

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
JUNE 24, 2013

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, June 24, 2013 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Bussiere, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Malloy, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil

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

APPOINTMENTS

Joshua Bouchard – Planning Board – Mr. Bouchard introduced himself noting that he has lived in town for seven years and works as an engineer. He would like to volunteer in the community. He is also a volunteer firefighter. The fire department meets on Tuesday evening. He was asked if this would be a conflict with his time. He stated that he would like to be an alternate on the Planning Board and he has already spoken with the Fire Chief.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alan Kelley – Mr. Kelley commented on several issues. He would like to make recommendations to the policy for board members talking with the town's attorney. He feels that a minority of a board should be able to talk with the attorney. Mr. Kelley suggested that legal questions can be asked of the Local Government Center at no charge by the minority. He offered a draft of his proposals. Mr. Kelley also spoke regarding appointments to the planning board. He had concerns regarding having a surveyor on the Planning Board who does work in town. He drafted a policy for surveyors as members of the Planning Board.

Jason Pohopek – Mr. Pohopek is a land surveyor in town and he felt that Mr. Kelley discriminated against surveyors and didn't include engineers in his policy. Mr. Pohopek gave his background. He said that when he prepares a plan for a client he talks with the Planner to figure out the scope of work with that town. He responded to Mr. Kelley's comments. He further stated that he would like to volunteer, as a professional, to help the Planning Board read plans and review applications. There are rules and regulations that the Planning Board must adhere by for a fair review. Selectman Bussiere stated that favoritism casts a stone at the other members and the professionalism of a surveyor on the Planning Board is needed.

Ken Grant – Mr. Grant commented about members of the Planning Board that don't regularly show up and only come to vote. It is a conflict and dis-service to the process. An example of conflicts of interest would be the chairman of the conservation commission who lobbies for conservation easements and then gets paid to monitor those easements. Also a conflict of interest is when there is a discussion of a library warrant article and a member of the Board of Selectmen had to step down to lobby for the warrant article.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – May 20th, June 3rd & June 15, 2013 – Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of May 20, 2013, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously in the affirmative. Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of June 3, 2012, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The minutes for June 15, 2013 will reviewed at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT

1. Due to Peter Cook leaving for a weather emergency, Administrator Scruton noted that the town received three bids for striping. Industrial submitted the lowest bid. Chairman Clark didn't feel the paint lasted very well. Administrator Scruton stated that it is state standard and the sand and salt used in the winter don't help. Chief Conway stated that having double solid lines deter people for passing when there aren't any lines. He feels that the roads should be striped. Chief Walker noted that the lines help at night and make a huge difference on a rainy night. Dan Ayer stated that the quality of the paint has gone down because of environmental issues with the paint. Administrator Scruton also feels that it is a safety issue. Mr. Cook will be asked to get more information. Chief Conway stated that motor vehicle stops were 40% less than the previous year. Bob Ott supports the lines and said the police do a good job.
2. The American Legion has requested that their tax bill be reduced based on the value last year. Last year the Board of Selectmen reduced the bill because The American Legion could not access their property on Route 9. Selectman Gaudiello felt that this year, the situation is different, there is access to their property as a road is being built. Currently there is a steep embankment where their driveway would be placed; however, the town will begin to remove some of the obstructions. The Board did not support reducing their assessment.
3. ZBA Appointments will be discussed at a future meeting.
4. Administrator Scruton asked the Board if they had any issues with him sending an RFP for demolition of the old town hall or proceed to get quotes for a budget number that would not be binding on the company. The Board supported Administrator Scruton getting a quote
5. There has been ongoing discussion with the Svenson family regarding a donation of land for a town office/library. The Board authorized Administrator Scruton to ask Jeff Adler for some rough numbers to build a road to get onto the site.
6. Starting on July 1st the Board of Selectmen will be holding their meetings at the elementary school annex. One of the rooms will be set up as a meeting room. The current location is going to be converted to classroom space. Chairman Clark asked if the gate that is located at the Mallego Road driveway could be removed and placed between the annex and the elementary school.
7. The proposed Welfare Guidelines have been reviewed with recommended changes. Mrs. Berryment stated that the levels for allowable assistance were reviewed i.e. food, housing. A lot of the changes are based on model guidelines through the Local Government Center. Selectman Bussiere moved to adopt the

recommended Welfare Guidelines, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

8. The police have been responding to complaints on a section on Old Green Hill Road between Orchard Hill Road and the Dover line. This section is Class VI. Dover has made their end of the road a Class A trail. A Class A trail would prohibit motorized vehicle use other than the owners abutting the land accessing their property. Administrator Scruton recommends contacting the land owners about bringing this change to town meeting.
9. Liberty Truck is in need of more space and is willing to swap a 7 acre parcel on Pierce Road with a parcel the Town owns on Route 125. The town would enter into a development agreement similar to that of Turbocam. Selectman Bussiere thinks this makes a lot of sense.
10. The Town has received notice of two significant amounts on money that will offset expenditures from the operating budget. The first is a premium health insurance holiday from LGC due to a court case and the other is money from FEMA to pay for NEMO storm damage that occurred on February 18, 2013. The amounts total \$80,000.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil recommended signatures on the following:

1. Abatements #57 - #62
2. 2012 Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$3,218.24
3. Land Use Change Tax Warrant in the amount of \$60,830
4. Civil Forfeiture Warrant for collection of overdue dog fees
5. Vendor Manifest dated 06/20/2013
6. Payroll Manifest dated 06/16/2013

OLD BUSINESS

Planning Board Appointments – The Board reviewed the names of the various candidates for both full members and alternates. Selectman Bussiere moved to appoint Candice Sicard and Jason Pohobek as full members for three years, Joshua Bouchard as an alternate for three years and Dan Ayer as an alternate for one year, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The appointments expire in March if a given year.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to recess and go into a non-meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Hatch moved to return to the meeting at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

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The Board praised the School for the eighth grade graduation, especially the boy who sang the Star Spangled Banner, the jazz band and the way that the program moved along.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.