

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Bronson reported that the current balance was \$2,512,571.86.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the minutes of June 13th as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dan Crow and Nancy Elliott, on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, requested to park a new trailer at the Firehouse so that they could use it more often for firefighter support functions, etc. Fire Chief Rob Cook would assign a spot.

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

Mr. Crow and Fair Director John Cushing asked the Board for permission to allow beer to be served at the Fair. There will be two locations which will be in confined spaces where all beer served will be consumed.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the request. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mark and Loree Sullivan requested a fireworks permit.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request with the provision that they check with the Fire Department the day of the event to ensure that fire conditions are suitable. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jamie Marsh of 22 Scamman Road stated that there was a cheap plastic fence at the entrance to Point of Rock Terrace. He continued that the fence had been knocked down during snow removal during the last two winters. Mr. Marsh indicated that he had contacted Mr. Lavery this past winter and Mr. Lavery told him that the Highway Department had not broken it as there was not enough snow to require pushing snow back that far. He requested that the Town fix the fence now and when they damage it going forward. The Board indicated that they had all reviewed the pictures and did not think that the fence had been damaged by the snow removal. Since the Point of Rocks homeowners' association is required to maintain site plan required features, Mark Morong agreed to contact the association and ask them to repair the fence.

Roger Stephenson stated he was the representative for Stratham on the Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission. He then gave a report from the Commission and stated that he hoped that the Board would send a letter endorsing the group's work. The Board indicated that they would keep it under advisement.

Peter Gray reported that the street sign for Squamscott Road at Portsmouth Avenue had been destroyed by a vehicle. He said the State DOT had not been helpful and there was some question as to whether they would permit a replacement. Highway Agent Colin Lavery will look into the matter.

BUILDING AND ZONING:

Building Inspector Mark Morong gave his report on inspections, enforcement actions, and permits that were issued and stated that they were up significantly for the past month. He then went over new projects and projects that were ongoing. Mr. Morong went over the ongoing and new projects relative to zoning.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Town Planner Tavis Austin went over the past and upcoming meetings for the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Public Works Commission, Heritage Commission and the Technical Review Committee. There was not a quorum for the Town Center Revitalization Committee's scheduled June meeting.

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

RESERVATIONS: All requests were approved unless noted.

Judith Johnson requested use of the 4H Pavilion on 7/31 for a baby shower.

Cheryl Lee Gilman-White requested use of the Front Pavilion for the Real Estate Membership outing on 8/10.

Mukti Rai and Ed Rawson requested use of the Front Pavilion on 8/20 for the NH Nepali Community and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Mary MacKenzie requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 9/18 for a birthday party.

Kerrie Fairweather requested use of the Front Pavilion on 9/10 for a family reunion.

ADMINISTRATION:

Town Administrator Paul Deschaine stated that Stone Oven Catering would like to show their appreciation for the town allowing them to serve pizzas at the Park on Thursdays and invited all staff and the Board to eat free pizza that Thursday. Mr. Canada stated that he had a problem with their large sign at the Park and thought it was advertising and that it needed to come down immediately.

Mr. Canada moved to take the sign down as soon as possible. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada also noted that the Smokey The Bear fire danger sign at the Park was not being updated in a timely manner. For instance, the State reported a fire danger of "high" for this day but the sign indicated the danger was "moderate". Mr. Deschaine will look into the matter.

Mr. Deschaine went over the email server change the town had underwent. He reported there had been some minor disruption in service but was now on track.

Mr. Deschaine gave a report on the HVAC system at the Police Department. Mike Houghton of Dowling Corp. has looked at, and discussed, the system with him.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had the town dog warrant but there was nowhere for the Board to sign. He continued that he would have them sign it as soon as he got the signature page.

Mr. Deschaine discussed the Route 108/33 corridor study. Mr. Canada stated that he had found multiple typos in the study. The Board discussed the issues they had with the study. Mr. Lovejoy indicated that he would like to delay making a decision on the issue until he had time to refresh himself. The Board indicated they were okay with delaying the decision.

Mr. Deschaine went over the upcoming issues he needed to deal with and wanted to get a priority gauge on which issues the Board thought needed to be addressed first. They indicated the water/sewer issue should come first.

Mr. Canada stated that there were two drafts of the Town proclamation and wanted to make them into one document. The Board then discussed and approved the new wording and Mr. Canada stated he would get it to Mr. Deschaine.

At 9:07 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary