

## **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015**

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, July 6, 2015 started at 6:30 p.m. at the Barrington Middle School. 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**

Conservation Commission – Ken Grossman & Pam Failing representing the Conservation Commission, spoke about the proposed required turn-around/parking lot at the A Harlan Calef Reserve. It started as a \$15,000 project and turned into a \$30,000 project. The Conservation Commission talked about the expense and where did the \$30,000 figure come from. It is the cost of labor and materials to have the work done by the Highway Department. Mr. Cook also got a cost for the job by an outside company that came in around \$28,000. They asked what type of job is being specified by the town. Mr. Grossman suggested that Administrator Scruton, Chief Walker, Pam Failing and Peter Cook talk about this project and the cost. Peter Cook stated that his crew won't be able to do anything until next spring. Norway Plains is currently surveying the Town Farm Road project. It was asked if there is a timeframe included in this easement to get this project done. Ms. Failing stated that there is no pressure at this time as the project is starting with other work on the easement. Next spring would work for the Conservation Commission to proceed with the parking lot and turn-around. It was asked what the size of the current plan is. There are several factors, road work, adequate room for a fire truck to turn around and parking needs which need to be away for the turn-around. Marcia Gasses will provide a copy of the planned work from David Vincent for the Conservation Commission.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dan Ayer suggested doing spread sheets and line items as he sees a lot of over-runs in the budget.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES – June 15, 2015. Selectman Bussiere moved to accept the minutes of June 15<sup>th</sup> with changes, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Administrator Scruton

1. The Friends of the Library would like to purchase a sign and place it in front of the safety complex with changeable letters to advertise what is going on at the library. This will replace the sign at the intersection. Selectman Hatch feels that they should go before the Planning Board for placement of the sign. Selectman O'Brien asked if anyone could place a sign on this property – no. The library is a town governmental entity and placement of the sign would only go before the Planning Board for an advisory review if rose to the level of substantial change. Paul Mausteller feels that it may be a hazard to the public safety complex. People will pull into the parking lot to read the sign and cause a problem with emergency service vehicles. Ron St. Jean, Library Trustee, stated that is an opportunity to keep the town informed with library programs. Chief Walker commented that he talked with Library Director, Amy Inglis and it won't be a sight distance issue. If it is a problem it will be

moved. The Friends of the Library are purchasing the sign. There is also a message board on the public safety building. The Board of Selectmen has the final say on signs placed at the Public Safety Building. Margaret Mausteller feels that the Public Safety Building should only have public safety information. Selectman Gaudiello stated that this is a common practice for libraries and our library is not on a main road. The NHDOT had been contacted and noted that the sign needed to be 33' from the center line of Route 9 at this location. Selectman Gaudiello moved to approve the temporary library sign to be located at the public safety building, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was asked if the sign could be shared with other organizations. Selectman Bussiere supported a sign at the transfer station. Selectman Gaudiello withdrew her motion for more information and a discussion of locations. Administrator Scruton will either send out a memo or discuss this issue at a Department Head Meeting.

2. Administrator Scruton stated that the Envision project and committees have done a lot of work for the town. However; it is time to move to the next step which is the Master Plan. He is recommending a joint meeting with the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. Administrator Scruton will set up that meeting.
3. The Petition that was received on solar requires the Board to bring it forward as a warrant article at town meeting. Administrator Scruton feels that everything having to do with a solar project including vendor, location i.e. should go before to town meeting. Selectman Gaudiello noted the e-mail that was send from Jack Bingham from Barrington Power. How does the board want to proceed? Selectman Bussiere and Selectman Hatch feel that the petition spoke. Selectman Bussiere feels that the Board should concentrate on a town office passing and not confuse issues with a solar warrant article. Paul Mausteller feels that an article is already in place so the Board is spinning its wheels. The petitioner's want details. Marcia Gasses suggested considering the future needs of various locations in town through the CIP when making a decision. Selectman Bussiere suggested going with the way the petition is written. Administrator Scruton will look into the issue further.
4. The Town, through a grant and in conjunction with Dartmouth College, will be offering discounted water testing for arsenic in private wells. The well water test kit will be available July 18<sup>th</sup> at transfer station. Directions will be included in the kit.
5. In March, 2003 town meeting authorized the Board to negotiate and sell the town owned 125 acre parcel on Route 125 for an environmentally sensitive commercial and/or industrial park. Paul Mausteller stated that 1/3 of the town's population have moved here since 2003 so they didn't get a chance to vote on this article. He feels that the town should concentrate on supporting existing local commercial businesses instead of adding new business to that property. Pam Failing suggested logging the property before selling it.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following:

- Abatements #39 - #46
- Land Use Change Tax Warrant in the amount of \$12,880
- Intent to Cuts for Haley, Howarth and Sandin
- Recommittal Warrant in the amount of \$542,728.02
- Response to the Society for the Protection of NH Forests for the Renna Property.
- Timber Tax Warrant in the amount of \$9,633.17
- Payroll Manifests dated 6/14, 6/21 & 6/28

- Vendor Manifests dated 6/18, 6/23 & 7/2

Clerk McNeil had a request from a prospective buyer of a lot if he could purchase an abutting piece of land that is currently owned by the town. The Board authorized Clerk McNeil and Administrator Scruton to move forward with this request and also offer the abutter on the other side the same option to purchase the property through the bid process.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Solar/2016 Town Meeting - previously discussed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

#### SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudiello stated that she recently attended a Conservation Commission meeting that had a lengthy discussion on the parking lot/turn around at the A Harlan Calef Reserve land. There will be a walk through the Tamposi property to the area of the rabbit habitat on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Hatch felt that information provided by Administrator Scruton regarding "blogs" on town web sites should be shared with Susan Frankel and Steve Diamond of the Envisioning Communications Committee.

Selectman Bussiere attended the Planning Board meeting where there was a lot of discussion regarding updating regulations and signs.

Selectman O'Brien will be attending the Recreation Commission meeting on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Clark stated that he will be attending the July 7<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting.

Selectman Bussiere moved to go into non-public session at 7:55 p.m. per RSA 91 A: 3II for personnel and reputation, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, O'Brien – aye, Bussiere – aye, Hatch – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Clark – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Bussiere moved to come out of non-public at 8:15 p.m. and to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, O'Brien – aye, Bussiere – aye, Hatch – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.