

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
OCTOBER 8, 2012

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, October 8, 2012 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Malloy, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Chairman Clark, Selectman Pratt, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

Chairman Clark welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

REVIEW OF MINUTES – September 10, 2012 & September 24, 2012 – Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of September 10, 2012, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of September 24, 2012, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

George Fleming, a resident of Mica Point Road, requested that there be an increase in the permanently disabled veteran exemption from \$1400 to \$2,000. He contacted a few towns similar in size to Barrington and they are at \$2,000. Currently there are 20 people in Barrington that receive this exemption. Administrator Scruton noted that the request could be a warrant article by petition or the Board of Selectmen could place it on the warrant.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Administrator Scruton noted that he had scheduled a Selectmen's meeting on November 12th, Veteran's Day, and asked the Board if they wanted to meet that evening or not. No decision was made.
2. The Local Government Center Conference is November 14th & 15th. Information about the conference will be available shortly.
3. The Selectmen's office may close at 5:00 p.m. the day before Thanksgiving. Selectman Gaudiello asked how would be this be handled with employee's hours? If the town closes the office will the employee will be compensated for their hours.
4. Administrator Scruton viewed several illegal signs place along the roadways. A list was given to the Code Enforcement Office and phone calls were made. It was noted that the biggest violators are real estate signs at the end of the road which the property is located. The illegal signs will be checked on every either twice a year or four times a year. Administrator Scruton will send a memo to the planning board regarding placement of real estate signs.
5. The Tax Collector, through a memo, clarified the concern of the Board regarding the filing of proof of claim forms regarding USA Spring and their bankruptcy. The Board also asked where the discussion stood relative to a police escort for the deposit of money.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following:

1. Intent to Cut for Carbaugh.
2. Pole permit for Ramsdell Lane.
3. Election warrant.
4. Appointment of George Schmalz to the Advisory Budget Committee for three years.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of Assessor Interviews – to begin in non-public session

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of the Proposed 2012 Budgets – Administrator Scruton showed a power point presentation. The presentation noted that the 2012 proposed budget continues to provide quality of service and in some cases to increase service. Administrator Scruton presented a summary of budget changes – personnel costs - \$444,390, paving 172,000, heating oil \$46,800, all other (including increase in assessing) \$42,384 for a total of \$705,574. Several questions were asked by the Board. Chairman Clark noted that it is difficult for the public to understand as there are places that really aren't increases and other lines that the town has no control of i.e. insurance. The Board is concerned about the level of increase in the proposed budget. The building committee will be coming to the Board with a recommendation the end of October or beginning of November with a proposal for town office/library space.

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Selectman Gaudiello stated that the Library Trustees had met to discuss the library budget. They also discussed items that are borrowed and never returned which is a substantial loss per year. She and Selectman Malloy will be attending their last class at "Selectmen School" on Saturday.

Selectman Hatch attended the recent Planning Board meeting where there were three cases that were all continued. Selectman Hatch also commented on the excavation site review that is before the Planning Board.

Selectman Pratt stated the Building Committee is meeting this week and are looking at the following three options: renovate the existing building with a stand-alone library, a combined facility in a new location built in phases at the Clark-Goodwill property or on the Calef parcel or two separate facilities on either the Clark-Goodwill property or the Calef property. Selectman Pratt further stated that the Building Committee felt that there should be an informational meeting held for public feedback and asked should it be put on by the Board of Selectman or the Building Committee. Selectman Malloy applauded the work that has been done by the Building Committee but he would like to hear from the public, Selectman Hatch agreed.

Selectman Pratt also noted that he is unable to be the Selectmen's representative to the Planning Board. Selectman Pratt moved to appoint Selectman Hatch as the ex-officio member of the Planning Board and Chairman Clark as the alternate until March, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

There is a concern with name of Redemption Way for the new road going into the Clark-Goodwill property. Can we reconsider? Maybe we should revisit?

Selectman Pratt moved into go into non-public session at 7:53 p.m. per RSA 91 A:3 II c to discuss reputation, seconded by Selectman Malloy. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Hatch – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Malloy – aye, Pratt – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to come out of non-public at 8:17 p.m. and to seal the minutes indefinitely, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

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Regarding the assessing RFP's, Administrator Scruton asked the Board if they would like him to go back to Rochester for a change in scope. The Board felt that we should go with a one year contract over a multi-year contract.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37