

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
July 23, 2018**

PRESENT: SEAN P. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN; CHAD R. BENNETT, SELECTMAN; JOSEPH A GUTHRIE, SELECTMAN; SALLY THERIAULT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The meeting was opened at 7PM

Guests: E. Reschberger, Chief Beaudoin, T. Lovell, S. Ungerer, K. Yassenka, J. Cipriano, and P. Williams

Public Announcements

- Cable Concert for July 24th will also host the Senior Cook Out.
- Waste Oil, car batteries and thermostats are collected at the Town Garage on the first and third Saturdays of the month 8 am to 1 pm.

Visitors Comment

Tim Lovell of the Conservation Chair presented Steve Ungerer to the Selectmen. Mr. Ungerer has been attending Conservation meetings for a few months and is interested in being a member. He gave a little background information about himself. He noted that he has been a resident for 11 years and loves doing things in the outdoors.

Selectman Guthrie motioned to appoint Steve Ungerer to the Conservation Commission for a term to expire in March 2021. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Emily Reschberger gave an update of the Senior Drop In Center. She reported that there was a cookout for Hampstead seniors at the concert on July 24th. She thanked the Recreation Commission for bringing this forward for the Hampstead Seniors. She then went on to give an update of the Drop In held at the Library on Thursdays. She said that there have been 24 of a possible 29 dates that the Drop In has been open. There were 5 days that they were closed due to inclement weather. She noted that they have an average of 16-20 people attending weekly. When they have a guest speaker they could see as many as 30 people. They are looking at scheduling guest speakers with the library staff. The guest speakers would impact the budget whereas they would be providing more food. She noted that at the rate they have spent this year, she expects that they will be under budget. Mrs. Reschberger pointed out that the Senior Drop In has been meeting for 14 years where it started at the Civic Club after the "SpeakUp Hampstead". She noted the appreciation of the Library for allowing them to hold it there.

Chairman Murphy asked about the issues that have come up regarding senior issues. Mrs. Reschberger and Selectman Guthrie both stated that this was the subcommittee from the Recreation Commission that was working on those, this was specific to the drop in center. Selectman Guthrie thanked her for the update and continued on to state that he expects that some of the holes will be filled. Social Services and Recreation seem to be the bigger problems along with communication as to what is available.

Department Heads

There were none.

New Business

None

Old Business

None

Liaison Reports

Selectman Guthrie- Nothing to update

Selectman Bennett-He announced that the Fire Department was awarded a grant to replace their current SCBA's in the amount of about \$142,000.

Chairman Murphy- He didn't have any updates but did ask Selectman Bennett for an update on Johnson Meadow.

Selectman Bennett replied that he was still looking at gathering information but that it wouldn't be paved this year. He has not yet met with the Mr. and Mrs. Ashford because he wanted to have all the information beforehand. Chairman Murphy said that he wants a resolution in a meeting to close the door. They agreed to set a deadline of September 1st to bring everything back to the rest of the Selectmen.

AA Report:

Mid-Program Reflection

The Mid-program reflection that Mrs. Theriault prepared along with supporting documents has been provided to each of the members of the Board of Selectmen. She stated that she hoped the Board had any opportunity to review it. She stated that if they had any questions or need additional information please let her know. Selectman Guthrie asked if the Board planned on looking at this as a tool for a plan. Mrs. Theriault responded that it was information to review to decide whether or not to move forward. Chairman Murphy said that it is noted that he would look at it and see where things are at. Selectman Guthrie asked if there should be a work session. Chairman Murphy responded that he should be able to have it reviewed in time for the first meeting in September. Mrs. Theriault will keep it on the Activity Log and schedule it for that meeting.

Review of Town-owned land

At Selectmen Guthrie's request, Mrs. Theriault had an opportunity to review the town-owned parcels. There are approximately 150 parcels, which include town buildings, cemeteries, landlocked parcels, conservation land, wetlands and a couple of roads. Of the approximately 150 parcels about 13-15 might be worth looking at to see if there is any value in the land. Selectmen Guthrie was given the assessing cards for the parcels. Some lots are undersized by today's zoning, one has limited frontage, several might have drainage easements, one or two have frontage on Route 111 and one is commercial. Selectman Guthrie apologized for not going through the Chair first. He stated that there were two reasons for the research. The first is to see if there was any land useful to use for a senior center. The other reason was to find land that the Town didn't need and could sell with the proceeds for a senior center. He noted that there was a lot at the end of Hastings that wasn't buildable in the past but now with technology could be and may be worth selling. He also pointed out that there was a commercial parcel at the end of Hazel Drive that could bring big funds. There is also a lot on Wash Pond that the town owns and sits right on the water. He stated that if there were no objections, he would pursue between this meeting and March putting them in an order. He has visited most of the sites except for a few that he would have needed boots for. Chairman Murphy had no objection.

Pole License for Consolidated Communications for the area of Squire Ridge and Oddfellows Road was submitted for the Selectmen to sign.

Chairman Murphy motioned to sign the pole license for Squire Ridge Road/Oddfellows Road. Selectman Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Old Welfare Lien- Mrs. Theriault reported that she received a call from an attorney asking for the cost to pay off a welfare lien. The lien is at least 30 years old. She has reviewed all the records and can't find the amount of the original lien or if the lien was ever released. When someone that owns property is given assistance, a lien is placed on the property to recoup the funds. She noted that when the lien is paid, normally there is a lien release generated and recorded at the registry. The current

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owners of the property can't finance their home because the current title company found the lien and need it resolved. When the home was sold to the current owners, the title company did not pick up on the lien. She asked for the Selectmen to sign a release of the lien to clear the books. She noted that the current owners of the property are being held hostage for something they didn't receive. The old liens are recorded as book and page 2867 0797 and 2770 2275 at the Rockingham Registry of Deeds **Selectman Guthrie motioned to take whatever steps were necessary to release the lien/clear the lien. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.**

Meeting Minutes The meeting minutes of June 25th, and July 9th, 2018 have been signed and are ready for approval.

