

## **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

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

At 7:30 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 \$8,725,843.60.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mr. Copeland moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 11<sup>th</sup> as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Bryan Polanski, Eagle Scout, proposed building 15-20 bat houses at Stratham Hill Park. Mr. Polanski then went over his project in detail. Highway Agent Colin Lavery indicated that he would like some signage so that the public would know where the houses were located.

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

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Mr. Lavery went over the ongoing projects and discussed some of the issues they were having with some of the trucks. He requested that \$2400 be taken from the maintenance line to fix the issues with truck #102.

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

Mr. Lavery discussed the logistics of the primary day election. Mr. Canada asked what will happen with Highway Department employees if they are out plowing all night. They couldn't then be expected to direct traffic all day. Mr. Lavery responded that they would not be present with the exception of one employee who would be making sure that all the walkways are clear and whatever else was needed.

Mr. Lavery indicated he would like to bring forward a proposal for a new policy to be put in place for DOT medical card reimbursement. He continued that he had drafted a policy which would allow full time Highway employees to request reimbursement for up to \$75.00 toward their required medical exam. Mr. Canada indicated that he had no problem with this and thought employees should be reimbursed every year if they are required to do so in special circumstances.

Mr. Copeland moved to accept the policy but to make it annual or bi-annual as needed. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed installation of chair rails at the library to reduce wall damage. Mr. Laverty indicated that he would bring forward a proposal.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION:

Parks and Recreation Director Seth Hickey stated that the Board was provided an updated agreement with SE Land Trust and asked if it was ready to be signed.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve and sign the agreement. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey indicated that he had been approached by Seacoast VeloKids which is a non-profit cycling group. He continued that they were looking for a place to store some of their items and were looking for a possible place in Stratham. They would like to build what amounts to a two car garage, Mr. Canada indicated that he thought the Gifford Barn might work and thought the garage idea had problems. Mr. Canada asked what the town would get from it. Mr. Hickey responded they would get guaranteed programming and possibly some trail maintenance.

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

Mr. Hickey noted that he had sent all of the summer sports camp contracts to the Board and asked if there were questions.

Mr. Canada moved to approve all of the contracts as presented. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey stated that Convenient MD had put in a request for another banner contract renewal. He continued that he had not received any complaints about them.

Mr. Canada moved to renew the contract with Convenient MD for 2016. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey noted relative to the Fatty Fest, that they had sent over an offsite catering application request from the Old Salt. He continued that the Board needed to sign as the property owner.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize and sign the request. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey stated relative to the ice rink, that the Park Association was going to put up half of the cost, \$3500.00 and wanted to know where the rest of the money should come from. The Board discussed and decided it should be taken out of the Recreation Revolving account.

Mr. Copeland moved to match \$3500 from the Recreation Revolving account for the ice rink. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey indicated relative to Stone Oven Catering, that they were looking to start with them at Park events at the end of April and continuing through the end of October.

Mr. Hickey indicated that he had been approached by the KRI – Center for Consciousness about doing a sky watch event on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Park at the top of the fire tower. He continued that they were looking for permission to be up there all night and asked if the Board wanted to put any time parameters in place.

Mr. Canada moved to allow the sky watch event, and to have the organization leave by lunch the following day. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey gave updates of the recreation projects going on.

Mr. Copeland moved to allocate \$1100 for the transportation for the senior trip to the Boston Flower Show on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**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:**

KRI – Center for Consciousness Studies requested use of the top of the hill on May 14<sup>th</sup> for the sky watch 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.

Pastor Tom Oliver requested use of Room A on Sundays for the New Life Baptist Church and requested that the terms and fee be kept the same as last year.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request keeping the terms and fee the same as last year. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ravinder Padamati requested use of Room A on March 6<sup>th</sup> for a baby shower.

Tim Slager requested use of the Scamman Pavilion and 4H Pavilion on July 5<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> for the Stratham Fair. (No action was taken pending clarification of the dates.)

Tim Brothers requested use of the Morgera Room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month for the Crockett Hills Condo Committee and requested that the fee be waived but offered a donation of \$200.

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

Rebecca Nash Pannella requested use of the Front Pavilion on June 11<sup>th</sup> for the Collie Rescue League of New England picnic 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 stated that bids had been opened that afternoon on the Town Center Project. He continued that they had received 4 bids and went over them briefly. Mr. Deschaine stated he would have a full recommendation the following week.

Mr. Deschaine noted that Joey Winslow's new sign was up and that it looked great and was a significant improvement from the old sign. Mr. Deschaine asked the Board what they would like to do with the old sign.

Mr. Canada moved to dispose the old sign. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that four people were running for Mr. Copeland's open seat on the Board and noted, since one candidate is a part time Town employee, that only full time employees were not allowed to run for office.

At 8:57 Copeland moved to go into non-public to discuss litigation. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:10 Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:11 Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier  
Recording Secretary