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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
3rd Floor Meeting Room
12/29/08
7:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Matthew Vincent, Chairman; Philip Trapani; Evan J. O'Reilly, Clerk

Others Present: Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator

Absent: Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

Mr. Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Snow & Ice/Highway

Members of the Finance and Advisory Committee were also present for the purpose of acting upon the request from the Highway Surveyor to expend more than is appropriated for snow and ice control. Members of the Finance and Advisory Committee Present included: R. O'Malley, J. Lacey, J. L'Hommedieu, T. Ruh, and J. Bonazoli.

Highway Surveyor Peter Durkee was present for the discussion related to the snow and ice budget matter.

There was a general discussion related to the current status of the snow and ice account. It was also agreed that the town administrator would supply regular updates to the Selectmen and FinCom on the expenditures related to snow and ice control. There is a current balance of approximately \$36,000 in the account, but not all bills from the storm last week have been processed.

Board of Selectmen:

Mr. O'Reilly moved that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 31D of the Mass. General Laws, the Highway Department be allowed to continue to expend funds from the relevant snow and ice accounts that will be in excess of the FY 09 appropriation.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Finance and Advisory Committee:

Mr. Lacey moved that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 31D of the Mass. General Laws, the Highway Department be allowed to continue to expend funds from the relevant snow and ice accounts that will be in excess of the FY 09 appropriation.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Police Chief Contract

Before the FinCom left the meeting Mr. Vincent noted that the Board of Selectmen had been meeting with the Police Chief for the purpose of negotiating a new contract, and that a tentative settlement had been reached. He added that it might not be possible to share the details of the contract with all of the members of the FinCom at this time, he would like to share the content with the Chair, Ms. O'Malley, if that would be acceptable with the other members of the FinCom. Mr. Vincent also invited members of the public to communicate feedback as to the Chief's performance to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Vincent noted that the Selectmen would meet on January 12th to finalize the contract.

Bailey Lane Bridge:

Mr. Durkee, in response to a question from Mr. Vincent, offered an update as to the status of the Bailey Lane bridge project. Mr. Durkee said that he is exploring the possibility of the State assuming more of a share of the construction cost, with the caveat of the Town paying for the cost of the resident engineer. He also mentioned that if that plan did not work he would explore the option of installing a culvert.

Minutes

No action was taken of the minutes of December 15, 2008

License Renewals

Rock Pond Restaurant

Mr. Sid Farah was present. Mr. Farah was advised that since he has not been able to clear the past due electric bill that the Selectmen would be unable to approve the liquor and associated licenses given the bylaw that requires all such balances be cleared. There was a general discussion, and a consensus that a conditional approval, dependent upon payment, could be given as the Selectmen would not be meeting again until after January 1st, and the license expires December 31st.

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the *alcohol license for the Rock Pond Restaurant*, conditional upon the payment of the electric bill, as specified with Section 85 of the Town Bylaws, before 4:00 PM on December 31, 2008.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

There was also a request before the Selectmen for a change of manager at the Rock Pond Restaurant to Sid Farah.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the change of manager to Sid Farah.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the Common Victualler License for Niki's Pizza, Jimmy K's, and Dunkin Donuts (Mystra, LLC).

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The Common Victualler License for the Rock Pond Restaurant was unanimously approved, conditional upon the payment of the electric bill, as specified with Section 85 of the Town Bylaws, before 4:00 PM on December 31, 2008.

It was moved and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

By,
Stephen Delaney
Town Administrator

Minutes approved January 12, 2009.