

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 22, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:30pm Mr. Canada reopened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Administrator Paul Deschaine reported that the current balance was \$7,723,979.45.

MINUTES:

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the minutes of 8/15/16 as amended. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jesse Cote indicated that he was looking for approval for his Eagle Scout project. He continued the project would be fabricating and putting in bee traps for carpenter bees at Stratham Hill Park and explained the project in detail.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the project. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Library Director Lesley Kimball discussed the effects of the new requirements under the Fair Labor Standards Act which would be effective December 1st. Ms. Kimball explained all of the options available and indicated she felt that option 4 would be the best for the town. The Board came to a consensus that option 4 was the best.

Ms. Kimball requested that the Board authorize disbursement of funds from the CIP budget for 8 new desktops computers and one laptop, all equipped with Microsoft Office, for a total cost of \$9010.00.

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

Ms. Kimball discussed the proposed new website platform and indicated that the Board could email her with any comments they might have.

ASSESSING:

Town Assessor Andrea Lewy indicated that there was an abatement application for 2015 from Soft Draw Investments, LLC, owner of the Golf Club of New England. She continued that the original assessment after the recent revaluation was \$2,950,058 for the portion that is located in Stratham. A settlement offer was made and accepted by Soft Draw Investments to lower the assessment to \$2,430,058 as previously authorized by the Board based on a previous abatement

value. Since the values of golf courses had not significantly changed, she recommended acceptance of the offer. The Board granted the abatement for tax year 2015 and subsequent years until another revaluation is conducted by the Town.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to accept the settlement. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy stated that she had a Veterans Credit request from Martin Quirk of 13 Crockett's Way and that she recommended approval.

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

Ms. Lewy noted that the 2016 Tax Year MS1 was due by September 1st and that she had submitted it electronically to the State. Ms. Lewy discussed the changes from the previous year.

Ms. Lewy discussed the impact of House Bill 430 relative to Veterans Credits and how it would impact the tax dollars. She continued that each municipality would have to pass it individually. Mr. Canada stated he thought it would be best to present it at the town meeting. No action was taken.

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

RESERVATIONS:

Fredy Suprpto requested use of the 4H Pavilion on September 5th for a birthday party.

The request was approved.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine stated that he was still trying to wrap up the RFP for solid waste.

Mr. Deschaine indicated relative to the Gifford House water issue that it would cost \$3650.00 for all of the repairs needed.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve \$3650 to fix the water issues at the Gifford House. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine noted that the NHMA Legislative Policy Conference was coming up and that he would be attending on behalf of the town unless one of the Board members would like to go. The Board stated that Mr. Deschaine should be the representative.

Mr. Deschaine stated relative to the Town Center Project, that the lighting had not been delivered and he did not have a specific date when it would be. He continued that the project engineers

had set a drop dead date of September 16th after which performance penalties will be assessed. Deschaine discussed the money which was still owed relative to the project. He continued he needed the Board's authorization to negotiate a change order with CMA to pay them for additional work due to time overruns. Mr. Canada indicated that he objected to that because he thought it was their fault that the project had dragged on and cost more money. Mr. Lovejoy agreed and asked Mr. Deschaine to have CMA offer better justification.

Mr. Deschaine discussed the legislation proposed by Allenstown relative to amendments to RSA 149-I. This legislation would clarify the ability for a community to recoup costs for egregious, illegal actions by system users. Current legislation appears to only assess fines and does not address the costs of any needed remedial action required. The Board indicated they supported the proposed legislation.

Mr. Canada moved to support proposed legislation relative to amendments to RSA 149-I. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated that he was in receipt of a Quitclaim Deed from the Stratham Community Church relative to the Church property at the Greenwood Cemetery. He continued that this would finalize the original intent of the Town and Church when the Baptist Church was moved off the site in the 1980s and that the Board needed to accept the Deed.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the deed. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:13 Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary