

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

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

Annual Award Presentation by the Police Department

Police Chief John Scippa stated that Stratham was very lucky to have such good, hardworking officers and he wanted to give out the annual awards to the officers who had some performed exceptional work. Chief Scippa then presented those awards.

Chief Scippa indicated that Officer Michael Doucette had asked to design a police badge to help celebrate the Town's 300th anniversary. He continued that he felt that the badge he had created was excellent. Officer Doucette explained the design behind it and thought that they might be able to make them into a commemorative badge.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the purchase of the badge as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Scippa indicated that Paul Wolf had recognized that the Department's antivirus subscription had run out and he had been able to get an extension. He continued that Mr. Wolf had gotten a quote for a four year contract for \$1,250.00 and thought it was a very good deal.

Mr. Federico moved to allow the purchase of the antivirus software for a cost of \$1,250.00. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$1,881,226.83.

Public Hearing on the possible acquisition of a preservation easement on the historic Lane Homestead

Becky Mitchell of the Heritage Commission stated that they had a quorum that evening to enable a vote. She then discussed the Lane Property easement that they would like to purchase as being about 5 acres on the property of Robert and Janet Neily at 132 Portsmouth Avenue which is also known as the Lane Homestead.

Ms. Mitchell moved that the Heritage Commission approve and appropriate funds from the Heritage Preservation Fund to acquire a preservation easement on the Lane Homestead at 132 Portsmouth Avenue as authorized by the Board of Selectman on January 4, 2016. Mr. Canada (as a member of the Heritage Commission) seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada next moved, as a Selectman, that the Board of Selectman ratify the Heritage Commission's vote and proceed with the purchase of the easement. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Mitchell stated that the Heritage Commission would like to appropriate up to \$2,000.00 to hire a consultant to research and prepare an application to get the old Town Hall on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places..

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Canada moved to approve the minutes of 5/16 & 6/6 as amended. Mr. Federico 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:

Libby Persons requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 8/20/16 for a birthday party.

Angela Lemieux requested use of the 4H Pavilion on 9/18/16 for a bridal shower.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine stated that he had drafted an application for a fireworks permit and thought it would be easier to manage the requests if there was an actual form. The Board discussed their thoughts and issues and approved the form, with one revision.

Mr. Deschaine noted there was a quote of \$5,900.00 to replace the shower and necessary plumbing at the Gifford House.

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

Mr. Deschaine stated that there were two intent to cut requests from Frank and Lucy Perry, one for off Stratham Heights Road and one for 111 Stratham Heights Road.

The Board authorized the intents to cut.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that the Town has received a report of cut from the Rollins Hill Development.

The Board approved the warrant for the taxes due based on the report of cut.

Mr. Deschaine stated that there was a current use issue at the Chisholm Farm Development. There is no record of the Land Use Change Tax having been paid at the time of the development at the Registry. The taxes had been paid. He continued they needed to re-record the document at the Registry to clear the title on the property. The Board signed off.

Mr. Deschaine noted that the 300th Committee would like to have the street light on at the entrance to the Park for the dinner dance and it would stay on through the Fair. He continued it was the Board's decision. The Board was ok with having Unutil turn the light on.

Mr. Canada discussed the issues with Unutil's proposed tree cutting on Town property on Lovell Road. The Board decided they would hold an onsite special meeting on the issue at 8:00 AM, June 22.

NEW BUSINESS:

At 8:57 P.M. Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary