

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, April 6, 2015 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Bussiere, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman O'Brien, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Richard Walker spoke on several issues.

1. Three tower RFPs were received. Mr. Walker recommended that Two-Way Communications, as the lowest price proposed, be awarded the job if the Board wishes to proceed with the project. Not included in the bid was the concrete base. The tower would be located behind the library. Selectman Hatch moved to accept the bid from Two-Way Communications at a price of \$38,999 to install the repeater, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. The funding is coming out of a Capital Reserve Account. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. Chief Walker has been discussing shift coverage with other towns sharing fire/ambulance workers off a per-diem list. Each town would be responsible for workers compensation, not the town from which the person came. They would use gear from the town from where they came. Barrington folks going to other towns would take their Barrington gear. Towns interested include Lee, Epping, and Brentwood plus several other small communities. Selectman Hatch moved to support Chief Walker's request, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. The forestry truck is back in service after being painted.
4. FEMA Declaration has been announced for the January blizzard. A meeting will held in Rochester. Chief Walker thanked the Highway Department and Erin Paradis for putting together numbers for reimbursement.
5. Brian Lenzi talked with Scott Sweet regarding taking down trees in Pine Grove Cemetery to prevent damage to the stones and for future expansion. They would have to go through the church and use that area as a landing. Selectmen Bussiere moved to support the Cemetery Trustees request for up to \$5,000 for tree removal and stumping to come from the established Capital Reserve, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
6. Selectman Bussiere moved to authorize a licensed insured vendor to take down on old pine tree near the Pierce Cemetery at the intersection of Route 125 and New Town Plains Road, seconded by Selectmen O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
7. Selectman Hatch moved to approve release of Barrington GIS data from NH E-911 to Lakes Region Mutual Aid, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Ayer asked if the town owns the cemetery at the intersection of Route 125 and New Town Plains Road. Cemetery Trustee, Rick Walker said no and explained ownership of private cemeteries. Steve Saunders wanted to know if the Chairman would let him comment after certain portions of Administrator Scruton's Staff Report and was told yes.

Ken Grant asked when the town would incur the costs for the per-diem fire/ambulance workers. The position would be filled only for the hours if someone is out and not for when they left their home to drive to the town.

Ken Grant asked for an update on the paving of the apron of Lois Lane. Chairman Clark stated that issue is between the residents of Lois Lane and the paving company.

Margaret Mausteller asked why the money for the demolition of the old town office was in the budget and in a warrant article. It was explained that it was not a warrant article only in the operating budget.

Ken Grant stated that if the town office is torn down this Board would be remembered for that act. Steve Saunders asked where can he find the budget and what was spent to date. Administrator Scruton will put it on line. Peter Royce suggested that the ABC would also like quarterly updates.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – March 16, 2015 – Selectman Bussiere moved to accept the minutes of March 16, 2015, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

1. Selectman Hatch moved to appoint Diane Cotter as Deputy Treasurer, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. The school plans on paving the school parking lot by the ECLC/Library-Gym. The town portion of the parking lot needs to be paved but was not budgeted for in the 2015 budget. The cost for the town would be \$36,000. Peter Royce suggested waiting until 2016 when the town could put the money in the 2016 operating budget. The Board supported asking the school to delay until next year.
3. The Board is still reevaluating whether or not to tear down the former town hall so there remains uncertainty about any possible location for a future library. Ron St. Jean stated that the Trustees were surprised that the Board was again questioning their decision on tearing down the old town office. The Trustees can't do anything until the Board decides about the old building. At this time the Board will wait to release the money that was for library design.
4. Selectman Gaudiello moved to authorize Administrator Scruton to sign the conservation deed for the Cullen Wood Subdivision on Smoke Street, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark call for a vote, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Clark – aye, O'Brien – nay. The motion passes.
5. Selectman Hatch moved to authorize Administrator Scruton to sign a lease amendment on an option for 2016 to 2017 for town offices (333 Calef Highway) at the same price and conditions as the current lease, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Dan Ayer asked if there had been any long term lease discussion with the property owner.
6. The attorneys continue to debate whether the details of a power-purchase agreement need to go before town meeting. The Legislature will be using all of the renewal energy money for other purposes which may change the dynamic on everything in June. Are we going to try to push forward before the Legislature uses the money for these other purposes? There is a lost opportunity cost to the town if the project and the contract are cancelled. Jack Bingham from Barrington Power explained that the bank wouldn't have trouble supporting a PPA, with escape language, as the town needs power one way or another. Ken Grant felt that the taxpayers who are paying for this don't use their leverage. Pat Gingrich just had solar panels put on her roof and her bills reflect the change.

