

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 13, 2017 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Town Treasurer Deb Bronson indicated that the current fund balance was \$6,181,226.50.

MINUTES:

Mr. Lovejoy moved to accept the minutes of 2/27/17 and 3/6/17 as amended. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada moved to close town offices for the following day for all non-essential employees due to the blizzard. 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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police Chief John Scippa indicated that he had a request to shut down certain roads on April 30th starting at 11 AM for the Chief Maloney road race.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to allow the Police Department to shut down various roads as needed on April 30th for the Chief Maloney road race. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Scippa noted that he had applied to, and had been accepted at , the National Center for Missing and Exploited Childrens training course. He continued that it was that it was a two day event in Arlington VA and all of his expenses would be covered.

Chief Scippa stated there was a small mishap where an officer backed into a garage door at the station. He continued the damage to the door was minimal and they were going to leave it as is for now. There was superficial damage to the cruiser.

Chief Scippa noted that there would be four policemen working during the snowstorm the following day.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Matt Larrabee indicated that the Department has received 142 calls so far this year. He then discussed some issues they were having with the budget. He noted he was requesting

\$1200 to spend on ambulance number -2 to purchase new tires and an alignment as the vehicle will not pass inspection with the current tires. Mr. Federico requested that Chief Larrabee communicate with Town Fair Tire of Newington to determine if Town Fair supplies commercial vehicle tires, and if so their price, before committing to purchase the necessary tires.

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

RESERVATIONS:

Danielle Dodge requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 4/30 for a birthday party.

Mary Beth Green requested use of Room A for the Easter Seals Art Class on 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, and 4/12 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.

Nancy Sarni requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 6/24 for a family reunion.

Michael Ficara requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 9/8/18 for a wedding rehearsal.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Lovejoy moved to accept the resignation from Donna Jensen as of the end of March and Bill Shotmeyer as of February 16th. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated that he had heard from Casella that they would be shutting down the following day so the normal Thursday route would be picked up on Friday and the normal Friday route would be picked up on Saturday.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that the Conservation Commission is asking for the Board to take a position opposing Senate Bill 106. The Board did not take a position.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the donation of a flag pole from the Friends of Stratham Hill Park. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada indicated that the Heritage Commission had received a donation of \$1000, of which they wish to use \$800 to light up the new flag pole.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the donation. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada discussed the 300th Committee banners and who would like them.

Mr. Canada moved to donate a banner to Carol Hazecamp, Susan Canada, Jeff Gallagher, Joyce Rowe, the library, the historical society and the town hall. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada stated that he had received an email from the Conservation Commission prior to the election, which asked people to vote a certain way in opposition of the Planning Board. He continued he thought this was very inappropriate as it looked like it was coming from the town and thought that they should have their administrative rights to the website suspended. The Board discussed the issue and agreed.

Mr. Canada moved that the administrative rights to the town website be suspended from the Conservation Commission and all material they wish to submit in the future must go through the Town Administrator. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:36 PM Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss an item which could affect the reputation of another. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:39 PM Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public and seal the minutes. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine expressed his sadness that Mr. Canada would be leaving the Board and his gratitude for all of his service.

At 8:42 PM Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary