation requests. All were approved unless noted:

Sgt. David Pierce requested use of Rooms A&B for the Chief Maloney run on April 24th 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.

Karen Anderson requested use of the Front Pavilion on July 9th for a family reunion.

Greg Blood requested use of the Morgera Room on February 15th for the Boy Scouts 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.

Richard Russ requested use of the 4H Pavilion on September 10th and 11th for the Greenland Vets 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.

Renee Stead requested use of the Front Pavilion and Stage on June 4th for the Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony 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.

Richard Roche requested use of the Front Pavilion on August 21st for a family reunion.

Donna Caverno requested use of Room A on February 25th for a baby shower.

Matthew Odgen requested use of Room A on May 7th for a wedding shower.

Vicki Cook requested use of the Morgera Room on March 4th for the Ladies Auxiliary Blood Drive and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Joyce Rowe requested use of the Morgera Room on February 7th for a birthday party.

Tammy Brown requested use of the Front Pavilion on September 17th for a wedding shower.

Jennifer Coughlin requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on May 21st for a birthday party.

Justine Eldridge requested use of Room A on March 16th for a birthday party.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Dold of the 300th Anniversary Committee stated that they had a draft of a professional services agreement for the play. Mr. Dold then explained the budget to the Board and indicated that they had \$10,000 in their budget and the estimate for the play was now at \$16,000. He continued that he was going to be applying for a \$5,000 grant through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation to cover the outstanding expenses. Mr. Canada indicated that he had a problem with hiring a professional actor, Brett Walker, for the part of Samuel Lane and had a hard time asking the tax payers to pay for that. Mr. Federico stated that he agreed with Mr. Canada and that it had started with all volunteers. Mr. Dold indicated that the role of Samuel Lane was the biggest piece of the play and noted that he would try to get free accommodations for Mr. Walker instead of putting him up in a hotel.

Mr. Federico moved to approve the \$3,500 in travel expenses for Mr. Walker as part of the plan with the intent of receiving the grant or putting him up in someone's home. There was no second on the motion and no action was taken.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the budget of the town play except for Item 13. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Copeland stated there was a raffle permit request from the Stratham Memorial School for the 5th grade graduation committee.

Mr. Federico moved to approve the raffle permit. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated the Board needed to discuss the draft of the public hearing notice for the 2016 town warrant and went over each warrant article. The Board addressed their questions and concerns. Mr. Deschaine stated he would have it advertised as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had a draft of the letter of agreement on actions to be taken on the Short easement. The Board indicated it was okay to move forward.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine stated that he had a request from Symes Associates for a performance bond reduction. He continued that Mr. Laverty had inspected the work and found it acceptable for release.

Mr. Canada moved to return \$19,240 to Symes Associates relative to a performance bond. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that Matt Gunn had resigned from the Public Works Commission.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the resignation. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated that they had come up with a new pay schedule which would alleviate some of the pressure on department heads. He continued employees would be advanced one week pay and the next payment would be three weeks later and then the new system would be on track.

Mr. Federico moved to approve the new pay plan. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:45 Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public regarding the reputation of another. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:51 Mr. Copeland moved to come out of non-public. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada indicated that he had spoken with a resident, George Rubin, who had met all of the criteria for being honored on the Veterans' Garden obelisk until 2006 when the policy changed. He continued that Mr. Rubin would like to have his name inscribed on the Vietnam War monument. He also asked if the Board had ever vetted the change in policy in 2006.

Mr. Copeland moved to have George Rubin's name inscribed on the Vietnam War Memorial at the Park. He further wanted it clarified that any future cases where there is a question of eligibility shall be decided on a case by case basis by the Board. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Deschaine will research the question of Board approval of the 2006 policy.

At 9:55 Mr. Copeland moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary