

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, May 8, 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 to "legalize, ratify and confirm" the town meeting vote of Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:33 p.m. Under the provisions of HB 329 (chapter 20) the Legislature authorized towns to confirm the prior actions, votes and proceedings of the town election and town meeting that took place on March 21, 2017. Administrator Scruton noted that this is for the town portion only and not the school vote. Administrator Scruton read the Resolution regarding the National Weather Service issuing a winter storm warning for all of New Hampshire for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 our Election Day. The town's attorney weighed in along with the NHMA, and the town moderator. The meeting was postponed to the next Tuesday – March 21, 2017. The Secretary of State felt that Election Day should not be changed regardless of the weather. The discussion for the hearing is the postponement of the Election not the issues on the warrant. Selectman Bailey noted that he supported the moderator's decision. Chairman O'Brien opened the meeting to public comment. Diane St. Jean noted that the School Board will have their hearing on May 16th. Helene Traill stated that people didn't know when the vote was postponed to. Mrs. Traill felt there was poor communication by the town. Chief Walker noted that once a decision was made, after several conference calls with police chief, road agent, Selectmen, town clerk, moderator, signs were made and posted around town. The Public Safety building message board noted the change in date along with signs at the transfer station, and the school sign at Route 9. We put forth a good effort to try to keep people aware. Sam Boduch noted that there is a communications committee in place if anyone would like to participate on that committee. John Allard thought that Stan Swier made a good decision and saw the information on Channel 9. Selectman Hatch moved to approve this Resolution to legalize, ratify and confirm the town meeting vote that was moved from March 14, 2017 to March 21, 2017, seconded by Selectman Bailey. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:43 p.m.

Adam Winkler – Presentation - Chief Williams thanked Adam Winkler for his 13 years of service to the Town of Barrington. He was instrumental in establishing Barrington’s motorcycle unit. He is a true professional. He will be missed and was wished good luck in his role at the Sheriff’s office. He was presented with a plaque with the badge that he wore in Barrington. Mr. Winkler said that he will miss the town and the people that he has worked with and he learned a great deal while in Barrington.

Chairman O’Brien opened the public hearing to apply, accept and expend funds for the Emerald Acres/Oyster River Culvert at 6:44 p.m. Most of the funding is in place. There is money available through the New England Forests and Rivers Fund. The town can be the applicant but cannot expend town funds on this private road. John Wallace explained the problems with the culvert as it blocks wildlife from going to the Oyster River and for safety of the resident that go over the culvert. The Emerald Acres Co-op will also be allocating money. The application is for \$150,000 with an estimated total cost of \$350,000. Selectman Bailey moved to authorize John Wallace to represent the town as the applicant for the grant and authorize acceptance and expenditure of funds, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:54

John Wallace spoke about financing for the Barr conservation easement. The closing should be at the end of May. The amount of \$96,830 will be coming from the conservation fund, \$14,920 from GBRPP fund to be reimbursed and \$5,000 from the Field Pond funds to be reimbursed. Selectman Hatch moved to support the expenditure of funds, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Chairman O’Brien opened the public hearing on the proposed policy for public use of Town owned conservation land at 6:55 p.m. The Conservation Commission would like to amend the policy with the following changes: there will be no target shooting allowed, permission is needed from the property owner to construct and use a “stand or blind” then it must be removed, not allowed are “unauthorized” motorized vehicles of any kind. The Board requested the total acreage of town-owned conservation land and not town-owned conservation land. Ryan Smead asked about the use of the proposed SELT property. Selectman Ayer moved to

