

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2014

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, April 28, 2014 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.

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing on the purchase of the Wilhelm property by the Conservation Commission, Map 263 Lot 0015 at 6:34 p.m. There would be a purchase price of \$7,200. This is a land locked piece of property in the middle of the Tamposi property. There were no public comments. Selectman Hatch moved to buy the property for \$7,200 plus closing costs and authorize Administrator Scruton to sign on behalf of the Board, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Jessie Sherrill – Subdivision Request on Town Owned Property – This property is currently owned by the town as it was taken for non-payment of taxes. Mr. Sherrill stated that he started this process in February with the former landowner and the property is now owned by the Town of Barrington. He would like to subdivide out and purchase a house lot on the back of this 11 acre parcel. They have come to an agreement for one subdivided lot. Mr. Sherrill passed out some paperwork for the Board's review. The property that he would like to acquire abuts his Dad's property and is backland for the Warner (now Town owned property). After completion of the project survey, property tax money will be escrowed until the closing. He has talked with a surveyor and the town's planner. He would like the 15% penalty waived for Mr. Warner when the property is repurchased. He would like to mainstream the project and move forward as soon as possible. He appreciates the consideration of the town office staff. The lot would be approximately two acres depending on the type of land i.e. wetlands. Selectman Bussiere felt that the Board should waive the 15% fee in order to have someone stay in their home citing the financial circumstances of the former owner. Selectman Hatch felt that the case would need to be justified and a precedent not set in waiving this penalty. There was a hardship of the former property owners and that is why they lost the property. Selectman Gaudiello wanted to do what is reasonable and fair. Selectman Bussiere moved to require \$1000 to cover legal fees and waive the rest of the 15% penalty, seconded by Selectman Malloy. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Hatch offered her concern of setting a precedent.

Richard Maier - Commissioner of the Swains Lake Village Water District, presented a Petition to enlarge the boundaries to complete the expansion of the District. It takes the town's recently passed zoning ordinance one step further. The District passed their ordinance at their annual meeting and the town voted to change the Zoning at town meeting. There have been problems with well water so these homes will be tied into the water district. All work will be paid for by Ford Motor Company. Selectman Bussiere moved to accept the petition. seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Roger and Tricia Fortin were present to bring the Board up to date of their progress of cleaning up a parcel of land on Long Shore Drive – Map 103 Lots 20 & 21. They were given a year, from July 22, 2013, to remove all structures on the lot. They have made a lot of progress. One structure is left. It

is the main camp. The building has been secured. The Fortin's would like an extension for one more year. Selectman Hatch moved to authorize the year extension to remove the final structure, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Mausteller asked if any title work had been done on the property that Mr. Sherrill would like to acquire. He also questioned the Board's handling of several warrant articles at Deliberative Session and the recent insurance bid process.

Dan Ayer felt the Board did the right thing with waiving the 15% penalty.

Selectman Gaudiello asked about videotaping the Selectmen's meetings. Administrator Scruton stated the town needs to purchase a broadcast quality camera that has a special format for television broadcasting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – March 17th and April 14 - Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of March 17th, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of April 14th, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

1. Selectman Hatch moved to renew the contract for Fire/Rescue Communications Services between the Town of Barrington and the UNH Communications Center from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. Selectman Gaudiello moved to authorize Administrator Scruton to write off welfare liens if the property has been sold at foreclosure and been resold (this had been a recommendation of the auditor because the town can't collect the lien), seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. The Board will be meeting with the Recreation Commission on May 19th at the gym. Administrator Scruton will check to see if the Board can continue their meeting at that same location.
4. In reviewing the proposal from SMP, for architectural services, Administrator Scruton feels the town should spend less on the public meetings and do more with the interior layout. The original proposal included town offices, SAU offices, library and shared community meeting spaces. He asked the Board how they want him to proceed. Currently Norway Plains is looking for a site on the Swenson lot. Selectman Bussiere noted that he would not be onboard with a 14,000 square foot or 12,000 square foot town office. Administrator Scruton will come back with a proposal after contacting SMP. Paul Mausteller felt that a location should be found first.
5. In 2013, the Isinglass River Committee was established to protect the Isinglass River. Administrator Scruton asked the Board if they wanted to leave this committee as a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission. Selectman Gaudiello thought maybe they can work on their own and the Board could take a step back. Administrator Scruton will ask for a recommendation from the town's attorney and then talk to the Conservation Commission.
6. Chairman Clark asked about the paving line in the budget. Administrator Scruton stated that the total in the paving line is \$925,000 – a total of \$250,000 must be kept out of that line for next winter (Oct – Dec) and for other road jobs. It was noted that the town is not keeping up with the recommended time-line from DuBois and King. It was asked if money could come from other lines to help out the paving line in order to try to keep on schedule. Administrator Scruton will look. The

highway building is coming together. Administrator Scruton and Peter Cook will be visiting various towns to see their highway buildings.

7. Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the resignation of Steven Jeffery as a Planning Board alternate, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the resignation of Alan Kelley as a Planning Board member, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. It was noted that the Board needs to find more Planning Board members.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: First Half 2014 Property Tax Warrant, a Jeopardy Assessment Warrant, Intent to Cut Applications for Pierce & Muckian, a Forest Fire Bill, Abatement #22, payroll manifest dated 4/20, and vendor manifests dated 4/17 & 4/24.

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Architect and Schedule – previously discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Communications Agreement between UNH Communications Center and the Town of Barrington – previously discussed.

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Selectman Bussiere stated that he recently road with Officer Joy (without the dog). He got to see what the police officers do on their shift.

Selectman Malloy stated that with the resignations from the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen will need to recruit some new members. A notice will be put on the website and channel 26.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.