

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, March 27, 2017 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Bailey, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

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

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on the acceptance of a \$5,000 grant from the Fields Pond Foundation towards the purchase of the Barr easement at 6:32 p.m. Administrator Scruton noted that this is an addition to the Barrington trail network and has frontage on the Isinglass River. Selectman Hatch moved to accept and authorize expenditure of this grant, seconded by Selectman Knapp. Chairman O'Brien asked if there was any public comment – there was no public comment. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Open sealed bids for Map 104 Lot 0121 – An abutter had requested interest in this parcel. The parcel was offered to the abutters through the sealed bid process. Three bids were submitted. Chairman O'Brien opened the following bids: Carl & Pamela Belcamino bid \$6,157.00, Kerry LaPierre bid \$3,000, and Patrick & Melissa Lessard bid \$825. Selectman Hatch moved to sell the property to the Belcaminos with the high bid of \$6,157, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. A deed will be drawn up for the Board's signatures once the balance of the payment is received.

Steve Diamond was present to introduce himself to the Board as a perspective member of the Planning Board. He noted that he worked for Portsmouth Community Radio for ten years; he has a background in technical and community media. He would like to improve the engagement of the citizenry of Barrington. Selectman Hatch stated that she served with Mr. Diamond on the Visioning Committee where he was a very active member and contributed to the discussions. Selectman Ayer moved to appoint Steve Diamond to the Planning Board for three years, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Diamond spoke about media and the town. He feels that the town needs more accessibility to media with municipal Wi-Fi and a town newspaper. He would like the Board's support and he is willing to do technical support. The municipal newspaper would have public funding. He estimated the cost at \$21,000. It would be distributed every other week delivered to every resident. Public notices for the town could be included in the paper. It was suggested that he speak with the tech committee. Chairman O'Brien noted that the Board will consider the suggestions.

Chairman O'Brien stated that he was disappointed with the turnout at the recent town election. Either people are happy with town government or people don't care. A newspaper would help educate people with what is going on in town including the elections.

Chairman O'Brien stated that the recently held Firemen's Association pancake breakfast was amazing. He thanked Chief Walker and his volunteers.

Selectman Hatch asked that the Selectmen's meetings be a little bit more civil. Differing opinions can be addressed without being rude and nasty. She added that the Board members should be able to conduct ourselves as adults.

Building Inspector/Codes Officer, John Huckins prepared an updated fee structure for permanent signs. His recommendation is a fee \$75. This fee would be enacted to cover the town's costs. Chairman O'Brien moved to change the fee to \$75 for application for permanent signs, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – February 13, 2017 – acceptance of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT

1. Selectman Hatch moved to support Casey O'Brien as Chairman, seconded by Selectman Bailey. Selectman Ayer stated that he had complaints and concerns from the public regarding Chairman O'Brien, but he would support what the Board proposes. Chairman O'Brien abstained from the

vote. The motion passes. Selectman Ayer moved to support Dawn Hatch as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. Selectman Hatch abstained from the vote. The motion passes.

2. Welfare Guidelines – they are adjusted every year for market conditions. Chairman O'Brien moved to approve the 2017 Welfare Guidelines, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. The flower pots at Federal Savings bank have been offered to the Barrington Bloomers to be placed and maintained at a town facility possibly the public safety complex. Selectman Ayer will volunteer to pick them up. Selectman Knapp doesn't want to expend any money if the town is responsible and one breaks. Chief Walker doesn't want their placement to impede snow removal or create more shoveling at the public safety building. Tabled until the next meeting.
4. Administrator Scruton noted that Lt. George Joy graduated from the Primex executive leadership program. Chief Williams stated that this program started last year. Lieutenant Bananian attended last year. It evolves from year to year based on what officers are running into on the job. It is administrative training not tactical.
5. Administrator Scruton requested clarification from the Board regarding signatures on the vendor manifests. The Board agreed to hold the mailing of the checks until at least three signatures from the Board of Selectmen are received.
6. Selectman Hatch moved to appoint Lydia Cupp, as recommended by the Library Trustees, as an alternate on the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
7. Selectman Hatch moved to accept the proposed meeting dates for the Board, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

April 10, 24, May 8, 22, June 12, 26, July 10, 24, August 14, 28, September 11, 25, October 9 (Columbus Day), 16, 23, 30, November 6, 13, 20, December 4, 18, January 8, & 22

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Implement 2017 Approved Budget –

1. The Board decided to hold implementing the step and COLA increases for further review.
2. Selectman Knapp moved to implement budgeted personnel changes, seconded by Selectman Bailey. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. Selectman Knapp moved to start the Young Road Bridge project and authorize the Chairman to sign the documents to proceed including the contractor agreement, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
4. Chairman O'Brien moved to make transfers with the Trustees as approved in the warrant articles and request money from the Swains Dam fund that was discontinued, seconded by Selectman Knapp. Selectman Knapp has some concerns with the Swains Lake Dam. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
5. Chairman O'Brien moved to authorize applying for the grants for the portable electronic signs, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
6. Selectman Knapp moved to proceed and go out for proposal on a performance based specification for the water treatment system at the public safety building, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
7. Selectman Bailey moved to start the bidding procedure for a design-build storage building at the public safety complex and proceed with advisory site review with the Planning Board, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Selectman Ayer stepped down from the discussion. Selectman Knapp does not want to see the highway crew or school facilities crew work on this building. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – abstained, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.
8. Chairman O'Brien moved to sign the annual tax map contract with CAI Technologies, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
9. Selectman Knapp moved to proceed to purchase of Accufund, the software package proposed by BlumShapiro Consulting, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
10. Land Contract Discussion – will be in non-public session

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Selectman Hatch thanked the residents who supported her at the recent election.

Selectman Bailey also thanked all who voted for him and the staff that worked that day.

Sam Boduch congratulated Selectman Hatch and Selectman Bailey and thanked the Board for their hard work. He also supported Chairman O'Brien and felt he was doing a fine job.

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Selectman Ayer stated that the Planning Board had a week off and the Conservation Commission meeting was cancelled.

Selectman Bailey asked to be considered as a liaison for the Conservation Commission and the Recreation Department.

Selectman Hatch will be attending a Library Trustees meeting this week and would like to stay as the Board's representative.

Selectman Knapp was unable to attend the School Board meeting.

Chairman O'Brien has been unable to attend the Recreation Dept. meeting and hopes they will change their meeting night from Monday.

Selectman Hatch moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91 A: II 3II a, c, d or e for land negotiations, personnel and legal at 7:27 p.m., seconded by Chairman O'Brien. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye. Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Knapp moved, Selectman Bailey seconded to exit nonpublic session at 8:35 PM. Roll call Dan Ayer-aye, George Bailey-aye, Dawn Hatch-aye, Andy Knapp-aye, Casey O'Brien-aye. Approved 5-0.

In open session:

Selectman Hatch moved, Selectman Bailey seconded to seal the minutes six months to avoid rendering the proposed action ineffective. Roll Call Dan Ayer-aye, George Bailey-aye, Dawn Hatch-aye, Andy Knapp-aye, Casey O'Brien-aye. Approved 5-0.

Chairman O'Brien announced the tentative contract with Hard Rock for the development of Eco-Park and the newly acquired 7 acre parcel abutting Liberty

Truck including excavation of ledge and subdivision. The company will be coming before the Planning Board for site review and pursuing other permits through the state.

Chairman O'Brien announced that no decision would be made upon COLA and steps until the April 10 meeting.

Justin Purpora asked what the plan was for the land on Route 125 which is covered by the Agreement. Chairman O'Brien explained it was development of a commercial/industrial park.

Sam Boduch asked about the start of the fiscal year (January 1) and whether or not raises would be retroactive (no).

Justin Purpora asked why the safety complex garage was going out to bid if we had quotes from the budget process. It was explained that the quotes were to develop the budget, but since it is over \$10,000 the town policy is to put it out to bid. He asked about the numbers and Town Administrator Scruton explained the source of the budget numbers.

Rick Walker defended the budget process and the numbers.

Selectman Knapp indicated he continued to have a problem with using the Highway crew to do some of the work given how much other work they have.

Selectman Bailey moved, Selectman Knapp seconded to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Passed 5-0.