

## **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 6, 2017 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

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

At 7:33 Chairman Canada opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$7,881,133.41.

### **MINUTES:**

Mr. Federico moved to approve the minutes of 1/23, 1/30 and 1/31 as amended. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously

Francisco Marin, Chairman of the Fair Committee, distributed an update of the preliminary report on the 2016 Fair he had presented last fall. He continued there were still some questions up in the air that they were following up on. Mr. Marin noted that Bill Thompson had offered to be the Treasurer for the upcoming season, which they had accepted and were very excited about. Mr. Marin stated that he thought that there had been a loss last year due to the weather. Mr. Lovejoy talked about how he had participated in the process the previous year and that he was very happy to see Mr. Thompson on board. Mr. Marin indicated that he was going to be bringing the updated information to the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

### **TOWN ASSESSING:**

Town Assessor Andrea Lewy noted that she had two Veteran's Credits for consideration. She stated that the first was for Kenneth Clark who met the Vietnam criteria and that she recommended approving the credit. She continued that the second was for Elizabeth Dean whose husband had passed away but she was eligible for the credit and recommended approval.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the Veteran's Credits for Kenneth Clark and Elizabeth Dean. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy noted relative to the Rollins Hill development, that she had been in touch with the State and it looked as though the Notice of Intent to Excavate permit needed to be submitted due to the amount of material they were removing. The Board discussed the issue and decided they should sign it even though they had previously decided there was no need to do so.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Excavate permit. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 7:52 PM Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss potential litigation. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:00 PM Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public and seal the minutes. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy indicated that she had an abatement request for Christina Van Kalken based on an acreage adjustment in the amount of \$42.96.

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

Mr. Deschaine stated that he wanted to discuss House Bill 144 to see what the Board's position was. The intent of HB 144 is to allow Rockingham County to send their tax bills semi-annually. Ms. Bronson stated that after looking into the issue, she did not see that it would have a big effect on the Town's finances. The Board discussed the issue and asked Mr. Deschaine to contact the NH Municipal Association to make sure that they lobbied for a due date for the mid-year payment of July 15<sup>th</sup> which would be at a time when the Town was most able to pay.

#### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Highway Agent Colin Lavery discussed the building maintenance and site line and tree work going on in town. He continued there were ongoing problems with Truck 101. Mr. Lavery noted that he had been in touch with the dealership to see if there was anything that could be done with the continuing diesel exhaust fluid problem, but there was not. He continued that he was looking into replacing the vehicle with a 2017 Chevy truck for a total amount of \$58,540. The Board discussed what would be done with the other truck and what Quick Chevy might give them for a trade-in on the vehicle.

Mr. Canada indicated that the Board had decided to change Mr. Lavery's job title to Director of Public Works.

Mr. Canada moved to change the Highway Agent job title to Director of Public Works. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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

#### **RESERVATIONS:**

The Stratham Community Church requested use of the top of the hill on Easter and asked that the fee be waived.

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

Tanya Hart Newkirk of One Sky requested use of the Front and Scamman Pavilions on 6/16/17 for the One Sky Picnic and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Ryan MacInnis and Carrie Lowell requested Room A on 6/9/17 for the March of Dimes fundraiser and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Francisco Marin requested use of the Scamman and 4H Pavilions from July 10- July 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 for Fair prep and clean up and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Jessica Jamieson requested use of the Morgera Room on 4/2/17 for a birthday party and requested that the fee be waived.

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

#### ADMINISTRATION:

At 9:07 PM Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss potential property use or acquisition. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:21 PM Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public and seal the minutes. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to allow Mr. Canada, who will be leaving the Board in March, to continue to represent the Town on a matter before the 10<sup>th</sup> District Court pertaining to a former tenant at 28 Bunker Hill Avenue. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the new selectman who would be joining the Board and agreed that at this point he should be included in any correspondence with the Board.

At 9:36 PM Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier  
Recording Secretary