

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 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 Chairman Canada opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$3,080,911.02.

MINUTES:

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the minutes of 11/7 as amended. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, with all in favor.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Assistant Chief Jim Devonshire, accompanied by Deputy Chief Josh Crow, appeared on behalf of Chief Matt Larrabee, Mr. Devonshire reported that they had responded to 588 calls so far this year. He continued that the town was going to have to pay for the failed Opticom transmitters in the stop lights previously discussed and that they had received a quote but had not made any final decisions. Other area departments are unwilling to participate in the costs.

Mr. Devonshire stated that the town had received the 50% matching forestry grant previously discussed.

Mr. Devonshire requested to expend \$7200 to purchase three sets of bunker gear, as budgeted.

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief John Scippa stated that he wanted to commend Joyce Charbonneau and Colin Lavery for their hard work during the election.

Chief Scippa brought up the proposed "no truck" ban on Frying Pan Lane. He wanted the Board's input on penalties for violating the proposed ordinance. He suggested that the first offense be a \$50 civil forfeiture, the second offense \$100 and subsequent offenses \$200. The Board indicated that they were okay with those amendments. There was a discussion on defining truck sizes for purposes of the ordinance. The Chief will consult with Highway Agent Colin Lavery and come up with a proposed definition for the Board's consideration.

Chief Scippa noted that Corey Wynn had started with the Department and that he thought he was going to be a good fit.

Chief Scippa stated that the Department was going to be holding two food drives and that John Emerson had organized and was in charge of them.

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

RESERVATIONS:

Srinivas Makkena requested use of Room A on 11/23 for a family gathering. The use was approved.

Chris Carbonneau requested use of the Morgera Room on 1/7 for a birthday party and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Tracey Hall requested use of the Morgera Room on 12/11 for Girl Scouts training and requested that the fee be waived.

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that they had received an addendum relative to the Short conservation easement. He continued that Seth Hickey had reviewed it and did not see anything objectionable.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the addendum as presented and authorize Mr. Deschaine to sign it. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that they had received a \$4000 donation from the Friends of Stratham NH Baseball for repairs and improvements to the baseball field at Stratham Hill Park. He continued they were looking for a letter from the Board acknowledging the donation.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to accept the donation and provide an acknowledgment as requested. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:15 Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary