

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, April 20, 2015 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Bussiere, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman O'Brien, Chairman Clark and Clerk McNeil. Administrator Scruton was absent.

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

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing on the issuance of a building permit for Kevin Roy/Carrie Vaich on Knowles Drive, a private road at 6:30 p.m. The property owner already has a house on the property but is applying for a building permit to raise the existing home, pour a foundation and add an addition. Selectman Bussiere moved to approve issuance of the building permit, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The hearing closed at 6:32 p.m.

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing on the issuance of a building permit for David Drubner on Marsh Road, a Class VI road at 6:34 p.m. The property owner plans to build a new house on a 26 acre lot. An abutter asked where the house would be located on the lot. Selectman Bussiere recused himself from the vote. Selectman Gaudiello moved to approve the issuance of the building permit, seconded by Selectman Hatch. The motion passes. The hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Opening of Paving Bids – Four bids were received from the following companies: Pike, R & D, Advanced Paving, and Brox. The following were the bids:

Advanced – machine \$68.00 per ton, hand \$115 per ton, tack \$5.50 per gallon
Brox – machine \$68.95 per ton, hand \$120 per ton, tack \$6.70 per gallon
R & D – machine \$65.50 per ton, hand \$112 per ton, tack \$3.50 per gallon
Pike – machine \$65.40 per ton, hand \$125 per ton, tack .05 per square yard

Peter Cook/Jere Calef - Mr. Calef noted that he has worked for the town for 28 years. He asked the Board why he was the only employee excluded from COLA. He stated that he knows that he is the top step on the matrix, but he hasn't had a raise for the past 8 or 9 years. He stated that there used to be longevity pay but that is no longer done. He further stated that he is looking for fairness. Chairman Clark suggested waiting until Administrator Scruton returns before any decision is made. Peter Cook asked if the increases were a two-step process – COLA and merit, and they are.

Economic Revitalization Zones – Planner, Marcia Gasses explained the ERZ. The program is in place to stimulate the economy, expand the commercial and industrial base, create jobs and increase tax revenues. It is a state program. The Economic Envisioning Committee has been working to recommend various "zones". Businesses in the "zones" can apply for credits that can be deducted from their business profits or enterprise tax. There is no relief from local property taxes. Seven zones have been identified in Barrington. Selectman Bussiere moved to approve the "zones" and authorize the town administrator and planner to apply for the ERZ, seconded by Selectman Hatch.

Selectman Gaudiello asked if Redemption Drive was included in one of the “zones” – it is. Selectman Bussiere noted the seven areas that were chosen. This is an open opportunity for business. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. David Ranson also a member of the committee noted that they feel that the town needs professional help to start actively marketing these properties and Caryn Ranson provided a list of several commercial realtors in the area. Administrator Scruton will develop an RFQ to seek interest of commercial realtors to market the town’s properties. The committee will be happy to assist to move this process along.

Rick Walker – Chairman Cemetery Trustee – In 2004 the town sold a cemetery lot to a family but never issued a right of burial. That same lot was later sold to a second family who used it this fall for a burial. Mr. Walker recommended that the town offer two other lots in the cemetery to the first buyer. If they don’t accept that, would the Board consider refunding their money that would come from the Trustees of the Trust Funds. Mr. Walker was uncertain whether the Cemetery Trustees have the authority to resolve the matter without consultation with the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Bussiere moved to support Mr. Walker’s recommendation and anything further than what is recommended, he would come back to the Board, seconded by Selectman O’Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Chief Conway and Chief Walker spoke of not getting adequate technical service from Bay Ring. Chief Conway noted a recent incident when the public safety building had no telephone service for 2-1/2 hours. Chief Conway was asked to “trouble shoot” the system over the phone. He feels that when the system goes down at the Public Safety building, a service technician should be dispatched immediately. They believe that it might be time to consider whether to continue to do business with Bay Ring for phone service at the public safety building as their response to the situation was unacceptable. Chief Conway and Chief Walker will meet with a representative from Bay Ring and report back to the Selectmen.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephanie Dimke as Trustee of the Trust Fund provided the 2015 Investment Policy of the Trustees of the Trust Funds and also provided the MS-9 and MS-10.

Chairman Clark signed the application for Eversource to continue Stars and Stripes for Barrington.

REVIEW OF MINUTES - April 6, 2015 – Tabled

STAFF REPORT

Chairman Clark presented Administrator Scruton’s Staff Report.

1. Selectman Bussiere moved to release liens as part of a foreclosure for 1147 Franklin Pierce Highway f/k/a 380 Route 9, seconded by Selectman O’Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. Selectman Bussiere moved to waive the building permit fee for the Barrington Youth Association for some electrical underground conduit work, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. In an upcoming Planning Board hearing both of the Selectmen’s representatives may have to recuse themselves. It was suggested that the Board appoint a second alternate. Selectman Gaudiello moved to appoint Chairman Clark as a second alternate to the Planning Board, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
4. The school district is going to pave their section of the ECLC parking lot. The town portion of the parking lot would cost \$37,252 and it wasn’t budgeted for in the 2015 budget.

Selectman Gaudiello felt frustration in that the parking lot is shared and the town wasn't notified of the paving in order to budget for the project. She felt the town administrator and the superintendent should be more involved with these shared issues. The school district offered to pay to have the whole parking lot paved and the town could reimburse them in 2016. Selectman Bussiere felt that the whole parking lot should be paved at the same time. Selectman Bussiere moved to have the school district pave and pay for the paving with the town reimbursing the school district out of the 2016 budget, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – nay, O'Brien – nay, Clark – nay. The motion does not pass.

5. In 2007 the Board approved a building permit on a private Road (Small Rd). The house was never built, the property is on the market and a prospective buyer feels a Private Road Agreement is already in place. Peter Cook viewed the road and feels the gravel section will need work. The owner will be asked to complete another Private Road Agreement and feels a new hearing is not needed. Marcia Gasses disagrees as the lot is on the water and the prior variance has expired. She feels the new owner should go through the whole process. Selectman Hatch moved to wait as this request is premature, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested approval and signatures on the following: abatements #20 - #28, an Eagle Scout Proclamation for Gregory Norman Doane, one Notice to Excavate – Lenzi, one Application for Current Use, the appointment of Daniel Ayer as a Planning Board Alternate, payroll manifests dated 3/29, 4/5 & 4/14 and vendor manifests dated 4/9 and 4/16.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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Selectman Gaudiello noted that she attended a recent Conservation Commission meeting. Two additional grants have been received for two easements that the town recently acquired, the Renna property and the Harlan Calef Reserve. She also stated that Fish and Game provide "Turtle Crossing" signs if anyone knows where there are turtles crossing the road.

Selectman Hatch said that the Communication Committee will start meeting at the Elementary School Annex.

Selectman Bussiere recently attended a Planning Board meeting.

Selectman O'Brien said that the Recreation Commission is meeting tonight so he will touch base with the Recreation Director for an update. He also noted that the BYA had a clean-up weekend and they will open the season this weekend. They have also built a new scoreboard.

Chairman Clark noted that he recently attended an Eagle Court of Honor. The School District will be doing some restructuring as they will be losing their Special Education Director.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to go into non-public session at 7:46 p.m. per RSA 91A: 3 II to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, O’Brien – aye,

Selectman Gaudeillo moved to come out of non-public session at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.