

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, October 5, 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

There were no appointments

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcia Gasses noted that the Planning Board will be hosting a charrette conducted by the Work Force Housing Coalition. The Planning Board was introduced to the Coalition by a Barrington resident. The charrette is an additional opportunity to involve the public in an exercise to create possible designs within the Town Center. Professional architects, designers, builders, and consultants will be involved in developing the design. The event and services are offered at no charge to the Town. There is no commitment on the part of the Town. The first session will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The presentation of the discussion from October 21<sup>st</sup> will be presented by the professionals on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Ross Buchanan felt the times of the meetings make it hard for people who work to be able to attend. He feels the Coalition will want the town to change the zoning laws to accommodate their needs. He claims that this is HUD money. Ms. Gasses again noted that this is just an exercise and there is no commitment on the part of the town. Dan Ayer, Planning Board Alternate, confirmed what Ms. Gasses said.

Ms. Gasses noted that Peter Cook, Hoyle and Tanner and herself have been working on a FEMA Grant to replace the undersized culvert+ on Young Road. The town just received notice that the grant will be awarded to the town in the amount of \$203,644. This is a 75/25 grant with the town paying 25%. The public hearing for acceptance will be on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Hatch complimented Ms. Gasses and Peter Cook for all the work they did in applying for this grant. Ms. Gasses noted that there was help from the Police and Fire Departments.

James Jennison stated that he feels the Workforce Housing Coalition has a goal in mind and they want to “pry their fingers” into the Town of Barrington.

Selectman Gaudiello asked if the charrette would be incorporated into the Master Plan. Some of the information may be considered

Paul Maustellar asked the Board to “tread lightly” on workforce housing.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – September 21, 2015 – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of September 21, 2015, seconded by Selectman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

## STAFF REPORT

### Administrator Scruton

1. Selectman Gaudiello moved to set October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. for Trick or Treat going forward until the Board changes it, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. The U. S. Board on Geographic Names has received a proposal to change the name (spelling) of Cocheco River to Cochecho River. The U.S. Board would like local opinions concerning the name issue. The deadline for response is November 24, 2015. It was recommended to wait and see what Rochester does. The Cocheco does not run through Barrington.
3. Solar – PILOT and Power Purchase Agreement on private property. Jack Bingham updated the Board with a final proposal to install three separate solar electric systems and a small commercial building on private property. The private property is four acres. One of the systems would supply the town with solar energy. They are suggesting the town system be installed first. Barrington Power would be buying the equipment and would receive the tax credits. Paul Maustellar noted that solar panels are obsolete in six months. Jack Bingham said that is incorrect. Selectman Gaudiello stated this always is a gamble and a risk. She would hope that the town would break even after 25 years. Selectman O'Brien stated that he takes offense to an e-mail that Mr. Bingham sent to the Board regarding Mr. O'Brien's knowledge of solar. Mr. Bingham said that he stands by his e-mail. Justin Purpora asked about the location of the panels. They would be located on property off of Colonial Way. James Jennison, noted from the rate schedule that was presented, that \$88,323 saved over 25 years is really not a lot of money – it is miniscule in the town's budget. Paul Maustellar stated that investing \$3,500 a year for lighting and insulation will have an immediate effect. He felt committing to 25 years is throwing money away. Steve Saunders noted 25 years without a certain cost could put the town at risk of spending more. Selectman O'Brien asked once the panels are erected on the 4 acre piece, what would the taxes be with no PILOT - are we taking a hit off of the assessment and losing money. Justin Purpora asked if the contract would be rewritten if PSNH rates goes down – no. James Jennison asked if the town has a finance person who would be able to review the numbers. Administrator Scruton stated that a lot depends on your assumptions. It was asked what are other town's paying. Chairman Clark feels that this is a chance to try to save money for the town - that is what we hear all the time. Paul Maustellar asked if Chairman Clark should recuse himself as he is a business partner of Mr. Bingham. Chairman Clark responded that this is why I have been quiet through most of these discussions. Selectman Bussiere noted that he will recuse himself from the vote as he represents the seller of the land. Selectman Gaudiello stated that she is comfortable with the proposal. She asked what the process would be if we moved forward. Marcia Gasses stated that you would have to go before the Zoning Board of Adjustment as this use is not currently an allowed use in zoning - then site plan approval. The Federal and State tax credit expires in 2016. They would like to install the system when snow is gone. Selectman Hatch stated that she would not be comfortable voting yet and would like more information. Solar will be brought back in two weeks.
4. The Tax Collector has presented deed waivers that need to be sign. Several of the property tax issues will be discussed in non-public session.
5. Chief Walker would like one of the Selectmen to sit on the committee that is developing the Emergency Operation Plan. Selectman O'Brien volunteered. The process involves 4 to 5 two hour meetings. The proposed meeting dates are October 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

6. Selectman Bussiere moved to enroll the bridge/culvert on Old Settlers Road f/k/a Old Canaan Road into the State Bridge Aid Program, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
7. Selectman Bussiere moved to support the Natural Resource Conservation Service and their planting 5,000 – 10,000 seedlings at the Samuel A. Tamposi Water Supply Reserve that will enhance the habitat for the cottontail and other species that require early successional habitat, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on two taxpayer agreements, four Appointment to Office forms, abatement #51 with the hardship tax abatements and vendor manifest dated 9/24 & 10/1

#### OLD BUSINESS

Solar – previously discussed

#### NEW BUSINESS

Selectman Gaudiello would like to put together a question and answer flyer for the proposed town office. She would like to ask residents what their questions are regarding the proposed town office and supply answers in preparation for Deliberative Session and Town Meeting. It will be added to the Administrator's Report and anyone with questions can e-mail Administrator Scruton at [barringtonta@metrocast.net](mailto:barringtonta@metrocast.net).

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

It was noted that there are lights on at the old town office. Administrator Scruton will check into it.

#### SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudiello stated that she recently attended the Conservation Commission meeting when the plants at the Tamposi property were discussed along with trying to keep out motorized recreational vehicles other than snow machines. The Conservation Commission is drafting a policy regarding conservation property also the frequency of monitoring these properties.

Selectman Bussiere will be attending the Planning Board public hearing on Tuesday.

Chairman Clark said the School Board meets tomorrow and open house at the ECLC is Wednesday.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Walker stated that the Town has the ambulance back and he expressed his thanks to the Town of Milton for the use of their ambulance. Twenty-two or 23 calls were made with that ambulance.

The Highway Department Open House was very well attended and the weather was perfect.

The Library Trustees recently met with a representative from the attorney general's office to discuss help in establishing a foundation for fund raising for the library.

Paul Maustellar noticed that an apron is being paved in front of the new highway shed and thought the money would be better spent finishing the floor.

Chief Walker thanked the Equine Clinic for helping out when a horse trailer rolled over on Route 4. Also, Dan Ayer helped in hauling the horse trailer to the Clinic.

Selectman Bussiere moved to go into non-public session at 8:10 p.m. per RSA 91A: II for personnel and reputation, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, O'Brien – aye, Clark – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Bussiere moved to recess and go into a non-meeting for labor negotiation, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to end recess of non-meeting, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Bussiere moved to approve abatement #51 a list of hardship properties, seconded by Selectman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to sign the deed waivers presented by the tax collector, seconded by Selectman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman O'Brien moved to accept payment of \$70,000 to return two properties to the prior owner that were taken for non-payment of taxes and to waive the 15% adjustment, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.