

## **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES FEBRUARY 20, 2012**

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, February 20, 2012 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Malloy, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Clark, Chairman Pratt, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

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

Chairman Pratt opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. on warrant article #23 on the proposed motor vehicle fee of \$5.00. Selectman Hatch asked if the amount of \$5 would increase. Administrator Scruton noted that \$5 is the amount in Statute. The hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Diane Smith – COAST – Through the Alliance for Community Transportation a goal has been established to bring transportation service to Barrington. ACT has secured private funding to match Federal grants. There will initially be of no cost to the community. People will be picked up at their homes for shopping and errands. ACT is asking that the community participate and hopefully help promote this program along with crafting ideas. They would like some input from the Board and the community. If the program is successful then they may come back to the town to ask for support of matching dollars. Selectman Malloy asked about the matching funds and what about the continuation of private funding. Some funding will be going away but 80% should be a stable funding source. They would be using the Homemaker's mini bus on their off hours. They want this to be community driven. They would like to contact local organizations for input.

Chief Walker – Ambulance Rates – Chief Walker talked with Comstar and several increases will be proposed in the billing rates. The new rates would reflect an average of 40% over Medicare rates. This could mean an increase in revenue of \$5,000 to \$8,000. Selectman Clark moved to support Chief Walker's proposal, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. There was also a discussion of what to do with family pets when there is a house fire and the family is not around. Chief Walker talked with other towns and they also had no policy. If Chief Walker ends up calling an emergency vet to keep the animals and the owner won't pay the bill, would the Board support the Chief's decision and pay the bill. Selectman Clark said that he would support Chief Walker to use his best judgment and would support his decision. Chief Walker will draw up a proposed policy. He will also talk with several emergency vet businesses.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – January 30, 2012 & February 4, 2012. Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of January 30<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of February 4, 2012, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Pratt abstained from the vote as he did not attend the meeting. The motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment.

## STAFF REPORT

### Administrator Scruton

1. Administrator Scruton had given the Board a copy of the proposed voter guide to review. Several changes were recommended. The town and the school will be sending out the voter guide together.
2. The Conservation Commission is requesting a liaison from the Board of Selectmen. This issue will be looked at after town meeting.
3. Administrator Scruton asked if the Board supported the bill regarding impact fee collection on state highways. Planner, Connie Brawders will be following up on the issues. The Board supported the bill.
4. Administrator Scruton asked if the Board wish to consider naming a truck after Carol Reilly as suggest at the deliberative session. It was noted that a plaque would be more appropriate.
5. It was noted that Dubois & King are having a competition in which they will award \$10,000 in engineering to a successful project. Administrator Scruton asked if the Board had any suggestions. The Board suggested applying for Swains Dam.
6. The Town Administrator's Job Description will be discussed after town meeting with the discussion of goals and evaluation.
7. The town has been named in a lawsuit on Small Road. Administrator Scruton described the situation. Attorney Whitelaw recommends filing an appearance and doing nothing else. The Board agreed with that recommendation.
8. Administrator Scruton noted that if there is a change in the tax collector's office due to the election, an audit will be necessary and the auditor will be available if this becomes necessary.

### Clerk McNeil

1. Selectman Clark moved to support the Chamber of Commerce request to close traffic on Mallego Road from Route 125 to the post office for the Peeper 5K run/walk, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. A memo was submitted from the town clerk's office requesting a waiver for the dog licensing fee for a service dog. Selectman Hatch moved to waive the fee for all service dogs, seconded by Selectman Gaudello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. Clerk McNeil requested that the Board sign three deed waivers for Map 262 Lot 0014 Plots 0009, 0010, 0011 so that the tax collector would not deed the property to the town.
4. Three pole permits were approved and signed.
5. Three Intent to Excavate applications were approved and signed for Ambleside Park and Brox Industries.
6. Abatements #2 and #3 were approved and signed.
7. Vendor manifests dated 1/29, 2/5 and 2/12 were approved and signed.
8. Payroll manifests dated 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16 were approved and signed.

## OLD BUSINESS

The Board asked if a Memorandum of Understanding had been completed by the Recreation Commission stating that any grievant would have a final appeal to the Board of Selectmen. The Board was also asking for monthly financial statements.

Selectman Clark asked for an update on Ken Grant's concern of Barrington maintaining roads in Strafford. Selectman Hatch noted that she has measured these various roads and Barrington is actually getting the better end of the deal as Strafford maintains more feet in Barrington than Barrington maintains in Strafford.

It was asked how Chinburg Developers handle mold problems in the mills that they develop into housing. Chairman Pratt noted that Chinburg was one of the people that the building committee wanted to talk with.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudiello – The Library Trustees will be providing suggestions for alternates to the Board of Selectmen. They are also working on performance appraisals. Amy Inglis and the Trustees are trying to come up with more creative ways to make space in the library.

Selectman Clark – The Planning Board is still discussing third party review. Selectman Clark spoke of a proposed mixed use development of on Route 4 and the concern with curb cuts on Route 4 and is this a road/driveway and the possibility of a waiver.

Selectman Malloy – He will be attending the Recreation Commission meeting on Tuesday along with Selectman Gaudiello.

Chairman Pratt - He spoke of the last building committee meeting and asking departments how much space they need if the town builds a complex. This is only for planning purposes and not commitment.

Selectmen Gaudiello moved to go into non-public session at 8:40 p.m., per RSA 91 A: 3 II a, c, d or e for personnel, land and reputation, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Pratt asked for a roll call, Malloy – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Clark – aye, Pratt – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to come out of non-public session at 9:50 p.m. and to seal the minutes for six months, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.