

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 29, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:02 Mr. Canada had moved to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 7:20 P.M. Mr. Copeland had moved to come out of non-public and to seal the minutes. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 7:30 pm Mr. Copeland reconvened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$6,985,874.99.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Federico moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 22nd as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway Agent Colin Lavery requested that the Board approve \$2484.30 to fix Truck #104 which needed to have a new turbo installed. Mr. Canada and Mr. Copeland asked if it might be covered by a recall. Mr. Lavery responded that he had heard in the past it might be but had not written a letter to check.

Mr. Copeland moved to authorize Mr. Lavery to spend \$2484.30 to fix Truck #104. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Recreation Director Seth Hickey went over the projects going on at Stratham Hill Park.

Mr. Hickey indicated that he had a request from Exeter Youth Soccer and Exeter Youth Lacrosse to use the field from mid-April through June.

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

Mr. Hickey stated that softball and baseball registration was open.

Mr. Hickey noted that he would have a new software agreement for the Board to review the following month. He continued that this software would be much better than the current software.

Mr. Hickey discussed the upcoming events.

Mr. Hickey indicated that DOT had showed concern with a few trees whose branches were hitting their plows. He continued that they had offered to remove them, which he agreed to because the trees were dying.

ASSESSING:

Town Assessor Andrea Lewy stated that she had a request for a blind exemption for Dale Smith at 108 Union Road and recommended the request be approved. She continued that the exemption would be \$15,000 off the total assessment. Ms. Lewy noted there was another request for a blind exemption for David Worster at 15 Brookside Drive and the exemption would be for \$15,000 off the assessment.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the requests from Mr. Smith and Mr. Worster. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lewy noted that she had a veteran's credit request from Robert Freeman of 21 Point of Rocks Terrace and recommended approval.

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

Ms. Lewy asked for a non-public session to discuss a potential settlement.

At 8:00 P.M. Mr. Copeland moved to go into non-public session to discuss a potential settlement. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:11 P.M. Mr. Federico moved to come out of non-public and seal the minutes. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mark Stevens came before the Board and stated that he was trying to develop property in the Gateway District but was having issues obtaining a conditional use permit from the Planning Board because there was going to be a drive through. The Board discussed the matter in detail.

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

PARK RESERVATIONS:

Joanne Lane requested use of the Morgera Room on April 3rd for a wedding shower and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Jared Keaton requested use of the Morgera Room on June 11th for the Ricky Daley's Eagle Court of Honor and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Rob Cook requested use of the Morgera Room on April 23rd for a birthday party and requested that the fee be waived.

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that the Board had been provided with a copy of the Mr. Canada's proposed BOS Newsletter. The newsletter was approved and will be sent to those on the email blast list.

Mr. Deschaine stated that the usual Town groups were looking for permission to sell at the town meeting.

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

Mr. Deschaine indicated there was some town owned land which was left over from the Pear Tree subdivision. He continued that Bob Hillery was requesting to be able to go horseback riding on the land. He continued that the problem was that the land was conservation land and it was unclear whether the town or the conservation commission owned the land.

Mr. Copeland moved to allow Bill Hillery to exercise his right to go horseback riding on town owned property (Map 15, Lot 44). Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine noted that the Veterans Registry Policy had been adopted previously but it was unsure if the Board of Selectman ever approved the matter. He continued the Board could reaffirm their support of the policy if they wished.

Mr. Canada moved to reaffirm the Veterans Registry Policy. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated that the Board needed to approve the previously adopted amendments to the Employee Manual to add in the new language relative to payment in lieu of vacation.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the previously adopted amendments to the Employee Manual. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had received a request for the Reach the Beach parade permit which would take place on September 17th.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the parade permit. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine went over the warrant articles that were going to be voted on.

The Board discussed the details of Candidate's Night which would be held that Thursday.

At 9:27 P.M. Mr. Copeland moved to adjourn. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary