

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES DECEMBER 3, 2012

Chairman Clark opened the meeting for Monday, December 3, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Malloy, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Pratt, Chairman Clark, Administrator Reilly and Clerk McNeil

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

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing on the issuance of a building permit on a private road (Long Shore Drive) for John Houle, Map 102 Lot 0082 at 6:31 p.m. President of the Long Shore Lot Owners Assoc. Michael MacNeil stated that he thought the project should go through. Mr. Houle stated that he is building a single story garage to replace one that had burned. Selectman Hatch moved to issue a building permit to replace a garage on existing footprint, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:32 p.m.

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing on the issuance of a building permit on a private road (Long Shore Drive) for Kerry LaPierre, Map 104 Lot 0119/0120 at 6:34 p.m. Mr. LaPierre would like to replace a mobile home with a newer mobile home. Selectman Hatch moved to issue the building permit to replace a mobile home, seconded by Selectman Pratt. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Brian Lenzi – Building Committee Chairman – The Committee voted to recommend to the Selectman that the existing town office be renovated. The vote was 7-1. A report will be forthcoming. The Recreation Department and the SAU will have space in the town office. The library building committee will be able to make their own decision. Selectman Gaudiello asked for more information on their decision. Speaking for himself, Mr. Lenzi felt that the 75 people who turned out for the public meeting were not a good representation of the whole town. The final decision was the choice of all but one of the members of the committee. He also feels the people he spoke with don't want to spend a large amount of money for a complex at this point. There is an immediacy to move the Discovery Center which is part of Recreation Dept. and the SAU as they have to move from their current locations. Selectman Gaudiello asked about Selectman Pratt's thought as he was on the committee. In the end, Selectman Pratt felt that the town could do both renovate the town hall and build a new library as renovation is the lowest cost option. Chairman Clark noted that "we owe a great deal of gratitude to Brian and the whole committee".

REVIEW OF MINUTES – November 19, 2012 – tabled until the next meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Hastings – he had come before the Board previously regarding saving money in the paving industry. He noted that recycling of paving will be disappearing. The town should try to do as much paving now because the price of paving will be going up.

Selectman Hatch stated that she received a call from Mr. Conley regarding the proposed gravel pit on Green Hill Road. She tried to return his call but could not reach him. "This is also a subject that I don't discuss" added Selectman Hatch.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Administrator Scruton noted that tax deeding is scheduled for this Thursday. We have a list of properties that we don't want to take. The town will now take mobile homes in the parks and start the eviction proceedings as there is a concern that property tax bills are not being taken seriously by these residents.
2. Selectman Gaudiello moved to support putting an article on the warrant to show a tally vote from the ABC and the Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. Administrator Scruton noted the following expenditures from the 2012 budget due to several lines being under expended: a new server at \$6,000, gate at transfer station at the request of DES at \$11,000, purchase of a police cruiser at \$30,000. These expenditures would reduce the 2013 budget. Selectman Gaudiello was concerned as to why there are still funds available in the contingency, welfare, solid waste and winter maintenance. Selectman Hatch noted that she hates to see money spent coming out of other budgets. She would prefer to see the money not spent, go into the general fund to buy down the tax rate. Selectmen Malloy moved to support the purchase of a new police cruiser out of the 2012 budget because of the concern of the mileages on the fleet, seconded by Selectman Pratt. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
4. There is \$33,265 in the town clerk's "\$5" road improvement fund as of November 26, 2012.
5. The 2012 warrant article for \$172,000 for roads cannot be carried as unexpended funds forward into 2013 as it is not a Capital Reserve account. The balance at year end could be put into a warrant article for 2013.
6. The following is a list of proposed warrant articles for 2013: add to existing Capital Reserve Accounts, unspent road paving money, listing of impact on the rate included in warrant articles, establishment of a special revenue account/capital reserve for the cemetery, article to increase money going into the ambulance fund, change town clerk from fees and salary to fully salary, increase to \$2,000 for totally disabled veterans credit, capital reserve for engineering Green Hill Road bridge, town manager form of government, appointment of tax collector instead of elected.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: abatements #34, 35 & 36, the deed for Hearthside Drive, vendor manifests dated 11/21 & 11/29, payroll manifest dated 11/18 and deed waivers for property the town will not accept from a Tax Collector's deed.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to go into non-public session at 7:12 p.m. per RSA 91-A: 3 II a, c, d or e for discussion of land, seconded by Selectman Pratt. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call,

Malloy – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Pratt – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously in the affirmative.

Selectman Pratt moved to come out of nonpublic session at 8:00 p.m. and to seal the minutes indefinitely, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed 2013 Budget – Doug Langdon, representing the Advisory Budget Comm., wanted to have an open dialogue with the Board. What does the Board think of the budget that has been proposed? Selectman Hatch thinks that it needs work and the other Board members agreed. There is an 11% increase as proposed in the operating budget. The ABC also recognizes that some of the budget lines cannot be changed. They would also like to see a creative solution to health care costs for both the town and the school. There are areas in the budget where there could be sacrifices. The ABC would also like to have a work session with the Board of Selectmen. They looked at the highway department lines and felt some of the money could be in a warrant article to come out of unreserved fund balance, 2 part-time flaggers and the administrative assistant may have to wait. In the library budget, media and books may want to be looked at. The heating oil line may be an area to look at as the price may be lower this year than last. The transfer station added two part-time positions but need to look at this line in comparison to the cost to getting rid of the misplaced disposals or possibly add a surveillance camera. The legal line could be looked at. The Executive Incident Fund should be reviewed and not used at the end of the year to make purchases that voters didn't have a chance to vote on. Chairman Clark noted that it is only four weeks before the public hearing. Fred Bussiere stated that they can make their recommendation by next week. The Department Heads should be present to discuss their opinion. Selectman Gaudiello stated that we need to look the fund balance and what needs to be saved as a balance. It was decided that the Selectmen's meeting next week will be for discussion of the 2013 proposed budget only.

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The Selectmen did not have a report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.