

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, January 19, 2015 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Bussiere, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Malloy, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil. Selectman Gaudiello was absent

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

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing on the proposed 2015 budget and warrant articles at 6:34 p.m. Chairman Clark asked if there were any specific questions. Charter Weeks asked about the earned time buyouts in the budget. Chairman Clark explained how the Board of Selectmen have worked to reduce this cost. A petition article was received on January 13th. Administrator Scruton read the article – the purpose of the article is to increase the money from the Land Use Change Tax to the Conservation Fund from 50% to 75%. There is currently over \$200,000 in the fund. Mr. Weeks spoke of continuing to conserve land and restrain development which is a benefit to the taxpayers. Selectman Hatch felt that this isn't a good year to make the change as the Board is trying to move forward with a new town office. Pat Gingrich noted that the tax would help purchase other green spaces. Selectman Bussiere felt that we currently have enough money in reserve (\$220,000) and there are no other parcels on the radar for purchase. Chairman Clark moved to not support increasing the percentage of the fee, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Hatch – aye, Malloy – nay, Clark – aye. The motion passes. The public hearing closed at 6:44 p.m.

Mike MacNeil – Long Shore Lot Owners Association – Mr. MacNeil was asked to attend to give the Board an update on any proposed work by the LSLOA on Berry River Road and Long Shore Drive. This issue came about with the request for a building permit and the condition of the hill that is access to this lot. Mr. MacNeil stated that they do have some money in the budget for hot top. Only about half of the people pay their dues so there isn't a lot of money in their budget. That section of road where there is a concern will be addressed this summer. Marcia Gasses stated that seasonal homes are becoming year round and from a planning perspective they are looking at the future and need a clear plan for the roads with costs. It was asked if the town could send a letter to the property owners on both roads and urge them to pay dues. Dan Ayer supported sending a letter. Selectman Bussiere moved to approve the building permit provided Mr. Gauthier signs the Private Road Agreement pays \$2000 to the Association, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The Board spoke of putting a hold on building permits in that area until there is a plan. Mr. MacNeil will put together a plan.

Steven Skipper – Mr. Skipper would like an occupancy permit for his new house on Bassett Drive. The road needed to be graded before an occupancy permit would be issued but the road froze and the work can't be done until spring. A bond was suggested to guarantee that the work would be done. Mr. Skipper felt that he had paid the town enough money through the building permit process and impact fees. He wants to move into his new house and sell the house next door that he is currently living in. Selectman Bussiere moved to request a letter from the applicant that he will complete the requested road work by June 1, 2015 and upon receipt issue to a certificate of

occupancy before work is completed on the road, seconded by Dawn Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Ayer still had concerns regarding the paving bids. He also wanted to know why the town shed didn't come in under budget. Administrator Scruton stated that the town shed did come in under budget. The town was able to build a building to get the equipment under cover as explained at the 2014 Deliberative Session. The town opted to not do additional things to stay under budget. The Board will take his concerns under advisement.

Ken Grant asked several questions about the town shed and wanted to know who did the work. Administrator Scruton replied to Mr. Grant's concerns.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – January 5, 2015 – the minutes will be reviewed at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Administrator Scruton, after talking with the superintendent of schools, suggested meeting with the school board on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. Selectman Bussiere has several questions he would like to ask the school board: money being returned to parents in Nottingham who paid for their children to go to Coe-Brown and how the school impact are fees being allocated.
2. Bond council suggested different wording on the warrant article for the bond regarding the tax impact. The Board supported the recommended wording and letters.
3. It was suggested that maybe the Board would like to get quotes from residents regarding supporting the proposed town hall plan.
4. The Board supported a collage of the town's accomplishments for 2014 for the cover of the town report this year.
5. The name of the Calef conservation purchase will be the "A Harlan Calef Isinglass Preserve". The Board had no objection.
6. Thirteen construction manager proposals were received. One came in late because they were unable to deliver the paperwork to the town office because Route 125 was closed. The Board waived the deadline for this submittal. Jason LaCombe and Administrator Scruton reviewed the applications. The three companies that they recommended to interview are Bonnet, Page and Stone, Milestone and Bauman. Selectman Bussiere suggested also interviewing Ricci and Groen. The five interviews will be held at the public safety building with next Monday afternoon being the planned date.
7. The town engineer applications are due on Wednesday. The selection committee will be Peter Cook, Marcia Gasses, Tony Gaudiello or Planning Board designee, Dawn Hatch and Administrator Scruton,
8. The surveying bids are due on Wednesday. The selection committee will be Peter Cook, Dawn Hatch, Administrator Scruton and it was suggested to include a representative from the Conservation Commission.
9. The Solar RFQ is due on February 4th. The whole Board will review along with Administrator Scruton.
10. The Board will be signing the warrant and budget for posting by the January 26th deadline.
11. The Town has received the proposed Strafford County budget.

12. Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Abbott, has submitted his resignation so he can pursue his business full time.
13. Jeff Adler from DuBois and King is reviewing several options for supplying water to the proposed town office on Ramsdell Lane.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following:

- Pole permit for Smoke Street,
- Land Use Change Tax Warrant in the amount of \$6,760.
- Abatements #4 & #5
- Vendor manifests dated January 4th and 8th
- Payroll Manifests dated January 4th and 11th
- MS 636
- Town Warrant and Budget

OLD BUSINESS

Peter Royce – Library Trustee – The Trustees would like to show the proposed library on the site plan with the proposed town office at Deliberative Session. Selectman Hatch supports showing the potential location for the library on the plan. Selectman Bussiere stated that the plan would show that the two buildings fit and could eventually share the parking lot, septic system etc.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Selectman Hatch attended the School Board public hearing on the budget. She stated that it wasn't very well attended.

Selectman Bussiere attended the recent Recreation Commission meeting. A lot of applications have been received for the Assistant Recreation Director. A committee will be formed to review the applications.

Selectman Malloy stated that he was unable to attend the recent Planning Board meeting.

Chairman Clark noted the passing of a key Barrington volunteer, Steve Conklin who passed away while on vacation in Mexico.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Walker asked the Board to consider dedicating the town report to Steve Conklin.

Ron St. Jean stated that the candidate's forum will be held on February 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Peter Royce asked if MetroCast owns the poles in Barrington. Administrator Scruton stated that MetroCast pays rent for the poles to Fairpoint.

Ken Grant stated the he was upset that Metrocast dropped Turner Classics and the Science Channel from the basic plan even though the town has a contract with MetroCast. He felt the Board should address these issues. Selectman Malloy said the town has no control over the content or price.

Selectman Bussiere moved to go into non-public session at 8:05 p.m. per RSA 91A:3 II for personnel, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call – Bussiere – aye, Hatch – aye, Malloy – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Administrator Scruton asked to promote John Huckins Building Inspector and the Board agreed. The Board also discussed other personnel issues.

Selectman Bussiere moved to come out of non-public session at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.