accept the amended policy, seconded by Selectman Bailey. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing to accept and expend grant money under "Granite Hammer" at 7:01 p.m. Chief Williams stated that this is for enforcement with communities being reimbursed to offset overtime and roll-ups. There was no public comment. Selectman Knapp moved to accept and expend Granite Hammer grant money through the County to offset overtime and roll-up costs, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 7:03 p.m.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing to accept and expend approximately \$4,700 of drug forfeiture money to purchase four additional Tasers at 7:04 p.m. Chief Williams stated that this money came from drug busts in DEA cases. The funds have clear cut restrictions. The goal is to have each officer have their own Taser. This avoids sharing weaponry. Peter Royce did some investigating of the money coming in. Most of the money is kept by the Attorney General's Office and money is available to reimburse communities for certain activities. Selectman Knapp moved to accept and expend approximately \$4,700 to purchase four additional Tasers, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 7:10p.m.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on amending the Policy of the Board of Selectmen Regarding Construction on Class VI and Private Roads at 7:11 p.m. It is proposed to move Section II: 6 to Section 1 that new accessory buildings: barns, sheds, garages (containing no dwelling space) and other non-human habitable buildings are signed off by the building inspector and do not require the public hearing process. Also to add to Section II "Addition of accessory dwelling unit" and to be added to 6 Notice to be Recorded – in the last sentence add Police and Fire Chiefs. Chairman O'Brien asked if there was any public comment. Steve Diamond stated that this issue came up at the planning board meeting and he checked the laws and the town may not have jurisdiction. Selectman Knapp moved to support the amendments, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 7:20 p.m.

The following public hearings for the issuance of building permit on a private road were cancelled based on the amendments approved at the prior public hearing:

Kenneth Bolstridge – Map 104 Lot 0015 and David Cullen – Map 112 Lot 0018. The public hearing for Paul Upson, 41 Castle Road, Map 224 Lot 0082 started at 7:25 p.m. Clerk McNeil noted that Mr. Upson is adding an addition to an already existing home. The road agent recommends grading the road from Brewster Road to Mr. Upson’s property after completion of the project and joining the road association. Selectman Ayer moved to issue the building permit with conditions, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

National Public Works Week Proclamation – Chairman O’Brien read the proclamation that proclaimed May 21 – May 27 as National Public Works Week. The Proclamation was presented to Peter Cook, Erin Paradis and Jere Calef all representing the Public Works Department.

APPOINTMENTS

Bid Opening for Public Safety Garage – Three bids were received. Selectman Ayer stepped down from the Board. Chairman O’Brien opened the bids. Middleton Building Supply – materials - \$7,971.60 plus trusses at \$2,782.14. Brocks Materials – materials - \$8,441.14 plus trusses at \$2,311.86 with no doors, Groen Builders – option 1 for a 900 sq. ft. building \$57,949 and option 2 for a 600 sq. ft. building at \$47,246. The bids will be reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Steve Diamond asked why the town uses the 2009 building codes and how can the town adopt the 2015 codes. John Huckins stated adopting of the 2009 building code is approved through the State Legislature. The State Legislature is in the process of adopting the 2015 building codes to be in place for 2018.

Sam Boduch representing Stephanie Dimke and Stars and Stripes for Barrington requested a signature of the Chairman on the “Public Service of New Hampshire Pole Attachment Application and Permission to Temporarily Attach” to hang flags on poles. Selectman Ayer moved to approve the application and thanked Stephanie Dimke and Stars and Stripes for Barrington, seconded by Selectman Bailey. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. It was noted that donations are always accepted and 27 flags need to be replaced this year.

Peter Royce, chair of the advisory budget committee, thought the ABC would be scheduled for this meeting. He along with the other members of the ABC feels

the Board of Selectmen doesn't even want a budget committee. They feel they are ignored.

Selectman Hatch felt the frustration of the ABC. The Board should set up a meeting with the ABC for the next meeting on May 22nd. Selectman Bailey asked the Board to consider assigning a Selectman to the ABC. Selectman Knapp agrees with that idea. The Board supported the ABC and would like to see them stay in place. Selectman Bailey volunteered to be a member. Selectman Ayer moved to appoint Selectman Bailey as a member of the ABC, seconded, by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Marcia Gasses noted about a recent program, held on a Saturday, put on by the Office of Engineering and Planning where both she and Peter Cook spoke about "preparing for flooding". They gave a lot of valuable input to land use board volunteers. Administrator Scruton added that a manager from another town spoke highly of Peter Cook's presentation.

Steve Diamond offered his expertise in IT support and a municipal newspaper.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – March 13, 2017 – the minutes were tabled until the next meeting. March 24, 2017 – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Selectman Bailey. Chairman O'Brien abstained from the vote as he was absent from that meeting. The motion passes.

STAFF REPORT

1. Doug Langdon has volunteered to help the town go out to bid for the next contract for electricity. He is an expert in energy purchasing. Mr. Langdon will present a recommended quote to the Board and if approved use the quote for the next day as there is a small window for which the price holds. It will be a tentative award.
2. Treatment of holidays for the highway department on their summer schedule – 4 ten hour days – how do you want to handle. Selectman Ayer would like the hours be 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. as the town has a noise ordinance and we should practice what we preach. Selectman Knapp felt that the Highway Department should abide by the 8 hour day as the Board was going to discuss the holiday issue before the four day summer work week went into effect. The issue is

whether the highway employees receive 30 hours or 24 hours of holiday time. Jere Calef stated that the highway crew agreed that they would get 8 hours off and then take 2 hours of earned time. Selectman Bailey noted that we ask a lot of these people and we are only talking about 6 hours a year of holiday pay. Selectman Hatch stated that it is a small reward for their dependability. Mr. Calef explained that the department is unable to take a vacation during the winter months. Working 4 ten hour days means more productively, not working on Friday when people are traveling for the weekend and helps with the lack of time off in the winter. Selectman Hatch moved to support the 10 hour holidays for the highway department for their four day work week, seconded by Selectman Bailey. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – nay, Hatch – aye, Bailey – aye, Knapp – nay, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes. The hours of operation will be 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. until October 1st. Chief Walker expects six hours additional pay for his two employees. The firefighters get 1.8 hours when they work a holiday. Peter Cook recommended that the stated weeks there is a holiday the Highway Department will work five days eight hours a day for that week.

Selectman Hatch rescinded her previous motion.

Selectman Hatch moved to approve the 4 ten hour days, unless there is a holiday that week then the Highway Department will work 5 eight hour days, seconded by Selectman Bailey. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – nay, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Hatch commented that she felt that the six hours of holiday pay is a very small benefit for the highway department and it isn't fair to compare departments.

OLD BUSINESS

Purchasing Policy – The Board reviewed the Policy. Selectman Knapp was concerned about repeat services such as legal, auditing, utilities etc. Selectman Knapp would like to see that lowered from \$15,000 down to \$10,000.

Administrator Scruton noted that he will be sending out an RFQ for legal services. Selectman Knapp moved to lower the amount for repeat services from \$15,000 to \$10,000, seconded by Selectman Ayer. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – nay. Selectman Ayer felt that Selectman Hatch and Chairman

O'Brien should abstained from the vote as it directly affects their businesses. Knapp – nay. The motion carries with two ayes and one nay.

Selectman Knapp asked about the installation of the guard rail on Orchard Hill Road. Peter Cook noted that the guard rail is scheduled to be installed Tuesday.

NEW BUSINESS

It was suggested that the Board review all policies before the third quarter of this year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Cook thanked Administrator Scruton for his comments on his presentation. He also stated that Marcia Gasses also gave up her Saturday.

The town will have a report on the dam within the next few weeks.

Marcia Gasses stated that a pre-work neighborhood meeting for work on the Young Road culvert replacement will be on June 19th with the engineers.

Peter Cook asked about Selectman Knapp's request for a breakdown of winter costs – plowing time, sand used, salt used etc. Peter Cook stated that it is hard to determine as every storm is different. Chairman O'Brien reiterated that it is never the same. Weather plays a major part. Selectman Knapp noted that this information can be efficiently organized. Selectman Knapp offered to work with Mr. Cook to layout and organize the data. Ryan Smead felt that the process should move forward next winter not now - collect data when the work is being done. Marcia Gasses compared it to her work as a city councilor in Dover and Doug Steele says "it depends". The job always gets done. Peter Cook will develop a criteria.

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Selectman Ayer attended the recent Conservation Commission. The easements are in the process of being monitored. Peter Cook is working on no parking signs on Town Farm Road.

Selectman Bailey thanked the Board for being appointed to the ABC. The Library Trustees meet next Tuesday. He also noted an emergency that occurred in his neighborhood that was handled very professional by emergency services.

Selectman Hatch noted that she will be attending the next Recreation Commission meeting.

Selectman Knapp missed the last school board meeting. He will be attending the meeting next week.

Chairman O'Brien moved to go into non-public session at 9:15 p.m. per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) and (c), personnel and reputation, seconded by Selectman Knapp. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Hatch moved to exit non-public session at 10:55 p.m., seconded by Selectman Knapp. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Bailey moved to seal the minutes indefinitely as it could adversely affect the reputation of a person not a member of the Board (RSA 92-A:3, iii), seconded by Selectman Ayer. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 p.m.