

Official

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 14, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: David Boutin, David Dickson, James Gorton, Paul Loiselle, George Longfellow, Michael Pischetola (arrived at 6:35 pm), David Ross, Nancy VanScoy (excused), Chairman William Gahara (excused) and Carol Granfield (Town Administrator)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 24, 2010 – ***P. Loiselle moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2010 as amended. Motion seconded by D. Dickson. Motion carried.*** D. Boutin and M. Pischetola abstained. Both were not present at the meeting.

The Council had a discussion regarding the application deadline date of April 5th for the Police Commission position. An application deadline was never set in the past.

G. Longfellow moved to re-open the filing period for the Police Commission with a closing date of May 12th. Motion seconded by J. Gorton. Motion carried. M. Pischetola opposed.

March 24, 2010 Non-Public – ***P. Loiselle moved to table. Motion seconded by G. Longfellow. Motion carried.*** D. Boutin and M. Pischetola abstained. Both were not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mike Sorel, 54 Cross Road: I asked Councilor Dickson to please make a motion to find the funds for the Volunteers' Appreciation Dinner in the budget. I won't speak for him.

A year ago, I was asked to find a candidate for the Police Commission. It wasn't easy. I was able to find one candidate. With all the negativity that's been poured into the Police Commission, the Police Chief and the command staff, I'm not surprised we only have one candidate at this point. I wasn't aware of the cut off period as there hasn't been one in the past. I am pleased you have extended the date. Under the statute, given the worst-case scenario and no one is appointed By June 30th, the Police Commission has the right to appoint a member. One of the Commissioners that served the Town very well for 3 years was treated badly by one of the Councilors. If that's the reward someone gets after serving the community, no one would want to serve.

I have a question concerning people who videotape town meetings, specifically, David Peal. There may be an issue of liability. The Town does not have a contract with David Pearl to videotape and the Town does not get a true copy. At a previous Council meeting, when the Boston Cane was presented and the Council approved the purchase of a piece of equipment for the Transfer station. Those were not in the videotape that was put on the Internet. I would suggest that videotaping not be allowed until liability concerns are verified with the legal counsel.

Chair Ross explained anyone can videotape a public meeting. It's perfectly legal. This is an open meeting. We can not forbid nor restrict taping of meetings.

C. Granfield reiterated that anyone can tape a public meeting. The Town has the official records and minutes of the meetings.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Available Board Positions

Planning Board, alternate member, exp. 6/2012
Zoning Board of Adjustment, alternate member, exp. 6/2010
Trustee of the Trust Funds, exp. 6/2012

The Staff Report indicated a nomination for ZBA. D. Boutin stated the nomination should be for the Planning Board.

D. Boutin nominated Brendan Sean Perry to the Planning Board as an alternate member, exp. 6/2012.

D. Boutin moved to waive the rules of waiting period between nomination and appointment. Motion seconded by J. Gorton. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Boutin moved to appoint Brendan Sean Perry as a Planning Board alternate member, exp. 6/2012. Motion seconded by J. Gorton. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Boutin nominated Kurt Strandson as Trustee of the Trust Funds, exp. 6/2012.

D. Boutin moved to waive the rules of waiting period between nomination and appointment. Motion seconded by M. Pischetola. Motion carried. G. Longfellow and D. Ross opposed.

D. Boutin moved to appoint Kurt Strandson as Trustee of the Trust Funds, exp. 6/2012. Motion seconded by M. Pischetola. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Boutin nominated Susanne Hargreaves to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, exp. 6/2012.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

No scheduled appointments.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Street Name – Mallard Lane

As requested, the Council was provided with information on the exact location of the street.

D. Boutin moved to approve the street name Mallard Lane. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Donation to the Fire Department

The Fire Department received two cash donations in the amount of \$420. Donations for less than \$5,000 do not require public hearing.

D. Boutin moved to accept cash donations in the amount of \$420 per RSA 31:95-b, III (b). Motion seconded by M. Pischetola. Motion carried unanimously.

Town Hall Copier Lease Award

The lease on one of the two copiers at the Town Hall is ending in June. Bids were solicited from three companies below for a color copier.

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| Northern Business Machines | \$505.00/month |
| Seacoast Business Machines | \$506.60/month |
| Conway Office | \$511.00/month |

C. Granfield explained that while the new color copier will cost just over \$2,400 more a year, the savings in the cost of color copying and in-house printing is estimated at \$2,580 per year. She recommended accepting the bid from Northern Business Machines in the amount of \$505 per month for a five-year lease. This amount includes maintenance and toners.

