

Selectmen's Minutes
July 22, 2013

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, July 22, 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

Peter LaChapelle – Waste Management – Single Stream Recycling – Mr. LaChapelle was present to discuss single stream recycling which Barrington has just implemented. It is much more convenient as recyclables don't have to be separated. Other local towns are also going towards single stream recycling. He had several recommendations for Barrington in the future. It will continue to be a revenue source for Barrington but the market fluctuates. The process is about 98% automated at their facility. The town is in the process of making changes to make the bins more accessible at the recycling center. They will also be accepting #3 -#7 plastics. Clerk McNeil noted that the town's website, under Transfers Station, shows a video of how the separation works for single stream recycling.

John Wallace – Conservation Easement Discussions – Mr. Wallace noted that an amendment needed to be signed to the Conservation Easement deed regarding the Schulz-Carbone easement that gives more clarification regarding the boundaries by the Isinglass. Selectman Hatch moved to accept the amendment for the Schulz-Carbone easement and authorize Chairman Clark to sign the deed, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Regarding the Warren Farm sale, the new owners would like to add a slaughter facility to the easement property for their chickens. Denise Hart felt that the Board should be cautious as this may need to be approved by the USDA. The whole process would need to go before the Planning Board. Marcia Gasses stated that the scope of what they are proposing does not rise to the level of the USDA guidelines. The Board approved the idea. The third issue is a conservation easement on the Calef property on Town Farm Road. This discussion will be in non-public session later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jill Hilfiger, of advocates for a Better Barrington, was present to show her support of a town complex for a town office/library on one warrant article at town meeting. The town's people need to look at the vision and not just the price tag. She asked the Board to share the vision and engage the community. Stephanie Dimke followed up stating the Board should also share this vision of working together. She feels that a community center will attract more business. She hoped the Board would show serious consideration of the town center concept on the Svenson property. Leslie Craigan, also from Advocates for a Better Barrington, asked where we are going to be in 10 -20 – 30 years from now. We need to build a shared facility. This would be the best use of the town's dollars. She would support one warrant article. She is also concerned about what might end up at the site of the old town office building. Steve Conklin

stated that townspeople are interested in the best way and not the cheapest way. He felt that the Board should consider a common building facility. Charter Weeks noted that the ABB had a long discussion at their recent meeting about the two part warrant articles. He wants the Board to go forward with a shared facility that would serve the town for another 20 to 30 years. He believes that a large number of people will actively support the shared community center. Consider the town's future and don't look at it piecemeal. Melinda Shofner stated she doesn't go to the town office, but does everything by mail. The old town hall does not bring people out, but library and recreation do. Denise Hart spoke as a taxpayer stating that she feels the center of town is at Route 125 and 9. She questioned the use of the town office and felt that she would support something with a future vision like the library/recreation/walking paths, a coffee shop. She also spoke of having a single warrant article. She further spoke as a Save Our Groundwater member and noted that USA Springs has applied to renew their large groundwater withdrawal permit and wanted to make the Board aware of the situation. She shared several documents on this matter with the Board.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – July 1, 2013 – Selectman Bussiere moved to accept the minutes of July 1, 2013 as amended, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Regarding the location for a new town hall/library/SAU facility, Administrator Scruton, Chairman Clark and Selectman Gaudiello worked on a comparison of the two sites (the old town office site and the Svenson property) and the costs associated with the sites. Administrator Scruton gave a summary of the costs. Chairman Clark followed up noting that there have been a variety of people who have looked at the different options as a community. The Board isn't ready yet to make a decision as there are many factors to look at. We are in this together or none of us will be successful without each other. Selectman Gaudiello noted that the Board is on a tight time-frame and hope to have plans and meetings with the residents before Thanksgiving. A meeting will be set up to look further at choosing a site. Mike Moroukian noted that the cost would be spread over 30 years. He would like to see community members added to this committee.
2. At the Board's previous meeting they authorized waiving interest, merging properties, cleaning up the yard and remove the house within 90 days on map 103 lots 20 & 21. This property is for sale and the new buyer would like to have more time to remove the structure as his business may take him away unexpectedly for months at a time. They plan to clean the yard and seal/board up the building. There had been further discussion that in order to build a garage, without a variance, the house would need to stay. Selectman Bussiere moved to waive the interest on the property taxes, if the lots were merged, the loose debris is removed in 90 days, and the rest of the structure is removed within a year from this date, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. An agreement will be drawn up and if the agreement is not adhered to, the town will implement the interest amount.

