

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2017 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:34 Chairman Federico opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Town Treasurer Deb Bronson indicated that the current fund balance was \$4,314,798.28.

MINUTES:

Mr. Houghton moved to approve the 4/10 minutes as amended. Mr. Federico seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

BUILDING & ZONING:

Code Enforcement Officer Mark Morong reviewed the inspections that have been done and the zoning updates. He continued that he wanted to discuss a proposed policy for expired building permits that the Board had discussed previously.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to authorize Mr. Morong to use the policy outlined relative to expired building permits as presented. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Morong indicated that May is building safety month and presented a proclamation promoting that, and indicated he would email the proclamation to the Board to review.

Mr. Morong discussed the conference he attended recently.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Town Planner Tavis Austin r reviewed the activities by the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Heritage Commission and Technical Review Committee. He then discussed the activities g occurring around town.

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

RESERVATIONS:

Kelly O'Neil requested use of the Stratham Hill Park on 4/21 for an SMS outing and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Peggy Small Porter requested use of Room A on 6/26 for the Ritchie McFarland Children's Center Annual Meeting and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Flossy Wiggin requested use of the Front Pavilion on 8/16 for a family reunion and requested that the fee be waived.

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

James Ropp requested use of the Front Pavilion on 6/3 for a birthday party.

Leo Gagnon requested use of the 4H Pavilion on 6/17 for a birthday party and requested that the fee be waived.

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

April Buchanan Cain requested use of the 4H Pavilion on 6/26 for a birthday party.

Andrew Anderson requested use of Room A on 9/23 for a wedding reception. It was noted that this request had already been approved but he was now looking for waiver of the alcohol policy.

Mr. Federico moved to waive the alcohol policy. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

All reservation requests were unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had received a letter from a resident regarding the cell phone tower provision. The Board decided that this issue had already been addressed, but would pass it on to the correct board. Mr. Deschaine stated he would respond to the resident indicating that disposition.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to allow the Fire Department to cooperate with the PTO to allow auction for the ride to school in a fire engine day. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine noted that the Garden Club was holding a large yard sale on 4/22 and they wanted to post a sign on the yard of the Bartlett Cushman House for three days prior.

Mr. Federico moved to allow the Garden Club to post a sign on the yard of the Bartlett Cushman House for 3 days. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board discussed content for their Spring email blast.

Mr. Deschaine stated that he was informed by the tenant at the Ranger House that there was a rodent problem. He continued that the problem was extensive, and there was also a problem at the Gifford House. Mr. Deschaine stated that he had received an estimate of \$1235 from JP Pest Services to correct the problem at both locations.

Mr. Federico moved to allow Mr. Hickey, Parks and Recreation Director, to contract with JP Pest Services for dealing with the rodent problem. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Lovejoy moved to elevate Bill Kenney to secede Donna Jensen as a regular member on the Conservation Commission. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Houghton moved to reappoint Nate Merrill to his current positions on the Heritage Commission, Technical Review Committee and Exeter Swampscott River Local Advisory Committee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Houghton stated that they were also looking for someone from the Conservation Commission to serve on ESRLAC.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the social media policy. Mr. Lovejoy noted that he would be happy to look at the current policy and try to draft up new guidelines for boards and commissions. Mr. Houghton indicated that he thought that town staff should review proposed posts to make sure they were accurate before they were posted.

At 9:33 PM Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary