

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The Selectmen's meeting for Tuesday, September 8, 2015 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Bussiere, Selectman Hatch, Selectman O'Brien, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil. Selectman Gaudiello was absent.

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

### APPOINTMENTS

Joint meeting between the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen - The members of the Planning Board introduced themselves along with members of the Board of Selectmen. Planning Board Chair, Tony Gaudiello noted that Strafford Regional Planning will be assisting with the Master Plan in updating existing chapters and developing content for new chapters. Task 1 is to update the town's Master Plan Housing and Demographic Chapter and Task 2 to update the town's Master Plan Existing Land Use Chapter. Mr. Gaudiello spoke about the proposed 2016 budget with the cost of the Master Plan being included in the budget over and above the regular day to day budget. The Master Plan is adopted by the Planning Board once complete.

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has an established committee. The Departments Heads have received request forms for their capital improvements for the next seven to twenty years. The committee will review it and the Planning Board will review a refined request. This is a planning document not a budget document.

Workforce Housing – Robin Comstock is the Executive Director of the Seacoast Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast. She noted the mission statement of the organization being “the development of a range of housing options for the diverse workforce of the greater seacoast region of New Hampshire and Maine”. They come into a community to help with a vision of workforce housing. There is no cost to the town for the charrette. There is no political agenda. The results of their work are left with the town. It is a chance to come together to talk about the future of the town. They facilitate the community process. All members of the community have a chance to participate in this process. It starts with young professionals starting out who want to stay in town but are unable to afford the local housing. Ross Buchanan noted that Pepperidge Woods was created as a type of workforce housing. When the economy dropped and the bottom fell out of the market some people Pepperidge Woods lost their houses to foreclosure. He further

noted that Barrington already has seven trailer parks in town - how much is too much. JoEllen Gallant asked how Barrington was chosen for this project. The parcel that is being considered for workforce housing is the Svenson and Boyer properties off of Route 9. She noted the following dates and times of the meetings: Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Barrington Middle school and Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at Turbocam International on Redemption Way. The meetings will be recorded for rebroadcast. Jason Pohopek noted the concern with this and if it will fit into the subdivision process. Mr. Gaudiello stated that new and changed regulations may need to be reviewed.

Chairman Clark noted that he appreciates the time and knowledge that the members of the Planning Board have and thanked them for serving.

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing on the issuance of a building permit on Isaacs Turn, a private road for Kenneth & Julie Santer – Map 206 Lot 0012 at 7:10 p.m. Administrator Scruton brought the Board up to date on this process. Selectman Bussiere viewed the road and feels that an apron should be paved coming off Ayers Cove Drive, a town road. Selectman O'Brien agreed. Selectman Bussiere moved to sign the Private Road Agreement subject to paving the apron onto Isaacs Turn to the standards of the road agent, seconded by Selectman O'Brien. Selectman Hatch abstained from the vote. The motion passes. The hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing to accept and expend \$138,134 for the Fire Department from a SAFER Grant at 7:16 p.m. This grant is for air packs and related fire/rescue equipment. The amount of the grant is \$145,040 with a 5% match from the town. The purchase will go through the bid process. Selectman Bussiere moved to accept, expend (\$138,134) and fund the 5% from the Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, seconded by Selectman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

Chairman Clark opened the public hearing on the application by the town for an ARM grant from DES to replace the Oyster River culvert at 7:22 p.m. This is the culvert under Topaz Drive, which is the access to Emerald Acres off of Route 4. The present culvert is a major impediment to fish passage through the Oyster River and just upstream is the town's SATWaSR property. John Magee and Matt Carpenter of Fish and Game spoke about the project. There is still a \$90,000 shortfall of total funds. If they don't receive the money, the project won't be done. \$2,000 is coming from the town's conservation fund.

Selectman Hatch moved to apply for the grant, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 7:29 p.m.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Briggs and Tom Polanski, Barrington residents who live across from Barrington Shores Campground, spoke about the amplified music that comes from the Campground. The music is amplified with bands and karaoke. The events are held on or near the beach and the noise travels. They are looking for help to have the Campground comply with the Noise Ordinance. This happens three to four times a week. The police have been involved but it is hard to get a decibel reading. Pat Gingrich noted that some of the language in the music is in poor taste.

Ken Grant presented a Petition to the Board of Selectmen asking for a breakdown by line item of the total cost of the demolition, new town hall certified plans to be put out for bidding and the total anticipated cost of the library.

Dan Ayer noted that he recently followed the ambulance and fire department and has a lot of respect for the public safety crews.

## **REVIEW OF MINUTES – August 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of August 3, 2015, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of August 17, 2015, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **Administrator Scruton**

1. Administrator Scruton stated that Town Clerk, Kimberly Kerekes has completed the requirements prescribed by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks for Certified Municipal Clerk.
2. Administrator Scruton stated that Benjamin Titus is being awarded his Eagle Scout later this month.
3. Administrator Scruton is recommending that the property owned by the town at 456 Pond Hill Road be sold through the bid process. The condition of the sale will be the clean-up of the property with no burial

on site and it must be cleaned up within six months. Selectman Bussiere moved to sell 456 Pond Hill Road through the seal bid process with no burial of debris on the site and with the work to be completed within six months, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative

