

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, September 24, 2012 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Malloy, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil. Selectman Pratt was absent.

Chairman Clark opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

Discussion of Vacancies & Scheduling for the Advisory Budget Committee – Bob Ditursi spoke for the ABC. They are actively looking for several new members as two of their members resigned. The announcement will go on the website. It will also be listed by ABB through list serve. It was asked about scheduling for ABC review of the budgets. It was preferred that the information be available beforehand for the ABC to review.

John Wallace – Leahy Property – This property abuts the Tamposi Conservation Easement. An appraisal was completed in the amount of \$63,000. The Conservation Commission has approved spending money from the Conservation Fund for this purchase along with securing other funding. John Wallace spoke of the breakdown of the land purchase figures. The money from the town Conservation Fund would be in the amount of approximately \$28,000. Selectman Hatch asked if the other towns involved in the SATWaSr project were asked to help with funding. Mr. Wallace will check with the other towns. Selectman Gaudiello asked about the appraisal and the right-of-way. Selectman Hatch moved to authorize John Wallace to make application for the grant and bring the numbers back to the board, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Chairman Clark asked about the \$5,000 donated for the Village Place easement and what would that money is used for. Mr. Wallace stated that it would go into the Easement Stewardship Fund.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – JoAnn Krupski – The tax lien process has been completed for 2011 outstanding taxes. Gail McKuhen has attended her first week of certification. Ms. Krupski has been recertified for another five years. Selectman Gaudiello asked about the "Save Our Groundwater" filings that were questioned at a previous meeting. Ms. Krupski stated that the filings have been complete. Administrator Scruton asked about a property owned by a corporation whose owner would like to set up a payment plan for back taxes on a vacant piece of land instead of the town deeding the property. The property owner needs to bring in supporting documentation.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – September 10, 2012 – Selectman Hatch moved to table the minutes until the next meeting, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Royce – Treasurer – Mr. Royce spoke regarding a modification on deposits. He has concerns regarding the dark days and the safety of making deposits and suggested having a police officer escort the employee with deposits. There are still some issues with staffing and late night hours. Ms. Krupski stated that the town clerks and tax collectors are bonded to deposit the money. Ms. Krupski stated that she has never felt uncomfortable making deposits herself. Administrator Scruton commented that there can be problems and Mr. Royce's concerns are valid. Mr. Schmaltz stated that he is a retired police officer and they picked up people and took people in the cruiser to the bank – "why take a chance". Chief Conway stated that the police can follow the car to the bank. If the policy gets changed regarding deposits, Ms. Krupski wants the treasurer to be the designee to make the deposits.

Charter Weeks – Why can't we remove illegal signs in this town? Why hasn't that been accomplished? Mr. Weeks also had concerns with the constant gun fire on weekends somewhere around his neighborhood. Mr. Weeks also asked if anyone had approached the Conservation Commission about the

large Calef property off of Town Farm Road and why it isn't in a conservation easement. Conservation Commission member, John Wallace, will be contacted.

Chief Walker, speaking as a taxpayer, was concerned about making an offer on the Leahy property based on the appraisal when there should be some negotiation. It should only be a "good deal for the town".

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Administrator Scruton reminded everyone of the Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
2. The Zoning Board of Adjustment voted unanimously on September 19th to deny jurisdiction on the appeal of the Planning Board decision on Turbocam.
3. Administrator Scruton prepared a tentative schedule for the proposed 2013 budget hearings. The next meeting, October 8th, will be the initial presentation of the budget. This meeting will be held at the public safety building starting at 6:30 p.m.
4. The issue of Hearthside Drive was carried over from the previous meeting. Peter Cook indicated that the outstanding issues were NH DOT and the decel lane and mowing one more time. It was asked if the Board would accept conditional acceptance of Hearthside Drive as a town road. Selectman Hatch felt that it is a non-issue until the access is built as there conditions of the subdivision and they haven't been met. The consensus of the Board was if the prior checklist continues to be met and once the access is constructed to DOT approval, the Board would look at acceptance of the road.
5. Selectman Gaudiello moved to use the \$172,000 in the capital reserve for paving Mallego Road only after the operating budget line is used up, seconded by Chairman Clark. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
6. Seven companies responded to the Assessing RFP and the results have been correlated. The town has been in discussion with the City of Rochester to have a staff person in the office four days a week. Administrator Scruton asked "how does the Board wish to proceed"? Selectman Gaudiello stated that she has a difficult time weighing the different costs. Chairman Clark asked that several companies be compared to the Rochester plan and then Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil bring in a recommendation. The final three will be introduced to the Board.
7. The National League of Cities annual meeting will be held in Boston this year. A great rate was offered to New England Officials. Administrator Scruton will be attending on November 30th.
8. The Board reviewed a press release that will be submitted to the Foster's Sunday paper on the 2012 budget.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested approval and signatures on the following:

1. Intent to Cut for Turbocam on Route 125.
2. An Invalidation of Notice of Attempted Voluntary Merger for Kevin Roy and Carrie Vaich that will be recorded at the Strafford County Registry of Deeds. Selectman Gaudiello moved to authorize Administrator Scruton to sign, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The Board asked for information on the process to avoid this happening again.
3. Vendor manifests dated 9/13 and 9/20.
4. Payroll manifests dated 9/9 and 9/16.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Hatch attended the recent School Board meeting where they discussed the recent school open houses. Paul Sanders presented a five year maintenance program.

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Selectman Gaudiello moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91 A:3 II a, c, d or e to discuss personnel at 8:00 p.m. seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Malloy – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Hatch moved to come out of non-public session at 8:30 p.m. and to seal the minutes indefinitely, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Pratt has a busy schedule and may not be able to be the Planning Board representative. The Board discussed membership to the various Board and the Selectmen liaison positions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.