

MINUTES OF THE JULY 11, 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$9,565,183.22.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the minutes of June 27th as amended. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

HERITAGE COMMISSION:

Becky Mitchell from the Heritage Commission gave a report on the budget for repairing the siding, repainting the building, and replacement or repair options of windows at the Bartlett-Cushman House. Ms. Mitchell explained all of the different options to the Board.

Mr. Canada moved to hire Window Woman to repair and paint the existing windows, as presented, at a total cost of \$14,400.00 and to have the Heritage Commission come back to the Board with a quote for the storm windows which would be needed with this option. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Paul Deschaine gave an update on the Lane easement, with Ms. Mitchell's input.

John Dold from the 300th Committee stated that they had an unexpected cost for their play which they want to put on at the upcoming Stratham Fair. He continued they did not anticipate the extra costs for microphones and sound which came to \$1,100.00 and that it was available in their budget.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request to spend \$1,100.00. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BUILDING & CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Building Inspector Mark Morong went over the inspections made and permits that were issued in the last month. He then discussed the new and ongoing projects for building and zoning. Mr. Morong asked the Board if they were okay with temporary signage for the weekend Community Market going up on Thursday evenings. The Board decided they were okay with the signage going up on Friday.

Mr. Canada moved to allow the Community Market to put their signage up on Friday. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Morong and the Board discussed the logging issue on Stratham Heights Road and decided that it was likely a civil issue that the Town could not do much about. Police Chief John Scippa indicated that he had met with the logger and expressed his general concern. He continued that he had worked to get all the involved parties to meet, but that no one had wanted to participate. Chief Scippa stated he was hoping to facilitate a resolution and did not think this was a criminal matter.

At 8:44 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss an issue that could affect the reputation of another. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:04 Mr. Lovejoy moved to come out of the non-public session and seal the minutes. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Scippa requested to expend \$3430.00 to purchase 6 ballistic helmets and two rifle plates. Of this amount, \$3171.12 will come from a prior donation provided for ballistic protection equipment purchases.

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

Chief Scippa indicated that the department now had an active and re-registered DUNs number and they could now apply for grants. He continued they had two grants they were currently requesting.

Chief Scippa noted that On Call Officer Steve Janvrin had offered his resignation as he had been promoted to the Deputy Chief of the North Hampton Police Department.

Chief Scippa stated relative to the commemorative badge authorized recently, that he had heard unofficially that a grant application to the Historical Society had been well received. He continued that Pam Costello-Dziama had donated \$100.00 individually and that would need to go on the agenda for the Board to accept.

Chief Scippa gave an update on the hiring for the open officer's position.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway Agent Colin Lavery gave a report on the forest management plan, the Bunker Hill Ave turn lane, the Sewall Farm subdivision and paving.

Mr. Lavery requested permission to expend \$2,207.02 to build a lean-to at the pole barn to store equipment and that it would come out of the building maintenance budget.

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

Mr. Lavery requested to purchase road salt in the total amount of \$72,000.00 and that it would come out of the salt budget.

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

Mr. Lavery indicated that he had gotten an inquiry from Tom Connor to purchase the York rake which the department did not use often for a price of \$400.00.

Mr. Federico moved to allow the sale of the York rake to Tom Connor for a price of \$425.00. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

RESERVATIONS:

Robert Harbeson requested use of the 4H Pavilion on 8/28 for lemonade and snacks with family and friends.

Jill Compton requested the use of Room A for the Exeter Garden Club on 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 1/19, 2/16, 3/16, 4/20, 5/18 and 6/1 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.

Casey Gray requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 8/5 for a Team BBQ.

Mario Izzo requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 8/16 for the Exeter Area Lions Club outing 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.

Kirthi Sreenivasan requested use of the 4H Pavilion on 8/20 for a birthday party.

Travis Thompson requested use of the Front Pavilion on 8/2 for a company function.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine stated that he had received an email from Andrea Lewy indicating that the conference she wanted to attend in August in Tampa would be a cost of \$1600.00.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Deschaine stated that he wanted to have a discussion on the status of the Town Center Revitalization Committee. The Board discussed the issue and noted that no one from the Committee showed up at the meeting to discuss the matter.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to disband the Committee unless further action was needed in the future. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the fireworks permit for the Fair. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimous.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that Liberty Mutual had offered a donation to the Town of \$2,000.00 to pay for supplies needed for their "Day Of Liberty" service day to the Town.

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

At 10:46 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary