Selectmen's Minutes Monday, February 16, 2015

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, February 16, 2015 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Malloy, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil. Selectman Bussiere was absent.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Steve Jeffery – Mr. Jeffery presented several documents for the Board's review. He found an error in the Zoning Ordinance when it was retyped in 2011. The error was in 9.5.1 – 4 and had to do with accessory structures within the buffer zone. It was supposed to have been corrected. Mr. Jeffery is asking the Board to correct the error. The Board of Selectmen does not have the authority to correct the error. It is a Planning Board issue. Tony Gaudiello, Planning Board Chairman spoke of "repeal and replace" of the entire ordinance but that was never found. It is now interpreted as "or". The Planning Board consistently applies the word "or". Marcia Gasses and Tom Abbott did extensive research and found that it doesn't apply to lots that currently existed prior to March 13, 2001. Mr. Jeffery feels that the intent has been misapplied. Legal counsel has reviewed this and this is the way it has been interpreted for 15 years. The request was taken under advisement and the Board will respond.

7:00 p.m. - ReVision Energy Solar Presentation/SunRaise Investment – Jack Ruderman showed a power-point presentation about their companies – largest solar installer in Northern New England, spoke of their mission, the power purchase agreement, and showed various projects that they have completed. Sun- Raise representatives spoke of the PPA (power purchase agreement) and how it worked with the Town. Their system would be at the public safety building. The Town could purchase the system after seven years. Administrator Scruton asked many questions.

7:45 p.m. – Barrington Power presented their proposal by David Russell, Jack Bingham and Chris Dundorf. They design the systems and also do the financing. Their systems would be at the public safety building and at the Highway shed. The PPA can be a complex structure to understand. David Russell spoke of the numbers through the whole process and explained the buyout process. Two of the owners live in Barrington. Mr. Russell felt that they were the better company because of "liability, experience and references".

Bobby Lambert from SunRaise spoke of the future value of their PPA and fair market value for the purchase. David Russell felt that this is a guess at fair market value. ReVision Energy has a different approach regarding the number of meters.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES – January 26th, 28th, 31st and February 3rd, 2015 – Selectman Gaudeillo moved to approve all of the minutes as presented, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

- Administrator Scruton presented information regarding wall construction and the HVAC option for the proposed town office. The architect recommended an ICF wall system. Selectman Malloy moved to support building with ICF construction, seconded by Chairman Clark. Selectman Gaudiello noted that there is only one acceptable bidder using ICF. Selectman Malloy noted that ICF is innovative and new and has a track record of being very sturdy. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Malloy aye, Hatch aye, Clark aye, Gaudiello nay. The motion passes. The Board supported using variable refrigerant electric heat pumps (VRV) for the HVAC.
- 2. Selectman Hatch moved to recommend John Huckins to the State as Health Officer, seconded by Selectman Gaudeillo. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
- 3. Selectman Malloy moved to reappointment Linda Markiewicz as Tax Collector with a salary at her current rate, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The salary will be adjusted after the budget is passed.
- 4. Selectman Hatch moved to reappointment Peter Royce as Treasurer at a salary of his current rate seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The salary will be adjusted after the budget is passed
- 5. Administrator Scruton asked the Board if they wished to have a title search done on the Renna Property that is in the middle of the Tamposi Easement. The Board supported the Conservation Commission making that decision.
- 6. Barrington Oaks Cooperative has asked the Board to forgive the property taxes on a mobile home that has been abandoned. Building Inspector, John Huckins looked at the unit and feels that it needs a good cleaning, replacement of some worn flooring and a leak fixed in the roof. The Board supported rejecting this request and retaining the lien to get the back taxes when the Cooperative sells the home.
- 7. The town currently has tax liens on two properties that are at or near the Super Fund site on Tibbetts Road. The unpaid taxes go back to the early 1990s. The tax collector has asked that the Board abate these taxes as it creates a problem with filing out State forms. There is a total of about \$20,000 owed. The Board requested more information before making a decision.
- 8. Administrator Scruton's evaluation will be discussed in non-public session.
- 9. The projected income from the thinning for the rabbit habitat is \$81,188.01. Some money will be spent to gravel a parking area, move the gate and re-grading the road that the logging trucks used.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: Health Officer Appointment, Christiansen Deeds, Town Treasurer Appointment, Tax Collector Appointment, Payroll Manifests dated 2/1 & 2/8 and Vendor Manifest dated 2/2.

OLD BUSINESS There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS There was no new business.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudiello asked Peter Cook how the snow removal was going. Mr. Cook stated that the town has had to hire trucks to pick up salt in Portsmouth. The salt deliveries are made to the State before any deliveries to the towns. He noted that he may have to look at a larger space for salt storage. He further noted that the crew has been hauling snow from the schools to an area behind the town shed. They have also run out of fuel several times and may have to look at another tank.

Selectman Hatch and Selectman Gaudiello will be doing a presentation at the library regarding the proposed town office on February 24th.

Selectman Malloy asked the Board how the Board should move forward with Steve Jeffery's request. Administrator Scruton will review Attorney Whitelaw's responses and if needed discuss with her further.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to go into non-public session at 8:57 per RSA 91A: 3 II for personnel, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Malloy – aye, Clark – aye.

The Board discussed the Town Administrator's evaluation.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to come out of non-public session at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.