Selectman Bennett motioned to approve the minutes of June 25th and July 9th as amended. The motion was seconded by Selectman Guthrie. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Activity Log

The activity log was reviewed. There was a question as to the status of the front steps. Mrs. Theriault reported that it supposed to be done shortly.

Re- Appointments/Appointments

Call for candidates:

- o Ordway Park, full members and alternates – monthly meeting
- o Recreation Commission, alternate member – monthly meetings
- o Trustees of the Trust Funds, alternate members – meetings as needed

Appointments

There was a resignation received from Caitlyn Parnell from the Recreation Commission and a request for appointment from Erin Pellegrini to be appointed. Both have been accepted by the Recreation Commission.

Selectman Bennett motioned to accept the resignation of Caitlyn Parnell from the Recreation Commission. Selectman Guthrie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 3-0. Selectman Bennett motioned to appoint Erin Pellegrini to the Recreation Commission with a term to expire in 2020. The motion was seconded by Selectman Guthrie and passed unanimously 3-0.

Correspondence

There was a letter received regarding risk mapping for a watershed of which we are a very small party to the watershed. Mrs. Theriault emailed the Chair, Kris Emerson and Paul Carideo to see if anyone wanted to attend but didn't feel it was critical for someone to attend.

Visitors Comments

Karen Yasenka, Chairperson of the Hampstead School Board and Jason Cipriano, Vice Chair. Mrs. Yasenka stated that she was present this evening to follow up on the request from the School Board made at a previous Selectmen's meeting regarding the request for a SRO (School Resource Officer). She stated that she had no response from anyone and they were looking to have someone in place for the start of the school year. Mrs. Yasenka reminded the Selectmen that at the last meeting she attended she was told that it was a town ordinance that required new hiring of police officers to be placed on the warrant and she was looking for the ordinance. She also stated that she called Mrs. Theriault on July 19th asking to be on the agenda. Mrs. Theriault told her that Chairman Murphy had asked for a work session and that Mrs. Theriault was trying to schedule one. Mrs. Yasenka stated that she was concerned that cable would not be present at a work session and that it would be difficult to coordinate all the parties involved to a single meeting date. So she chose to come to the meeting this evening. Mr. Cipriano thanked the Selectmen for listening and that it was important to assist them with this and that the School Board understood that the Police Officer falls under the Board of Selectmen. Mrs. Yasenka stated it was up to the Board of Selectmen whether or not there would be a lack of security for the students and staff at the schools. It was noted that the ordinance previously noted was a petition article that spoke to the hiring of "supervisory personnel" and the SRO

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wouldn't be in that category. Chairman Murphy stated that traditionally the town puts new hires for the police department on the warrant to allow the town to vote on it. He has been told by Town Counsel that they are not required to do so. He said that he had asked the School Board for a work session because there are things that need to be hammered out regarding an SRO such as responsibilities, expenses etc. He stated that this could be done at an open meeting and maybe a work session at the end of the Selectmen's regular meeting. Mrs. Yasenka asked what type of things needed to be clarified. She stated that Chief Beaudoin brought a SRO from the Town of Londonderry to one of the School Board meetings so they may have a lot of the answers the Selectmen are looking for. Chairman Murphy pointed out a few more items such as what they would do on a daily basis and what they would do when school wasn't in session and the costs associated with it. Mr. Cipriano stated they understood the reasons and that they had some of those concerns amongst themselves. He asked if there was list of concerns that they could get answered. Chairman Murphy stated that he was planning on a work session and therefore didn't have them tonight. They agreed that it would be put on the agenda for the next meeting to have the work session and they would try to get the list of concerns to the school prior.

Chief Beaudoin asked to speak and stated the process of what happened to get where they are now. He stated that he had been contacted at the March elections by Mr. Cipriano and asked about the concerns with President Trump talking about arming teachers. He stated that he was against it. He was talking with the Budget Committee liaison about upcoming costs for 2019 and responded that he wasn't planning anything out of the ordinary. A couple of days later he heard that the School Board was looking into hiring security guards so he contacted Mrs. Yasenka to see if they wanted to go in the direction of an SRO. He had his detective look into the details and get more in depth on what an SRO does and was able to have the SRO from Londonderry attend a meeting of the School Board. The School Board decided after that meeting that they would like to move in that direction. He was asked to get the guidelines about what the schools demand of an SRO. He stated the most high schools have them and that Timberlane, Londonderry, and Salem have them at their Middle Schools as well. Selectman Guthrie asked what other towns our size had them at their middle and elementary schools, or what they were doing.

Mrs. Yasenka stated that they were given information from Homeland Security that there should be one SRO for every 800 students, not by age. The two schools combined currently are right in the count. Selectman Guthrie asked if they were going to look for one for each school and Chief Beaudoin responded just one that would handle both schools.

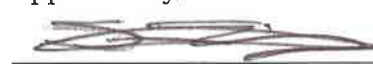
There were some questions regarding scheduling of time between the schools, but it was stopped by Mrs. Yasenka as a security concern and could be discussed in a nonpublic session. They all agreed to attend a work session to go over the concerns and Chairman Murphy would get those concerns to the School Board.

Selectman Guthrie motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. Selectman Bennett seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

A True Record:


Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:


Sean P. Murphy, Chairman


Chad R. Bennett, Selectman


Joseph A. Guthrie, Selectman