

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, July 11, 2016 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien, and Clerk McNeil. Administrator Scruton was absent.

Chairman O'Brien welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman O'Brien opened the second public hearing on the swap of commercial land adjacent to Liberty Truck at 6:33 p.m. This involves a 4-5 acre lot subdivided off the 125 acre Town commercial lot to be exchanged for the 7 acre parcel also adjacent to Liberty Truck. There was no discussion from the Board. Peter Royce was curious about what land was involved. He viewed the map that was available. Paul Mausteller asked what the RFQ was for –removal of material and development. The public hearing closed at 6:41 p.m. The next meeting with an anticipated vote will be on July 25th.

APPOINTMENTS

Jeffrey Brann – Planning Board Applicant – Mr. Brann introduced himself to the Board. He grew up in Maine, joined the Navy, graduated from U Mass Lowell, worked at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, and retired two years ago. Selectman Gaudiello noted that he wanted to simplify several ordinances. He feels the ordinances should be easier to understand and he is very detailed oriented. Selectman Hatch moved to appoint Jeffrey Brann for three years as a full member, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Paul Mausteller – Planning Board Applicant – Mr. Mausteller stated that he has lived in Barrington since 2003, he sells real estate, he has a good feel for the community, needs to know the town regulations and how to communicate them to the public. He has seen the corporate level in his occupations however likes the small community. He would like to help the town, board and applicants. He likes to do his homework before making decisions. Selectman Hatch moved to appoint Paul Mausteller for a one year term as a full member, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Jeffery submitted a Petition to the Board. Mr. Jeffery read the Petition asking for the Selectmen to “hire a full-time town administrator with the skills required to move the town forward on the many issues we face together”.

Chief Walker noted that a relative of Tony Maggio's would like to donate an I-Pad for the Fire/Rescue Department in recognition for Chief Maggio being chosen EMT of the Year. Selectman Ayer moved to accept the donation of an I-Pad, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Chief Walker received the contract for fire dispatching services through UNH. There is no increase in fees. He will provide photocopies to the Board for their review.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – June 27, 2016 - Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of June 27, 2016 with one spelling correction, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: payroll manifests dated 6/26, 6/30 & 7/3 and vendor manifests dated 6/30 & 7/7.

Selectman Knapp moved to sign abatement #28 for Freedom Ring/BayRing Communications if necessary, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of the 2016 Operations Plan – Selectman O'Brien moved to adopt the 2016 Emergency Operations Plan, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Audit – Internal Controls – This is the final piece of paperwork due to the auditing firm to complete the audit. Administrator Scruton prepared draft responses for the Board's review several weeks ago. Selectman Knapp suggested some changes and/or additions to the paperwork. There was also of discussion as to the suggested changes/additions as none of the Board had seen his proposed changes prior to the evening. Several department heads took exception to Selectman Knapp's comments and tried to express that there are extensive checks and balances throughout the finance office when paying bills. Tara Barker stated that Selectman Knapp had never even been to her office so how would he know about the Recreation Department's finances and internal controls. Selectman Gaudiello moved to send the "Internal Controls" paperwork to the auditor as presented by Administrator Scruton., seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – nay, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – nay, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes. Any Board member that wanted to express anything differently to the auditor was welcome to call them. At the completion of the audit, the auditors will submit their Communication to Management.

NEW BUSINESS

Tara Barker, Recreation Director, stated that she would do anything in her Department to help the town put better controls on finances.

Ms. Barker also asked about the overview of technology committee – there is currently no committee in place.

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Selectman Gaudiello stated that she recently attended a Conservation Commission meeting. Last Saturday the Conservation Commission held a grand opening at the A Harlan Calef Isinglass Reserve. From the prior meeting, Pam Failing told the Commission that the town is responsible for the dam on the Goodwill Conservation Easement. Peter Cook had done a good job at the dam site with some of the work that was requested by DES.

Selectman Hatch noted that she attended the Library Trustees meeting two weeks ago and the ZBA meets next week.

Selectman Ayer attended the planning board meeting where they discussed a conceptual plan and a lot line adjustment.

Selectman Knapp stated that the next School Board meeting will be a joint meeting with the School Board and the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman O'Brien stated he was at the town office today as the computer system had crashed for the second time in three weeks resulting in a very stressful day for all departments. He will attend the next Recreation Commission meeting next Monday night.

Selectman Ayer moved to go into non-public session at 8:30 p.m. per RSA 91A:3 II for personnel, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Ayer moved to come out of non-public session at 8:45 p.m., and to seal the minutes, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.