7. Administrator Scruton noted the assessment of a property that is in both Nottingham and Barrington on North River Lake. Barrington assessed the property as waterfront when the waterfront is actually in Nottingham. The property owners recently bought the property and did not file and abatement for 2014. Selectman Gaudiello felt that there are deadlines that we need to stick with regarding abatements. Selectman Bussiere felt that we should fix our error. Selectman Hatch would be in favor if there was a hardship in not filing for the abatement. Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil will do more research.
8. The Board signed a Confirmatory Deed on a small piece of land sold in the 1990's as the original deed was lost and never recorded.
9. Administrator Scruton noted an email from Fenton Groen offering to evaluate the old town hall to see if they can provide a value engineered approach to renovating that existing building in a cost effective way. Selectman O'Brien feels that the outside should stay brick. The Board felt that Mr. Groen should look and see how he would solve the problem with money that the taxpayers would support. Mr. Groen will be asked if six weeks is enough time to give his opinion.
10. Land Use Board Appointments – Planning Board Chair, Tony Gaudiello presented a schedule of terms for the Planning Board members and alternates. Selectman Gaudiello moved to appoint George Calef for three years, and Selectman Bussiere as the Selectmen's ex-officio member, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Hatch moved to support the presentation of Mr. Gaudiello with the following alternates: Richard Spinale - 2018, Fred Nichols – 2017 and Dan Ayer - 2016, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Clark – aye, O'Brien – nay. The motion passes.
11. Administrator Scruton noted that the website has the following hits: home page – 29,189 between October 1st and March 18th, town meeting only – 326 and proposed town hall – only 112.
12. Chairman Clark will be the Board's liaison to the School Board
13. Selectman Gaudiello moved to appoint Selectman Hatch as the Selectmen's alternate to the Planning Board, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. Selectman Hatch abstained from the vote. The motion passes.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: Intent to Excavate for Hiltz, Lavoie and Roberts (Ambleside Park), Intent to Cut for Ward and Moxie South, denial of an Elderly Exemption, Land Use Change Tax in the amount of \$13,500, Abatements #11 - #19, vendor manifest dated 3/19, 3/26 and 4/2 and payroll manifest dated 3/15 and 3/22.

Chairman Clark read a Proclamation from the Board of Selectmen for Christopher Michael Starkweather proclaiming Sunday, April 19, 2015 as Christopher Michael Starkweather Day in Barrington in honor of him becoming an Eagle Scout.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Selectmen Liaison Roles – previously discussed.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudiello stated that she attended two Conservation Commission meetings. She also stated that the New Hampshire Forest Society is negotiating the purchase of the USA Springs property.

Selectman Hatch attended a Library Trustees meeting and Ron St. Jean was elected Chairman. They discussed the town office situation regarding the proposed library. There is no ZBA meeting this month. The Envisioning Communication Committee is looking for meeting space.

Selectman Bussiere recently attended the Envisioning Economic Committee meeting where they discussed the Revitalization Economic Zone. A representative from the State will be attending their next meeting.

Selectman O'Brien shared the that people are concerned with so much building in Barrington and the timber cut on Smoke Street.

Chairman Clark attended the creative arts festival at the elementary school where it was packed. He also stated that the middle school is going back to separate 7th and 8th grades. The ECLC recently held a career day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Gingrich attended the Easter Egg hunt put on by the Recreation Department and Library. She said that it was very well attended.

Michael Hastings would like Groen Builders to look at putting the town office and the library in the old town office building.

Ken Grant suggested putting the Eagle Scout Proclamation on the website.

Selectman Hatch; moved to go into non-public session at 8:03 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 ii(a), seconded by Selectman Bussiere. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, O'Brien – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to come out of non-public session at 9:40 p.m., seconded by Selectman Bussiere. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudeillo – aye, Hatch – aye, O'Brien – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Bussiere moved to seal the minutes indefinitely, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudeillo – aye, Hatch – aye, O'Brien – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.