

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 23, 2017 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:34 Chairman Canada reopened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Canada noted that the Board had been in non-public session beginning at 7:05 PM to discuss personnel issues and came out at 7:30 PM and had sealed the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$9,515,862.43.

MINUTES:

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the minutes of 1/9 as amended. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Lucy Cushman, Co-Chair of the CMS expansion project, went over the \$22,000,000 bond warrant article the Co-op School Board is proposing and the issues they addressed.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Agent Colin Lavery indicated that Truck 101, which was a Ford F250, was back in the shop. He continued that the diesel exhaust system was not working and the truck was not dependable. Mr. Lavery noted that the truck was a 2011 and he was requesting that the truck be fixed for a cost of \$1075. Mr. Deschaine noted that there may be a grant they could apply for that would convert the diesel to gas.

Mr. Canada moved to allow spending \$1075.00 to fix Truck 101. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada moved to re-acknowledge the emergency repair to truck 10 for a new radiator. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Director Seth Hickey stated that the ice rink was ready to go. He then discussed the waterline replacement project and noted that they did not need a permit from DES because it was not new construction. Mr. Hickey discussed the flooding issues that had happened with the well house and Mr. Deschaine asked if the water needed to be tested. Mr. Hickey will look into raising the well head above ground level so it cannot be flooded again. Mr. Hickey noted that someone had crashed into the 4H Pavilion and damaged a post. He continued the post has already been fixed. Mr. Hickey indicated that he wanted to install hand dryers in the bathrooms

at the Park, and that they were currently using paper towels. He noted that the cost for 8 dryers would be \$2000.00.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request and take the money from the Park reservation fund. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey went over what was going on with youth sports. He continued that he wanted to have a discussion about large groups using the park as there were issues, specifically with large crowds using the bathrooms. He would like to discontinue the reliance on Porta-Potties for events. He passed out a draft large group reservation form he has developed. He continued that there needed to be extra planning and notice for large events. Chief Scippa stated that there are ordinances in place in other towns and maybe it was time to take a look at implementing one here. He agreed with Mr. Hickey that it had become a problem.

Mr. Hickey indicated that he had been approached by Seacoast United who would like to use a field Stevens Park with the same conditions as the prior year Mr. Lovejoy stated that he thought they should ask for a fee of \$120 per hour for this season. Mr. Hickey will present that to Seacoast United. Mr. Hickey discussed the upcoming family trips and summer camp contracts.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief John Scippa stated that the PD was asking residents to answer a short survey to see how they were doing. He continued that car 113's engine had blown but that the cost was covered by warranty. Chief Scippa noted that he was re-elected as VP for the Seacoast Emergency Response group. He continued that he and Colin had discussed taking down a shelf in front of the large counter in the booking room. Mr. Scippa stated that it was an officer safety issue and would cost about \$500. The Board noted they had no problem with the project.

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

RESERVATIONS:

Megan Bickford requested use of the Front Pavilion, 4H Pavilion and Scamman Pavilion on 6/4/17 and the Scamman Pavilion on 6/3/17 for setup for the NHSPCA Paws Walk and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the request under the same terms as the prior year and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Michael Grahame requested use of the Morgera Room on 10/14/17 for the model train meeting and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Cathy Tallone requested use of Room A on 2/10 for the Cub Scout's Blue and Gold Annual Dinner and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Ron Ellis requested use of the Morgera Room on 2/18 for the Boy Scout Leadership Training and that the fee be waived.

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

ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Deschaine indicated that the Board had previously approved the Boy Scout's Car and Bike Show and they were now requesting access to the sausage shack under the same conditions as last year.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading of the ordinance "No Through Trucking on Frying Pan Lane"

Mr. Canada opened the public hearing.

Mr. Canada moved to waive the reading of the ordinance. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada closed the public hearing noting that there was no one from the public in attendance. Mr. Canada motioned to pass the ordinance. Mr. Federico seconded the motion. The ordinance was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Canada discussed the logs that had been left in the right of ways within Town by the loggers working for Unitil. Mr. Deschaine stated that he would reach out to Unitil about the issue.

Mr. Lovejoy stated that a resident had contacted him regarding speaking to the Board about legislation concerning adding Transgender to the list of groups protected by the State's anti-discrimination statute. The resident wanted the Board to formally support the legislation. The Board, while noting they did not endorse any form of discrimination and the Town's Employee Manual specifically prohibited discrimination against any group, did not feel it warranted to involve the Town in this issue at the State level.

At 9:19 Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary