

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

November 24, 2015

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, November 24, 2015 started at 6:00 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

Recreation Commission – Three members of the Recreation Commission and Tara Barker were present to discuss recreation space in the proposed new town office. They would like space for programs in that building. Even if the library vacates their building, they would use both spaces. The cost to include the basement and two bathrooms would be \$85,000. They would like 1,100 square feet to be able to bring back the programs that they lost. Chairman Clark asked if the Rec. Commission could contribute from their revolving fund. The Rec. Commission questioned why they need to spend their funds for this unfinished space. Selectman Malloy asked if adding more programs would make this space cost effective to support spending money from the revolving fund. Selectman Gaudiello suggested that the Rec. Commission meet with the Library Trustees to find out their plan as their money may be better spent renovating the old library. They also asked the cost to finish the space for programs instead of storage. SMP will be asked to get an estimate of finished cost per square foot for two rooms. Chairman Clark commended the Rec. Department in doing a fantastic job.

Chris Heath – Wildcat Road – He would like to have the school bus not back up using his driveway. In his deed there is an easement for a turnaround. It is also noted in the original driveway permit. He has several cars, a trailer, and truck that he needs to park there. Peter Cook presented the history of that section of road including pictures. The town can't spend funds on a private road or a Class VI road. Selectman Bussiere is not an advocate of spending town money. Paul Mausteller felt the Board should go to the School Board to check to see how many students are on Wildcat Road. Administrator Scruton will check with the Superintendent of Schools and report back to the Board in two weeks. Mr. Heath was asked if he would contribute to the cost. He said "no, just on a lawyer". He was offered temporary parking at the old town office.

John Canney – Involuntarily Merged Lots (RSA 673:39-aa) – Bill Trainor spoke for Mr. Canney. In 1971 Mr. Canney inherited the house from his parents. Several years later he acquired two other parcels. The lots are currently assessed as one lot. The bank has mortgages on all three lots. They want to replace a burned down house however; there is also a house on the lot and two dwelling units are not allowed on one lot. They would like the lots unmerged so that the house can be rebuilt. Administrator Scruton stated that the lot has been assessed as one lot since 1977. He also showed a plan from Mr. Canney's surveyor that represented the lot as one lot. Selectman Gaudiello is concerned about the letter of the law as the owners have treated it as a single lot for many years. They could ask for a variance for two dwelling units on a single lot or see a variance to subdivide a lot that does not conform to subdivision regulations. Paul Mausteller felt that the Board should work with the property owner as this is a hardship. Selectman Bussiere moved to recognize that there are three individual lots and to proceed to separate through the administrative process and

then two lots are going to be merged, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – nay, Hatch – aye, Malloy – aye, Clark – aye. The motion passes.

2015 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION

Building/Codes – Tom Abbott There is an increase of 4% in this budget. - He would like to merge several lines in his budget. Nothing has been spent out of operating supplies and he would like to combine it with Conferences & Training. The Board wanted Conferences and Training left as a separate line and put \$1 in the operating supplies line. Building Equipment is for books, meters for testing etc. The \$800 in Building Equipment will be moved to operating supplies with \$1 in the Building Equipment line.

Tax Collection – Linda Markiewicz – This budget is up 3%. Mrs. Markiewicz explained why the contracts line was over spent this year. The line has been underfunded for several years. This line pays for services at the Registry of Deeds, and the mortgage search vendor. Equipment rental is down as the folder inserted is only used by the Town Clerk. Paul Mausteller asked if she had looked at paying tax bill with credit cards. She and the town clerk would like to move toward accepting credit cards. It is a software issue that is being worked on.

Fire-Rescue/Cemetery – Chief Walker presented these budgets. The Fire/Rescue is up 25%. Full-time hourly wages is up with the request for an additional full-time employee and increase the number of hours from 40 to 42.5. Part-time hourly has an increase as it is currently overspent. The overtime line is up as the full-time firefighter goes over his hours at an emergency or being called back in for an emergency. Regarding the additional position, Chief Walker stated that the town has been supportive of its volunteers. Barrington will not have a full-time Fire Department in the near future. There will be 900 combined fire/rescue calls by the end of the year. Because of life style changes and work schedules there are not as many volunteers available during the day. Many things are pulling at volunteer service. A simple motor vehicle accident can take six people to respond. Barrington is fortunate to have strong mutual aid support. A third person would allow the department to accomplish more. Peter Royce asked if the earned time buyouts will be reviewed – the second meeting in December. The weekend employees are paid out of the Fire Department revolving fund. Dale Silvia, a retired chief, doesn't know how Chief Walker runs the department on such a small budget. He supported the additional firefighter. Chief Conway supports the firefighter.

Cemetery - The budget is down 2%. The School Department does the mowing – the mowing line is down to \$10,000. The Electric line is up as it has been over expended previous years.

The ABC will have their recommendations for the December 8th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Ayer presented the Board with information regarding paving.

Paul Mausteller asked how the Board came up with a price for the new highway garage. He wants the Board to send the proposed town office out to bid to get a firm number before town meeting. The cost to generate that information would be \$50,000 to \$60,000. Administrator Scruton noted the process.

REVIEW OF MINUTES - November 17, 2014 Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of November 17, 2014, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. The Board supported adding \$25,000 to the Executive Design budget for design of a library. Selectman Malloy moved to put the money in the executive design line, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. Steps/COLA – Chairman Clark would like to see where the bottom line is for the proposed 2015 budget before making a decision on COLA/Steps. The Board wanted to know the total impact including the bond to be more considerate of the taxpayer.
3. The two options for the proposed town office – Construction Manager vs. Design Bid. The architect supports Construction Manager. Selectman Bussiere supports Design Bid and he feels that our building inspectors can oversee the construction. Selectman Gaudiello supports Construction Manager. The third options would be Design-Build. Chief Walker stated that there was a Clerk of the Works for the public safety building and it can be hard for the town's building inspector when politics are involved. Administrator Scruton will contact Jason LaCombe for more information. The size of the meeting room will remain at 75 people.
4. Highway Garage floor will have to wait until warmer weather.
5. Administrator Scruton noted that money in the Capital Reserve Fund for Town Building Preservation cannot be used for repaving the public safety building parking lot.
6. Administrator Scruton provided the Conservation Commission Memo of Understanding. The easement monitoring has been completed for this year. Only half of the easements were monitored this year. There is a question if monitoring comes out of the Conservation Fund vs. operating budget.
7. January meeting dates were reviewed. The set dates are January 5th, 19th & 26th.
8. The proposed holiday schedule for 2015 was reviewed.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: one current use application, abatements #46 - #50, payroll manifest dated 11/16/14 and vendor manifest dated 11/20/14. The appointments for alternates to the Planning Board were reviewed and will be invited to the next meeting for introduction to the Board of Selectmen.

OLD BUSINESS

Peter Cook noted that R & D Paving supports holding their price the same as 2013 and 2014 for paving. Administrator Scruton feels that the price of oil may keep going down and effect paving prices and the town should go out to bid in the spring. Mr. Cook will contact R & D with the Board's concerns.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

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Selectman Hatch attended the recent Library Trustees meeting and a ZBA meeting. At the ZBA meeting there were three appeals, one was continued and two were denied.

Selectman Bussiere noted that there were a lot of town employees who volunteered at the Thanksgiving Basket distribution. It was very impressive.

Selectman Malloy noted that the Planning Board gave conditional approval to Turbocam for a third building.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to go into non-public session at 10:05 p.m. per RSA 91 A: 3 II a for personnel, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Clark – aye, Malloy – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Bussiere left during the meeting.

The Board discussed personnel and other compensation issues.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to come out of non-public session at 10:40 p.m. seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.