

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

MARCH 18, 2013

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, March 18, 2013 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Malloy, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Bussiere, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

Chairman Clark welcomed Fred Bussiere as the new Selectman and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Clark added a bit of history that is relative to Barrington. "We have a resident in our town who attended the very first meeting of the United Nations along with many other accomplishments." "This resident is Clay Patrick Bedford."

APPOINTMENTS

REVIEW OF MINUTES – March 4, 2013 – Selectman Gaudiello moved acceptance of the minutes of March 4, 2013, seconded by Selectman Malloy. Selectman Bussiere abstained. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Grant - Mr. Grant was concerned with the request for appointment to the Planning Board by John Wallace. He stated that Mr. Wallace is a danger to real estate in town, for example, the purchase of the Stonehouse Pond property for a conservation easement. Mr. Wallace is an environmentalist, and has a narrow view and approach. Mr. Grant continued with his assertion that the Selectmen should be for the betterment of the town and not solely the environment. Mr. Grant further stated that Mr. Wallace receives money for monitoring conservation easements that he lobbied for which Grant feels is a conflict of interest.

Bob Ott – Mr. Ott stated that he is a little disappointed in the town hall article not passing. The town doesn't need an architect, just someone with a little imagination. "The public will go for it if it is done right." He also felt that Mr. Wallace is not open minded enough for the Planning Board

Rick Walker stated that he has received a donation of 100 carbon monoxide detectors. Selectman Hatch moved to accept the donation and authorized the Fire Chief to distribute, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

John Wallace noted that anything he does is for the good of the town. He asked when the Board would be making appointments to the Planning Board. Administrator Scruton noted that he suggests that the Board wait on making appointments to the Planning Board until the pending major project is are completed, which could be in April.

Bob Ott stated that the town Boards deserve a compliment on the Turbocam project.

Stephanie Dimke offered congratulations to Selectman Bussiere. She stated that she has a new project for Barrington – “stars and stripes for Barrington”. She would like to place flags along Route 9 from Calef’s to Smoke Street. The American flags would go up for Memorial Day and be taken down after Labor Day. The town needs to fill out the form from PSNH as the flags are going to be placed on PSNH poles. The brackets, poles and flags will be installed by her family. The application would need to be renewed every year. The worst case scenario for cost would be \$3,412. Mrs. Dimke is seeking donations for this project. She would take responsibility of putting flags up and taking flags down. Chairman Clark stated that this is an outstanding project and wanted it added to next week’s agenda. Selectman Bussiere asked if there is any consideration about putting flags up on the east side of Route 125 on Route 9 towards Dover.

Michael Hastings added two comments; he felt that Mr. Wallace had a great amount of knowledge for these boards with different viewpoints, and should not be excluded from the Planning Board. Regarding the placement of flags, there are a great number of individuals who served and who have flags. He would like to have his grandfather’s flag used for “stars and stripes for Barrington”. Administrator Scruton noted that there may be a problem as those flags are larger. Peter Cook said that he had just lined up a bucket truck for free that could be used to hang the flags.

STAFF REPORT

1. Selectman Gaudiello moved to reappoint Chairman Clark to the Planning Board as an alternate until the appeal process of the gravel pit ends and Selectman Hatch as an ex-officio member, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Bussiere would be interested in the Planning Board at some time.
2. Selectman Malloy moved to appoint Mike Clark as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Gaudiello moved to appoint Dawn Hatch as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. Administrator Scruton proposed Selectmen meeting dates for the rest of the year.
4. Turbocam indicates that, at this point, the Clark Goodwill property has a lot of loam instead of the gravel. The town is not interested in loam but will wait to see if there is gravel on other lots.
Selectman Hatch moved to authorize Chairman Clark or Administrator Scruton to sign the settlement documents and deed for Turbocam, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. The closing is scheduled before the end of March. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative
5. There was a question of changing the order of the agenda. It was decided to keep public comments after appointments but before approval of minutes.

