

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:33 pm Mr. Copeland opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Bronson reported that the current balance was \$7,009,222.54.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Federico moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 4th and February 8th as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Alsterberg requested use of Meeting Room A for the Lion's Club Health Fair. He continued that the Lion's Club was looking to raise money through this fair to test children's eyesight. Mr. Alsterberg noted that the Fair would be held on May 10th from 2-8 and would have 35-40 vendors.

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

Tim Slager appeared representing the Stratham Fair Committee and requested use of two pavilions at Stratham Hill Park for the month of July stating that they would be using the pavilions to bring in equipment and for cleanup. Mr. Canada stated that he was concerned with taking the pavilions away from the public for the whole month.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request from July 5th to July 29th with the exception of July 10th and July 17th. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that there was a request from Sarnia Properties relative to releasing \$781.32 from the performance bond for work that was completed. He continued that there would be about \$7500 left for a one year performance bond.

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

Dan Hudson from CMA Engineering went over the bids for the town center project and gave a background on the bid process. He continued that the base bid was for \$299,311.75 and discussed the different options available. The Board discussed whether to just choose options A & B or to go with A, B & C.

Mr. Canada moved to award the base bid to John H. Lyman Contractors and to award options A, B and & C to them predicated on the State's funding availability. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PLANNING:

Town Planner Tavis Austin noted that the Planning Board had preliminarily approved the Verizon project.

Mr. Austin discussed the Planning Board minutes that needed to be amended from January. He then went over what was going on with the different committees and commissions.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

BI/CEO Mark Morong indicated that 64 permits had been issued and 78 inspections had been completed year to date. He continued that he was trying to clean up all of the old pending inspection issues to get them off the books.

Mr. Morong noted that he had found a problem with the commercial permitting fee of \$350 and thought that it was too much for some of the small projects. He continued that he would like to have some discretion with determining the fee, or would like to have a set fee based on the project. Mr. Copeland responded that he did not have a problem and thought it was a good idea to set the fee based on the cost of the project. Mr. Canada agreed that it was a good idea and asked Mr. Morong to come back next month with a proposal.

Mr. Morong indicated that he spoke with Mr. and Mrs. Merchant on Stratham Heights Road, and told them that their concerns with the logging operation nearby was a civil dispute that the town should not get involved with it.

Mr. Morong noted that he was following up on old, pending violation letters to close out matters.

HIGHWAY:

Highway Agent Colin Lavery stated he wanted to follow up on the previous discussion about installing chair rails in the Hutton Room. He continued that he would suggest adding the rail but no wainscoting and repainting the room at the same time. The entire cost would be no more than \$450.00.

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

PARK RESERVATIONS:

Bill DaGiau requested use of Rooms A & B for Annie's Angels on April 10th 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.

Samantha Delisle requested use of the Scamman Pavilion for a baby shower on April 30th. The request was approved.

Susan Bendroth requested use of the Scamman Pavilion for the Acorn School Annual Earth Day on April 18th 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.

Gordon Abbott requested use of the Scamman Pavilion for a family reunion on August 13th. . The request was approved

Joyce Rowe requested use of the Morgera Room for a shower on April 25th 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.

Vicki Cook requested use of the Morgera Room on May 20th for the Ladies Auxillary 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 noted that there was an inquiry from the Municipal Association asking whether the Board would like to support their actions of trying to keep municipal bonds tax exempted from Federal income tax. Mr. Copeland responded that he thought they should support them and asked how the Board would go about showing support. Mr. Deschaine responded that there was a website which had a link to show support.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize Mr. Deschaine to show the Board's support. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that there was a request from NH Public Television relative to inclusion of information on "Our Hometown" -Stratham in the next Selectmen's newsletter. The Board discussed what they wanted to be in the newsletter and agreed to include the "Our Hometown" information.

Mr. Canada stated that they needed to set some time to go over Mr. Deschaine's evaluation. The Board decided they would meet the following Monday at 7 P.M.

At 9:29 Mr. Copeland moved to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:42 P.M. Mr. Copeland moved to come out of non-public and to seal the minutes. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:43 P.M. Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary