

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2017 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:30 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 \$6,095,923.67.

NEW BUSINESS:

Marty Wool indicated that he was there on behalf of the Friends of Stratham Hill Park to offer to the town a donated flag pole to facilitate the flying of the POW/MIA flag at the Park. The pole would be furnished and installed by High Flying Flag Company of Greenland at a cost of \$1,200. The Board agreed to accept the donation. Mr. Deschaine explained that a donation of this size must be accepted at a meeting with the donation listed on the agenda, which this was not. Accordingly, the donation will be on the 3/13/2017 agenda for formal acceptance.

Chris Muns, CEO of One Sky Community Services, gave a presentation of what his organization does for mentally disabled people in the community. He went over who they were and the services they provide and wanted the people of Stratham to know that they might be able to help with services. Mr. Muns was encouraged to apply for Town assistance as a public service agency in time for the 2018 budget.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Public Works Director Colin Lavery went over truck maintenance, field maintenance and upcoming road maintenance for Spring. He continued that the dishwasher at the 28 Bunker Hill property was not working, and it seemed to be an issue with the electrical panel, but they would be replacing the unit.

Mr. Lavery discussed that he had found out that the trade in value for truck 101 was going to be about \$16,500.00. He continued he thought it might be able to be sold at private sale for \$20,000 to \$25,000. The Board discussed the issues and decided to make a decision when it was closer to purchasing the new truck.

The Board discussed the damage on the post near the Point of Rocks neighborhood that was brought to the Town's attention by abutter Jamie Marsh. It was decided that maintaining the fence was part of the Point of Rock Terrace Homeowners Association ongoing responsibility pursuant to its site plan approval. It was agreed that the matter should be referred to Building Inspector Mark Morong.

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

RESERVATIONS:

Patricia Polzella requested use of the Front Pavilion on 6/27 for a church picnic. The use was approved.

Pease Greeters requested use of the Front Pavilion on 9/17 for a picnic and requested that the fee be waived.

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

The Ladies Auxiliary requested use of the Morgera Room on 4/14 for a Krispy Kreme Fundraiser and requested that the fee be waived.

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine noted that the Ladies Auxiliary had requested permission to sell cookbooks at the election.

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

Mr. Deschaine noted that the Town Reports were in but there was a problem with a portion of the school department pages. He continued that he had been in touch with the printer and reported the problem. The Board discussed acceptable remedial action. Mr. Deschaine will discuss the issue further with the printer and report back to the Board.

Mr. Canada noted he would like his possible appointment to the Planning Board discussed on March 20th. He felt appointment before the next Planning Board meeting would provide continuity for that Board. It was agreed that Mr. Deschaine would place the matter on the agenda for that night.

The Board discussed the listing of the Bartlett-Cushman House lease opportunity with a commercial broker. The consensus was that it was a good idea. Mr. Canada will follow up specifics.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that Jamie Marsh had requested 6 years' worth of non-public minutes for all town boards. He continued that this was an unreasonable request and discussed his response to Mr. Marsh.

At 8:52 PM Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:07 Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public and seal the minutes due to the nature of the conversation. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At 9:08 PM Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary