

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES JANUARY 27, 2014

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, January 27, 2014 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Bussiere, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil. Selectman Malloy was absent.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Stan Swier – Review of Warrant for Deliberative Session – Administrator Scruton stated that Metrocast will not be filming the Deliberative Session. However; he is researching other ways to provide access for the public to see the Deliberative Session. Also, this year, the minutes will be taken by office staff. The meeting will start with a power-point presentation, the zoning articles will be summarized, the warrant articles will be summarized and then discussion will start with article 10. Article 1 is the election of officers. Articles 2 – 9 are zoning articles that were previously discussed at the Planning Board public hearing. Articles 10 through 24 were reviewed as to who would move and second the article to the floor for discussion.

Articles 25, 26, 27 & 28 were Petition Articles that will be addressed by a petitioner.

Article 25 - Ken Grossman spoke to the Petition article regarding Community Bill of Rights. He stated that he shares some of the concerns of the petitioners, but would like to simplify the article. He further noted that he like would ask the Planning Board to look into the issues raised by the petitioners to protect the "health safety and welfare of river ecosystems" for 2015. Planner, Marcia Gasses, noted that there is a change proposed in the Zoning Ordinance that gravel pits be allowed by conditional use permit in residential zones. The town's attorney previously stated that there is no statutory authority to adopt and no authority to enforce this article. Selectman Bussiere will amend this article at Deliberative Session to support our attorney's wording and will be seconded by Chairman Clark.

Article 27 – Ken Grant spoke to this article about land use change tax fees being used to renovate the town hall on Ramsdell Lane. The town's attorney and Dept. of Revenue Administration previously stated that there is no statutory authority to do this. Ken Grant would like to see case law on the attorney's comment. Selectman Hatch will amend this article at Deliberative Session to support our attorney's wording and will be seconded by Selectman Gaudiello.

Article 28 - Ken Grant spoke to this article about going to an "official" budget committee. He felt that an "official" budget committee has community standing. Chairman Clark said that he is opposed to an "official" budget committee as they produce the budget, but the Selectmen are responsible for making the budget work. If this vote passes the "official" budget committee would also have to work on the school side. The "official" budget committee would have to include a member of the Board of Selectmen, School Board and a member from the Swains Lake Village Water District. The town is having a hard time now trying to fill positions for the Advisory Budget Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Mausteller noted that there are affordable and easy ways to put meetings on the computer. "WebEx" or "Go to Meetings" could be used and they cost between \$29 and \$49 per month.

Ken Grant asked what three towns Administrator Scruton had worked with that had an "official" budget committee and there were problems filling the slots for the positions – Farmington, Plaistow, and Goffstown.

Paul Mausteller stated that he had researched Barrington sales and wanted to know how the figure of a proposed decrease of 15% in property values came from. He feels that the properties he looked at (single family homes) are close to market value. Administrator Scruton explained how the equalization survey works and the Dept. of Revenue Administration generates the equalization figure.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – January 6, 2014 & January 13, 2014 – Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of January 6, 2014, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Bussiere moved to accept the minutes of January 13, 2014, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF

Administrator Scruton

1. Selectman Bussiere moved to support the Peeper Run and close Mallego Road from Route 125 to the Post Office entrance from 8:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. on May 3rd, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. Administrator Scruton will be sending out an RFQ for an electrician and asked the Board if they had any changes to the RFQ. The Board had no problem.
3. Selectman Bussiere moved to submit the Old Settlers Road Culvert to the hydraulic study as a second bridge project to the State for 80% funding, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
4. Administrator Scruton noted that someone with a mortgage has come forward from the eviction process to pay the back taxes and does the Board want to waive the 15% penalty. The Board felt that they needed more information before making a decision.
5. The town is in the running to get a FEMA grant for replacing the Young Road culvert. The town would have to come up with \$62,500 of soft match. Administrator Scruton feels that the town could move money around within the Highway Department if the town receives the grant.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil asked for signatures on the following: abatements #4 & #5, one Intent to Cut, two notices to Quit, the Huffman deed, vendor manifests dated 1/14 and 1/23 and vendor manifests dated 1/12 and 1/19.

The Board approved the name Thatcher Way for a subdivision off Ramsdell Lane.

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Peter Cook stated that R & D paving will hold their prices at last year's rate if the Board would sign a contract with them for 2014 paving. Selectman Bussiere moved to authorize Chairman Clark to sign the agreement with a price not to exceed \$622.50 but if the price goes down the town would receive that price, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Hatch stated that she recently attended the Library Trustees meeting and the Mission-Vision-Profile meeting.

Selectman Bussiere recently attended a Conservation Commission meeting and a site walk was held this past weekend.

Chairman Clark would like to dedicate the Town Report of Richard O'Brien who did so much for both the town and the school and to other Barrington residents who passed away this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ken Grant noted that the town employee salaries are on the website and they should also go into the town report. Administrator Scruton stated that they will be in the town report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.