

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

AUGUST 19, 2013

The Selectmen's Meeting for Monday, August 19, 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

Long Shore Lot Owners Assoc. – Code Violations – Mike MacNeil spoke for the Association. They have filed complaints with the town over a number of years and he feels that nothing has been done. There is a list of ongoing violations. Septic systems seem to be a problem, along with junk cars. Mr. MacNeil asked what can be done. Administrator Scruton noted that office has hired a second person. He also noted several issues that have already been addressed. A representative from the codes office will get together with Mr. MacNeil.

Bob Ott – Mr. Ott had several issues to discuss. He feels that the old town hall can be renovated from the inside out. He would like to have his architect and contractor look at the facility to see what can be done. The building has good frame structure. Mr. Ott felt that here needs to be a hip roof. The boiler is new but the way the heat is dispersed has to change. Administrator Scruton recommended that the Board accept Mr. Ott's offer with the following stipulations: the Town Administrator and his designee should accompany the person who is going through the building, the NH licensed architect must belong to the American Institute of Architects and the report shall consist of sufficient detail to be examined by our architect for completeness. Selectman Gaudiello noted that previous contractor, Building Science Corp., had looked at the project from the inside out. Selectman Hatch supported going along with Mr. Ott and that it would show there are different ways to look at the project. Selectman Bussiere felt that it is in the town's best interest to have the data. All previous reports done for the town will be made available to Mr. Ott's architects and contractors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Diane St. Jean asked who is going to pay for the architect. There has not been a charge asked for yet.

Ken Grant asked several questions: who is the town's architect, is there more than one and how much was paid to Building Science Corp. Administrator Scruton will supply the information. SMP, H L Turner, and Building Science Corp have done the recent work.

Kelly Ellis, a resident of Berry River Road, noted that there are properties in her neighborhood that look like "salvage yards" and she bought one and cleaned it up. She is concerned about what is happening to the water ways with old vehicles and old paint. She is asking the town to take this seriously as this is an environmental issue.

David Jones was concerned about spending \$500,000 for development of the Swenson property that the town doesn't own. He felt the town should consider purchasing the 11 acres behind Calef's store. It is a good location for a library as it is near the school. The property is large enough that it could be used for other gatherings.

Selectman Hatch thanked Peter Cook and his crew for picking up the trash that was bagged on Second Crown Pt. Road and also the Gould's and Marcia Hatch for picking up the trash.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – August 5, 2013 & August 12, 2013 – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of August 5, 2013 as written, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of August 12, 2012 as written, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORTS

Administrator Scruton

1. Selectman Gaudiello moved to authorize Chairman Clark or Administrator Scruton to sign the renewal contract for Cocheco Valley Human Society, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. Chief Conway explained their pricing.
2. The Advisory Budget Committee is down to two members and the Board is looking for membership. Administrator Scruton explained the time commitment and noted the proposed 2014 budget schedule.
3. Administrator Scruton presented a draft (summary) of the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Swenson property
4. A request has been received for two signs, similar to the ones in Rochester stating "No Trucks Over 26000 GVWR" at Green Hill Road/Hansonville Road. There is a sign in Rochester on their section of Hansonville Road. The trucks come down the Barrington section of Hansonville Road and then have to turn around when they get to the Rochester line. Selectman Hatch stated that she hates to see Barrington start posting roads. She noted that if the town posts one road everyone else would want their roads posted. It should be no through trucks except for local delivery. Tolend Road is in the same situation. Peter Cook is opposed to posting roads. Marcia Gases stated that all city roads in Dover are posted – but allow local delivery. Selectman Gaudiello moved to place signs with the wording noting Rochester and Dover respectively post, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
5. Administrator Scruton noted a proposed ordinance for Town Meeting "to prohibit the public nuisance of domestic farm animals being allowed to roam in public places including a road".
6. The Dept. of Environmental Service would like the Board to grant them access to do some sampling in an existing well on the Tamposi property. They would need to cut the welded well cap and would replace it with a modern bolt on style cap. Selectman Bussiere would like to see the proposed well cap preferably welded shut when they are done.

7. Capitol Reserve Fund Water Research – The Town Administrator reported the Capitol Reserve was started when there was concern with potential water withdrawals occurring with Rochester and Portsmouth and the potential development of USA Springs and selling water to Portsmouth. “What do you want to do with the fund?” The Board agreed to hold onto the fund at this time.
8. Administrator Scruton suggested to the Board to hold off on moving the antenna and removing the asbestos from the old town hall. Selectman Bussiere would like to see Chief Walker spend \$1000 for developing an RFQ for moving the antenna. An RFP will be developed by Scott Lawson Group for asbestos removal and they will also be in charge of overseeing the process.
9. Administrator Scruton noted that he will be making adjustments to the MS-4, Estimated Revenues, and noted the changes.
10. A second resignation from the Highway Department was recently submitted. This brings the Department down to five positions. Administrator Scruton noted the committee planning to interview the foreman position.
11. It was noted that there is no prohibition to the Board abstaining on the recommendation for a warrant article for Town Meeting.
12. Bulls Gap submitted a letter requesting purchase of their tax deeded property back. Back taxes, costs, fees and 15% premium based on current assessment are required for purchase – this amount is around \$10,000. They have until November to make a decision, after which the Board is not forced to sell it back to them.
13. Park & Ride – The card for the property does not indicate any kind of property tax break for allowing the use of a park and ride.
14. Administrator Scruton talked with NHDOT to encourage them to look at other options for the Park and Ride. There was also discussion regarding moving New Town Plains Road using one of their grant sources.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on vendor manifest dated 8-15-2013, payroll manifest dated 8-11-2013 and several abatements.

Selectman Bussiere moved to accept the high bid from Patricia & Stewart Cole in the amount of \$5,758 for map 104 lot 93 with the lot being merged with their abutting lot, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Bussiere moved to go into non-public session at 7:53 p.m. per RSA 91 A: 3 II a, c, d or e regarding land, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Malloy – aye, Clark – aye. The motion passes.

Chairman Clark moved to come out of non-public session at 8:20 p.m. and to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.