

## **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

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

Chairman Canada noted that the Board had been in non-public session to discuss litigation and contract negotiations. He continued that at 7:00 P.M. he moved to go into non-public which Mr. Lovejoy seconded and passed unanimously. Mr. Canada indicated that at 7:28 P.M. Mr. Federico had moved to come out of non-public which Mr. Lovejoy seconded and passed unanimously.

At 7:30pm Mr. Canada reopened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$7,379,980.33.

### **MINUTES:**

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the minutes of 8/8/16 as amended. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **BUILDING:**

BI/CEO Mark Morong went over the permits and inspections done for the previous month and went over the new and ongoing projects in town. Mr. Morong noted that he had some repairs done to his vehicle and they had found major rusting underneath the body. He continued that he thought it might need to be replaced in the near future. Mr. Federico recommended putting a new vehicle in his CIP budget.

### **PLANNING:**

Town Planner Tavis Austin went over the issues going on with the committees and commissions in town. He continued that he was working on getting more solid numbers for the Town Center TAPP grant application but had a letter outlining plans for the proposed work which would be included in the application.

Mr. Canada moved to sign the letter. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Austin stated that Sewall Farm Road had been paved to Highway Agent Colin Lavery's standards but that Cider Mill Lane did not get its top coat. Mr. Lavery discussed the issue in more detail and recommended that it stay as is for the moment.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Parks and Recreation Director Seth Hickey indicated that he had been approached by the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee to work with them, along with the SMS PTO, to put together a family day at the Park in mid-October. SMS PTO President Andrea Benson stated that the PTO wanted to participate in this activity but in order to do so, it would not be able to hold its annual fundraiser. She continued that because of that, they were looking to charge \$5.00 per person or \$20 per family as an entrance fee. 300<sup>th</sup> Committee member Liz Chisholm also discussed having a larger fireworks display than at the Fair had this year. She noted the display this year had been reduced from those of previous years. She estimated that it would cost about \$6,000.00 for the display they were hoping for. This is in line with the traditional costs of the Fair fireworks display.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to devote \$6000.00 to the fireworks display. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lovejoy moved that the Board support the collaborative effort between the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee, the SMS PTO and Recreation Department for the family day in October and to allow the usage of the Park and an entrance fee of \$5 per person or \$20 per family with all proceeds going to the SMS PTO with all details to be worked out by the Recreation Department. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Rick Mathias from the Portsmouth High School Cycling Club stated they were looking to use the Park for a race on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30. He continued they were part of a league from NH and ME and had never hosted a race. Mr. Mathias went over the details of the event. Mr. Hickey stated he thought the event was a good idea and a good way to showcase the park.

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

Jeff Gallagher gave an update on the 300<sup>th</sup> parade and estimated the cost would be around \$20,000 to \$25,000. He continued there was a request from Dan Crow to move six aluminum bleachers from around Town to the fire station area for the parade. The Board had no objections to that request.

Mr. Lavery discussed the water problem at the Gifford House that had happened over the weekend and went over his recommendations on how to fix the problem.

Mr. Hickey stated that the Boy Scouts were looking to use the concession stand for their annual car show at the end of September.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request with the stipulation that if they used propane fueled equipment they would pay the Fair \$50.00. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey stated that Exeter Youth Soccer was looking to rent the large field at Steven's Field and the smaller field at Stratham Hill Park. He stated they were looking to use SHP on Monday through Thursday nights and Steven's Park on evenings, Saturday afternoons and all day on Sunday from now until November for a cost of \$3000.00.

The Board discussed the issues they had with the request in detail.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the request as presented. 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:**

Martha Valentine requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 10/1 for a family reunion. The use was approved.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that the Board had previously accepted the request from Jody Scamman to use the Scamman Pavilion on 9/24 for a family reunion but that she was now requesting that the fee be waived. The Board indicated they needed clarification as to why the fee should be waived.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Deschaine asked the Board if they wanted to put a water conservation request to the public in place as requested by the Conservation Commission. The Board responded they did not feel comfortable doing so as there was no municipal water system, but would not tell the Commission what to do regarding the issue.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had completed the RFPs for heating fuel and for alarm system monitoring and that he hoped to have the solid waste RFP done by the following week.

At 9:06 Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier  
Recording Secretary