4. Selectman Bussiere moved to repurchase the American Legion land located on Redemption Way for \$1 plus the cost of improvements made by Legion, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
5. Administrator Scruton asked the Board how they wanted to proceed with the architect of the new town office and the demolition of the old town office. The cost for SMP to finish the design plan and complete bidding is \$77,750. This would give the Board a solid number for town meeting. There would be additional costs for civil engineering. The cost for demolition was projected to be around \$85,000. Administrator Scruton is projecting unspent funds in the budget to pay for some of this work. Selectman O'Brien asked about moving money from line to line. Administrator Scruton explained he tracks lines over and under rather than transferring money. JoEllen Gallant said that may be legal but is it a moral issue and the right thing to do. Chairman Clark noted that things do change during the year and it is the Board's duty to manage that budget. The bottom line of the budget is what the voters actually approve. Chris Vachon asked about moving money around in the budget. Administrator Scruton explained there are savings in the budget lines and there are lines that are overspent. Paul Maustellar asked what isn't going to be done in certain departments if this money is spent somewhere else. Mr. Gallant asked about the library's discussion and the \$25,000. The town has \$25,000 set aside for library design. At their recent meeting, the Library Trustees supported using these funds to enable demolition of the old town office. Selectman Hatch attended that meeting. Chairman Clark noted that for several years the Selectmen and School Board have presented very conservative budgets with an average 3% increase. Chris Vachon feels the budget for the demolition and moving money around just doesn't look good. Ron St. Jean explained the Trustees giving up the \$25,000 for the demolition. Selectman Bussiere moved to spend the money to finish the design plans and complete the bidding process for the proposed town office in order to have a figure for town meeting with money coming from lines that will be underspent, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call – Bussiere – aye, Hatch – aye, O'Brien – nay, Clark – aye. The motion passes. Selectman O'Brien is concerned that the town shed is

not finished, and the repeater tower is not finished we need to start getting solid numbers for these projects. Justin Purpora said that the cost don't even include civil engineering work. The civil engineering work would be done by DuBois and King. Their estimates were between \$10,000 to \$20,000. Administrator Scruton will get a more definite number from DuBois and King.

**Clerk McNeil**

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on vendor manifests dated 8/19, 8/27 and 9/3 payroll manifests dated 8/16, 8/23 and 8/30.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The repeater tower will be complete when Fairpoint finishes their work.

### **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

Selectman Hatch stated that she attended the Library Trustees meeting where they had a lengthy discussion on the \$25,000 for demolition of the old town office. She also attended a ZBA meeting with one application being approved and one continued.

Selectman Bussiere attended a Planning Board meeting with two cases being approved.

Selectman O'Brien noted that there have not been any Recreation Commission meetings.

Chairman Clark attended the retirement party for Chief Conway.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Saunders, a member of the Advisory Budget Committee, would like the Department Heads to meet with the ABC before they meet with the Board of Selectmen. Administrator Scruton and the Board felt that the current process works well and to stay with that process. Chairman Clark noted that the budgets that first come before the Board of Selectmen are taken under advisement and no decisions are made at the first presentation. Mr. Saunders would also like to have more capital projects in warrant articles versus operating budget.

Christopher Vachon asked why a cease and desist violation that is noted in the Administrator's report has not been addressed. The letter was sent to a long time member of the Planning Board regarding needing site review. Mr. Vachon asked who wrote the letter and Administrator Scruton noted that he did. Mr. Vachon asked if Mr. Scruton had spoken with Building Inspector, John Huckins as John Huckins told Mr. Calef that he did not need a permit to drill a well. Administrator Scruton noted that the town's attorney is handling the issue. Mr. Vachon feels that the town's attorney is running the whole scenario. Administrator Scruton stated that the town was taken to court and the Board has to defend the town. The Board takes the advice of our attorney. Chairman Clark stated that the Board was not going to discuss this issue any further.

Ken Grant felt that the residents should see things on the town's website like the condition of our economy, and the condition of our White House, which he felt is far more important.

JoEllen Gallant noted that the issue of the cease and desist was posted and should be discussed and that this needs to stop. This is getting out of control. She further stated that in the Administrator's Report she read that the legal line is over \$10,000 because of this gas station. Administrator Scruton stated that the gas station did not take the town to Court. Chairman Clark asked if there were any other comments. Rayce Calef addressed Chairman Clark and asked him if he was afraid to hear this – this woman hasn't finished speaking.

Roxanne Canapa said she had to go through the State to put in her well and why is it any different for George Calef Fine Foods when he did get State approval. Administrator Scruton noted that the well was put in on a commercial property on Route 125. The town Site Plan Regulations apply to commercial sites, not residential Mr. Vachon felt that John Huckins should have known what needed to be done.

Chris Vachon stated that he thinks the Board of Selectman are "owned" by Three Scocios and Three Scocios have the Planning Board by the nose and there is no end in sight. The onus should be on John Huckins, not Mr. Calef.

Jason Pohopek, a member of the Planning Board, is insulted by the comment that the Planning Board is being led by the nose by Three Scocios. It was a permitted use for that lot. There was a complaint about the installation of the

well by a neighbor and it was responded to as any written complaint is handled.

Robert Churchill asked if the Board had looked at the vacant building that is for sale on Commerce Way. It is for sale for \$350,000. He felt he could make it into a town office for under \$1,000,000 in renovations costs. It has no interior finish nor a second floor.

Selectman Bussiere moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91A:3 II for personnel and labor negotiations at 9:11 p.m., seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Hatch – aye, O’Brien – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Bussiere moved to come out of non-public session at 9:36 p.m. and to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The Board recessed to go into labor negotiations

Meeting adjourned at 9:46