3. Coachman Estates started developing their subdivision 10 years ago and put in two driveways to be used for construction materials. Selectman Bussiere moved to leave the two driveways as they exist on Coachman Drive and not require them to make construction entrances, however they would need to be paved the required length before issuance of an occupancy permit, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
4. Turbocam would like to drill a well on lot 5 of the Clark-Goodwill property that they are slated to acquire in the future. Selectman Gaudiello suggested turning over that lot to Turbocam instead of having an easement over the property. Selectman Gaudiello moved to transfer the property to Turbocam and authorized Administrator Scruton to sign the deed on behalf of the Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
5. Administrator Scruton reviewed the changes to the legal policy that were proposed by Alan Kelley and offered the following: instead of removing the Town Administrator from the approval process, he suggested "The Town Administrator shall be consulted first, retains the right to refuse the submittal, subject to appeal to the Board of Selectmen". Also the Board accepted his suggestion to drop names which was merely to illustrate the positions. The Board rejected his suggestion to drop the Recreation Commission from the list of boards that can contact the attorney. The Board rejected the suggestion that combines the policy for contacting the NHMA with that for contacting the town's attorney. The Board rejected his suggestion that any member of a board can ask the attorney a question. Selectman Bussiere moved to support Administrator Scruton proposals, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
6. Administrator Scruton noted that Candice Sicard is moving out of town and is unable to accept the appointment to the Planning Board.
7. The town's appraisal firm is recommending a reassessment of mobile homes. During their analysis they found that mobile homes average ratio was 193%. The mobile homes will be reassessed to 115% ratio. This additional work can be done within the existing budget. Selectman Hatch moved to proceed, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
8. PSNH is requesting a power line easement over the Clark-Goodwill property. We are in the process of negotiating a possible revision of what they want.
9. There is a meeting on Wednesday with the Superintendent of Schools, Police Chief, Fire Chief and Administrator Scruton regarding the question of opening the entry gate to Mallego Road from the Elementary School.
10. Administrator Scruton presented his organizational chart, staff reporting to the town administrator chart and department of public works organizational chart and asked for any comments.
11. The developer of Gerrior subdivision would like to require sprinkler systems in several of their proposed homes to avoid adding a cistern. The Fire Chief does not have an objection as long as it is clear that the system be in place before any occupancy permit. The Board had no objection.

12. The rules under the Affordable Care Act have now been delayed until 2015 regarding the mandate for large employers to provide affordable health insurance coverage.
13. Marcia Gasses and Peter Cook are working on a grant for money to help with paying for replacement of two large culverts. One is on Old Settlers Road and one on Young Road. The town will need to consider how to fund their share over the coming years.
14. Union elections are scheduled for Tuesday, July 30th. Administrator Scruton will be meeting with the employees over the next week.
15. There has been recent correspondence regarding parking on town roads. Chief Conway responded that parking is allowed if all four wheels are off the pavement and not a hazard to safety.
16. To date the town has spent over \$8,000 for labor negotiations and related costs.
17. When painting the yellow lines on the roads in Barrington, the contractor had problems with the paint applicator. He will be returning to fix the problems.
18. There will be a meeting on August 1st at UNH to review the flood maps in Dover, Madbury and Rollinsford. Barrington has been invited but is not in the study area.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: Land Use Change Tax Warrant in the amount of \$7,682, a Quitclaim Deed for Loren & Jane Estes, one DRA form, payroll manifests dated 06/30, 7/7 and 7/14 and vendor manifests dated 7/3, 7/11 and 7/18.
2. Clerk McNeil noted that a letter was received from a property owner who lost their property to the town for non-payment of taxes to acquire the property back. Clerk McNeil asked the Board if they would like to return the property to the previous owner who would need to pay all back taxes, costs and fees totaling more than \$8,200. The Board asked that several other options be looked at including offering the property to the abutters as a non-building lot.
3. A second letter was received from a property owner asking if they could purchase the abutting property from the town to give them more frontage on the water. The Board suggested, as we have done in the past, to offer the land to both of the abutters with a minimum bid of \$3,500.

Selectman Bussiere moved to go into non-public session at 8:45 p.m. for the discussion of land acquisition per RSA 91 A: 3 II a, c, d or e, seconded by Selectman Malloy. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Malloy – aye, Clark – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Bussiere moved to come out of non-public session at 10:00 p.m. and to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Hatch moved to commit up to \$100,000 from the conservation fund along with other funding towards the purchase of property, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Bussiere moved to go into non-public session for the discussion of personnel at 10:01 p.m. per RSA 91 A: 3 II a, c, d or e, seconded by Selectman Malloy. Chairman Clark asked

for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Malloy – aye, Clark – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Bussiere moved to come out of non-public session at 10:20 p.m. and to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Malloy. The motion passes.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudiello stated that she attended the recent School Board meeting and met the new middle school principal. In August the School Board will be having a planning session.

Selectman Hatch attended the recent Library Trustees meeting. She stated that Trustee Gaudiello gave a good presentation on the Selectmen's consideration on a new library building to be part of a new municipal building. Selectman Hatch noted that it was a very interesting meeting and everyone participated.

Selectman Bussiere stated that he was unable to attend the Conservation Commission meeting and the Recreation Commission meeting.

Selectman Malloy missed last week's site walk with the Planning Board. The new chairman of the Planning Board is Tony Gaudiello.

Chairman Clark had nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31