

## **MINUTES OF THE MARCH 7, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

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

At 7:33 pm Mr. Copeland opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$5,408,784.12.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mr. Canada moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 29<sup>th</sup> as amended by Mr. Canada and Mr. Federico. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

This is Mr. Copeland's last meeting as a Selectman. He thanked the voters and residents for their support over the years and thanked them for allowing him to serve.

### **CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Mr. Deschaine went over the proposed press release relative to approval by the Attorney General of the Exeter/Stratham water agreement and the DES MtBE grant for the water system work anticipated in the Commercial District.

Lucy Cushman is a Stratham representative to the Rockingham Planning Commission Board. She reported on recent events and indicated that she had been participating in the recent agritourism workshops which she was enjoying and invited the Board to attend one scheduled for this Wednesday here at Town Hall.

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:**

Highway Agent Colin Lavery stated he was planning to come forward with a proposal the following Monday for the cemetery landscape improvement projects.

Mr. Lavery indicated that truck 104 had the turbo replaced and he was looking at possible replacement vehicles. He continued he would bring forward the annual winter maintenance overhead expense numbers in May and would include those figures.

Mr. Lavery gave updates on the Rollins Hill Development, website improvements, and possible storage solutions at Stevens Park.

Mr. Lavery noted that he has been working with Bell and Flynn on construction estimates for the paving and roadway reconstruction projects for the year. He asked if the Board wanted him to get proposals from other companies. The Board indicated that they were okay going with Bell & Flynn.

Mr. Lavery thanked Mr. Copeland for his service and thanked the Board and Mr. Deschaine for always putting the town's interest first.

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

Ms. Bronson, indicated that the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee was getting ready to start selling tickets to the dinner dance event and had looked at options for ways to accept credit card payments. She continued that they really wanted to accept credit cards as they thought it would boost sales. Ms. Bronson indicated that after much consideration, they had decided they would like to use Eventbrite and went over the process and fees associated with the site.

Mr. Copeland moved to allow the 300th Committee to use Eventbrite for the dinner dance event. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PARK RESERVATIONS:**

Raychel Baczewski requested use of Room A on 3/12 for spring pictures and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to deny the request. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Board felt that this was clearly a commercial venture and not appropriate for the venue.

Chelsea Bailey requested use of the Morgera Room on 6/15 for a bridal shower and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Bud Jameson requested use of the Morgera Room on 4/2 for a birthday party 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.

The Easter Seals requested use of Room A on 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/22, 5/4, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22 and 6/29 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.

Karie Murphy requested use of the Front Pavilion on 5/28 for the Merritt Engagement Picnic. The request was approved.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Deschaine stated that the Heritage Commission was requesting to be able to pass out handouts at the town election.

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

Mr. Deschaine indicated that the Board had reaffirmed the Heritage Commission's Veteran's Garden Policy regarding inscription of names on obelisks last week but Mr. Canada had approached him with some concerns relative to the document. He continued that the policy had not been distributed with the understanding that the Heritage Commission would revisit the document to make it clearer.

Mr. Deschaine and the Board discussed which account recent ambulance repair payments should come out of.

Mr. Deschaine stated that DOT had submitted a proposal to remove several trees at the right of way on Portsmouth Avenue near Stratham Hill Park.

Mr. Canada moved to allow Mr. Copeland to sign the proposal from DOT. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:22 P.M. Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier  
Recording Secretary