

BARRINGTON SELECTMEN'S MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, November 9, 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.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments

BUDGET REVIEWS

Building Inspection/Codes – John Huckins presented this budget. This budget has a 0% increase. The part time wage line has gone down due to his move to full time status when Tom Abbott left. Mr. Huckins noted that extra money was added in case there was a need for additional hours – maybe on Fridays. The equipment rental is for the copier toner and the maintenance agreement. In the building equipment line is money to replace a computer. The training line has been overspent so that line has been increased for 2016. There are more training/courses that Mr. Huckins would like to attend. Mr. Huckins reviewed the code enforcement list. ABC Chairman, Peter Royce, asked several questions regarding operating supplies – Mr. Huckins stated that the new 2015 Building Codes including commentary are being revised and they would need to be purchased. Dan Ayer asked about the legal budget and shouldn't it be allocated per department. Chairman Clark noted that it was combined in the Administration budget to better manage this expense. Paul Mausteller asked about the telephone line and did that include a cell phone – yes.

Recreation – Tara Barker presented this budget. There is an increase of 9% in this budget. The increases are mostly due to benefits, contracts, software security and dues and fees. There are increases in the earned time buyout as the total amount employees are eligible to take was included. Mrs. Barker reviewed remaining expenses for 2015. Chairman Clark noted the revolving fund and how it has increased which reflects an increase in involvement and participation in the programs. Mrs. Barker reviewed what the revolving fund is used for with an estimated \$400,000 remaining in 2015. Some of the \$400,000 will be used to resurface the gym floor, new key pads and new door for the gym. The Recreation Department has a CIP that may include the following goals over a course of years: tennis courts, swimming pool, splash pad, reconstruct library space for recreation use, a multi-purpose field and acquiring land for new parks/water front. Mrs. Barker noted new programs that have been added. Paul Mausteller asked about their server and their operating system.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Selectman Hatch congratulated Rick Walker for being chosen Citizen of the Year by the Greater Barrington Chamber of Commerce.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – November 2, 2015 – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of November 2, 2015, seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: Letter to the American Legion, abatements #53 & #54, payroll manifest dated 11/01/2015 and vendor manifest dated 11/05/2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Barker recommended the continued appointments of Jim Noble, Jill Hilfiger and Christine Morris to the Recreation Commission. The Board asked her to submit proposed terms of appointment so that terms can be staggered as the Commission deems appropriate.

Chief Walker stated that the Firemen's Association will be having a pancake breakfast on Saturday, November 14th from 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Chief Walker is still working with Fairpoint on the transition for the tower.

OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Gaudiello stated that she has been working on a question and answer document regarding the proposed town office. Comments were posted on the Facebook Page, Barrington Connections, and submitted by email. The answers will be completed and the information will be made available within the next couple weeks. It was asked if furniture and operating costs will be included in the final figure to be voted on at town meeting – yes. The public safety building has just been paid off and at this time the town has no debt. Selectman O'Brien noted he has been asked why the cost of moving the antenna wasn't included in the demolition cost.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudiello recently attended a Conservation Commission meeting where they have been working on guidelines for the various town easements. They also reviewed an application for construction of a building on Ayers Lake.

Selectman Bussiere attended the Planning Board meeting. They reviewed six applications.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Justin Purpora asked if a breakdown of legal costs spent by the town related to the Calef's well can be provided. Finance Director, Norma McCulloch will provide a breakdown.

Chairman Clark reported that the schools were having parent/teacher conferences on Monday, teacher workshop on Tuesday and will be closed for Veteran's Day on Wednesday.

Selectman O'Brien moved to go into non-public session for legal at 7:45 p.m., 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 O'Brien moved to come out of non-public session at 8:01 p.m., seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.