6. Keith Pratt has signed off the inclusion of his comments for the road into the Clark-Goodwill parcel. Selectman Gaudiello moved to have DuBois & King do the inspection of the road to be paid for by Turbocam, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative
7. Administrator Scruton asked if there were any last issues that the Board wants to raise with the Recreation Memorandum of Understanding.
8. St. John's Church in Dover was left a piece of land by Russell Newell who passed away in 2007. The town does not know the location of the parcel even though Mr. Newell always paid taxes on it. Mr. Newell bought the parcel at tax sale many years ago. The Church would like to deed the parcel back to the town. Selectman Bussiere moved to accept the deed and to refund the Church 2011 and 2012 taxes with no interest, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Since no one has been able to identify the parcel, the lot will not be re-sold.
9. John Wallace asked the Board if they would like to give an easement to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests on two small tax deeded lots that abut the Tamposi property. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting.
10. Administrator Scruton noted a potential cost savings on Health Insurance by increasing the "buy out" amount. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.
11. Selectman Bussiere moved to support the settlement of a BTLA case for 246 Real Estate Holdings, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Malloy moved to support the settlement of a BTLA case for FAA Investment Properties, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Selectman Bussiere recused as he is part owner of the company. The motion passes.
12. The announcement for the tax collector position has been advertised. An interview committee has been formed, made up of Selectman Gaudiello, Peter Royce, Kim Kerekes and Suzanne McNeil.
13. Selectman Gaudiello moved to reappoint Alan Kelley for a three year term to the Planning Board, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
14. Selectman Hatch moved to reappoint George Bailey to the ZBA for a three year term, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The ZBA is still looking for alternates.
15. Selectman Hatch moved to reappoint, for three years to the Conservation Commission, John Wallace, and Ken Grossman and to appoint Peter Sandin as an alternate for one year, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
16. Selectman Malloy moved to sign the MS-2 Statement of Appropriations, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
17. The finance office is in the process of transferring funds from fund balance to the various funds with the Trustees of the Trust funds and the correction of the Cemetery Fund, as voted at town meeting.

18. The finance office will be entering the approved budget into the individual lines as presented at the last public hearing.
19. Selectman Gaudiello moved to proceed with salary step increases for those who have a successful evaluation effective April 1st, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
20. Administrator Scruton will begin to advertise for an administrative assistant for the Highway Dept., receptionist for the office and the extra worker for the transfer station.
21. Town Hall Building Committee – It was recommended the building committee meet with the Board on March 25th to discuss the best course of action going forward.
22. The discussion of preliminary engineering work for the Green Hill Bridge by DuBois and King will be discussed at the next meeting.
23. Article 28, requesting a committee to draft an ordinance to protect the Isinglass River, passed and a number of volunteers have shown interest. Administrator Scruton noted that he recommends that the Planning Board appoint the committee. Selectman Gaudiello asked why the Planning Board and not the Conservation Commission. Either way is fine. John Wallace suggested that it be a sub-committee of either the Planning Board, or Conservation Commission. Selectman Hatch noted there should be input from people interested in the ordinance. The committee would have to know their limitations with the right to know and the taking of minutes. Selectman Hatch moved to have a committee report to the Conservation Commission, seconded by Selectman Malloy. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call – Bussiere – nay, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Malloy – aye, Clark – aye. The motion passes.
24. Administrator Scruton noted the webpage hits.
25. Code Enforcement and Building Inspection – Administrator Scruton feels that the Board of Selectmen need to have a discussion about code enforcement and how far down the path we want to go in enforcement actions and the need to be consistent. The Board may want to relook at a code enforcement position down the road. In the short term we may have to set some priorities. Selectman Gaudiello would like to speak with the Building Inspector before setting priorities.
26. The town's attorney has filed a Contempt of Court charge for Richard Townsend.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil asked for signatures on the following: vendor manifests dated 3/7 & 3/14, payroll manifests dated 3/3 & 3/10, abatements #3 - #9, Gravel Intent for Ambleside Park.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to waive the interest on a December 2012 property tax bill due to the post office misplacing the bill, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

Tax Deeded lots adjacent to SATWaSR (Tamposi) – A four acre lot was taken by the town in 2005 for non-payment of taxes. The lot needs to be included in the easement through the Forest Society. The easement is for water protection and the property is open for public access. Both Chairman Clark and Selectman Malloy were concerned that they just received this information today. Selectman Gaudiello moved to table the issue until March 25th, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The Dexter parcels purchased by the town in 2004 weren't included in the forest society easement. However, they could be used for leverage for a match for the purchase of other parcels in the future.

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Selectman Gaudiello asked if the reappointment of Meri Schmalz had been received. Selectman Hatch moved to reappoint Meri Schmalz as an alternate to the Barrington Public Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. Selectman Gaudiello abstained as she is a Trustee. The motion passes.

Selectman Bussiere asked if there is a deadline for issues going on the agenda. They need to be to Clerk McNeil on Wednesday or early Thursdays before the meetings.

Selectman Hatch asked when the Department Heads are scheduled for visit the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to go into non-public session at 8:50 p.m. per RSA 91 A: 3 II a, c, d or e, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call – Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Malloy – aye, Clark – aye.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to come out of non-public session at 9:12 p.m., seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.