P. Loiselle moved to accept the bid from Northern Business Machines in the amount of \$505 per month. Motion seconded by G. Longfellow. Motion carried unanimously.

Acceptance of Gravel Donation

Dale Hemeon is donating approximately 300 yards of gravel to the Town from his property. The gravel will be screened and separated into sand and stone. The value of the gravel if purchased would be \$2,100 for the screened sand and \$2,400 for the screened stone for a total of \$4,500.

P. Loiselle moved to accept the donation of gravel valued at \$4,500 per RSA 31:95-e. Motion seconded by D. Dickson. Motion carried unanimously.

Blind Sign

G. Longfellow requested this item be added to the next agenda.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. The Town held a very successful press conference this afternoon on the proposed development at Exit 11 involving private-public partnership. There will be a meeting with NHDOT tomorrow. The first Public Informational Meeting will be held on Tuesday at the Town Hall Council Chambers at 6:30 pm.
2. The Deliberative Meeting was held on Saturday, April 10th. Warrant Article #13, "Are you in favor of abolishing the Police Commission?" was amended to, "To see if" which basically eliminates any action. A brief explanation was added to the Council newsletter to be sent to all voters.
3. The April issue of LGC's Town and City magazine features an article on *Hooksett Goes Healthy* program. A total 70 employees are involved in various programs, 30 employees in the weight loss competition. As of last weigh-in, the two groups have lost a combined weight of 200 lbs. The final weigh-in will be in the first week of June. The Charity walk will be held on Saturday, May 1st.
4. Scholars Academy will be moving into the Town Hall on May 1st. Councilors were invited to tour the renovated area.
5. The Facility Advisory Committee, through the request of the Town Council, is in the process of reviewing the old Town Hall. The Code Enforcement Officer and the Fire Inspector went through the building and will submit a report/recommendations to the committee.
6. The Town has been receiving good feedback on *Beautify Hooksett* program. 16-17 sites were located. Other ideas include a contest for Town entrance sign design.
7. To date, the Town has not received any donations for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.
8. Next Council meeting will be in a week on April 21st.
9. Letters were sent to surrounding communities on the Perambulation Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 28th, 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

D. Boutin stated regarding the old Town Hall's deed, he was told the Town could make a request to the State's Bureau of Archives to research for descendants. There will be no cost to do the research. This is the first step before probate.

C. Granfield explained the Town will have to determine the use prior to amending the deed.

D. Boutin asked if the porta-potty at Kids Kaboose had been installed.

Dale Hemeon, Public Works Director stated it was installed.

G. Longfellow commented on the Town Report being copied on compact disks. He stated that Town Reports have to be available in hard copies in order to be legal.

The Town Report books will be limited to reduce costs and will also be available on compact disks.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conservation Commission

One housekeeping item did not make it on the Council agenda. This will be coming in the next meeting.

Police Commission

The meeting was postponed to Thursday night. Councilor Gorton will attend the meeting.

ZBA

The board heard four (4) cases at their last meeting. The cell tower abutters' appeal for re-hearing was denied. The appeal for the work force housing proposal was denied. The subdivision of a piece of property on Hackett Hill was also denied. They scheduled a site walk for SNHU's new transportation facility building.

Ocean State Job Lot Grand Opening ceremony will be held tomorrow morning.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mike & Doris Sorel, 54 Cross Road: We both filed for the Budget Committee. We had no intentions of filing. We were asked. My decision to file was made easier when I heard Tom Keach had filed for the Budget Committee. I served in the committee in the past with Tom.

D. Sorel: I've never served in a committee. I would be honored to serve the Town.

Charles Dockery, River Village: I attended the briefing this morning about the proposed development. I have one question. It sounded like they were starting the work soon. Is the Town of Hooksett, in any way, committed to spend five cents with those people?

Chair D. Ross: Not even two cents.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

D. Boutin moved to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) "Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant." Motion seconded by M. Pischetola. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

D. Boutin moved to exit the non-public session. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

The Council made a statement that they voted to seal the non-public minutes.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Police Commission application process.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Evelyn F. Horn
Administrative Assistant

Nancy VanScoy
Town Council Secretary