

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2017 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:31 PM Chairman Federico opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chairman Federico indicated that the current fund balance was \$4,399,185.00.

ASSESSING:

Town Assessor Andrea Lewy indicated that she had Veteran's Credit applications for Robert Baily, Richard Cates, Bryan Crosby, Ellen Ellis, Clayton Hunter, Mario Izzo, Daniel Kim, Richard Kletzien, Darren Lyman, John Minnick, Mark Phelps, Guy Philbrook, Cindy Rivers, Peter Smith, George Waldron, Shawn Walmsley and Thomas Wolters and that she recommended approval of these.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the Veteran's Credits as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy stated that she had one elderly tax exemption, but she could not publically state the details, but it met all of the criteria.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the exemption. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy noted that the real estate tax equalization rate provided by the NH DRA was at 93.2%.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Recreation Director Seth Hickey discussed the waterline replacement issue. Mr. Hickey continued that he wants to replace part of the fence that is falling apart along the Stratham Hill Park parking lot. He continued that the cost would be approximately \$6,000.00.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to allow Mr. Hickey to replace the dilapidated fence in the amount of \$6,000.00. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey gave an update on spring cleaning.

At 7:56 PM Mr. Federico moved to go into nonpublic session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:17 PM Mr. Federico moved to come out of nonpublic and seal the minutes. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey reviewed the progress of constructing the tennis rebound wall at Stevens Park and discussed softball, baseball and soccer. Mr. Hickey indicated that the large rental group application was complete, and that the feedback had been good.

Mr. Hickey noted that he has received a proposal from Blue Water Mortgage about hanging banners at the baseball field at the Park. The Board discussed advertising and pricing.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to authorize Mr. Hickey to enter into a contract with Blue Water Mortgage and the Bean Group for up to three banners at \$300 per banner. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to nominate Richard Swett as a replacement member to the Route 108 Corridor Study Committee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MEETINGS: The Chair reviewed the meetings held this past week.

RESERVATIONS:

Divya Luther requested use of Room A on 4/29 for a birthday party.

Melissa Eckert requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 5/7 for a birthday party.

Mary Pat Dolan requested use of the Front Pavilion on 5/7 for a farewell party.

Nancy Edwards requested use of the 4H Pavilion on 5/7 for a birthday party and requested that the fee be waived due to the water issues.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to accept the application at the standard rate. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jay Diener requested use of the Front Pavilion on 10/28 for the Great Bay 5K Road Race and requested that the fee be waived.

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

All reservation requests were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the CIP analysis spreadsheet reflecting 2016 activity and carryover items to be sent to the auditors. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:48 PM Mr. Lovejoy moved to adjourn. Mr. Houghton seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary