

Official

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 22, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chair Lembo called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT: Nancy Comai, Vincent Lembo, James Levesque, Todd Lizotte, Michael Pischetola, William Sirak, Nancy VanScoy and Carol Granfield (Town Administrator)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 15, 2011 – *N. VanScoy moved to table the minutes. Motion seconded by N. Comai. **Motion carried unanimously.***

June 15, 2011 Non-Public – *N. VanScoy moved to table the minutes. Motion seconded by N. Comai. **Motion carried unanimously.***

Introduction of Public Works Director

C. Granfield: I'm please to introduce to you... we've put a press release out the other day that we have hired a new Public Works Director. I want to introduce him to the Council in public. His name is Leo Lessard and he'll be starting July 11th. He has a great background, a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and has worked in both private and public sectors. That will be a huge plus for us. I think he's going to be a great asset to the department.

Leo Lessard: I'm very happy and proud to be working for Hooksett. I'm glad you guys made the decision. I think I will do a very good job. I'm excited to get going and get my feet wet, in more ways than one.

T. Lizotte: Welcome to Hooksett. Going forward, I looked at your résumé and I'm interested in seeing a supply of some technology, optimization of plow routes, such with GIS mapping and linking that with planning. Also, I'm very interested in seeing if can get some efficiency in regards to fleet management. Any support you need in that area, if nothing exists. I'm unaware if we have basic fleet management software or something in that nature. Please come to the Council and I'll support it.

L. Lessard: Good. Thank you. I'm into that stuff big time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bond Releases

1. Landscaping for Butler Hockey
2. Landscaping for SNHU

W. Sirak moved to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by N. VanScoy. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT

John Gryval, Planning Board Chair: I am here tonight to support the reappointment of Planning Board members, Frank Kotowski and Robert Duhaime as full members and Tom Walsh as alternate. They both seem to be doing a great job. I see no reason why they should not be reappointed.

Donald Winterton, 10 Prescott Height Road: I've had much interaction with the Planning Board over the last five months. I would strongly urge this board not reappointing Rob Duhaime to the Planning Board. He has displayed to me, in meetings I've been to, an arrogant demeanor to people coming to Hooksett. Hooksett has a reputation of having a bad Planning Board to come before. I can verify that that's true. I think a slow turn over at the planning Board will be a good idea. I can tell you that at the Planning Board meetings, Mr. Duhaime has said things that are not supported by the Town Ordinances. He has said in a meeting that my neighbor's property was grandfathered under a sprinkler regulation. There was nothing in the regulations to support his claim at that meeting. I don't know if that was the defining moment or whatever but I can tell you that when you have Planning Board members that come out and say blatantly things that are not true, that is going to discourage people to come to Hooksett. So I would strongly urge this board, which has the power to appoint people who then have the power of law, who can vote any way they want. And the only recourse people have, when they have a vote, even though they may be wrong, the only recourse that someone has is the Superior Court of Merrimack County, which is an expensive proposition. I would suggest to this board that a little new blood might be a very good idea.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Appointments of Town Boards and Committees Members

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

(2) Full Members, exp. 6/2014

Nominees:

1. James Walter
2. Steve Couture
3. Bob Steiner

Roll Call Vote

N. Comai	abstained – does not know nominees
V. Lembo	J. Walter, B. Steiner
J. Levesque	J. Walter, S. Couture
T. Lizotte	S. Couture, B. Steiner
M. Pischetola	S. Couture, B. Steiner
W. Sirak	J. Walter, B. Steiner
N. VanScoy	J. Walter, B, Steiner 5-Steiner, 4-Walter, 3-Couture

T. Lizotte moved to appoint Bob Steiner and James Walter. Motion seconded by J. Levesque. Motion carried. N. Comai abstained.

Alternate Member, exp. 6/2014

J. Levesque moved to appoint Philip Fitanides. Motion seconded by T. Lizotte. Motion carried.

HERITAGE COMMISSION

Full Member, exp. 6/2013

N. VanScoy moved to appoint Gary Lee. Motion seconded by T. Lizotte. Motion carried unanimously.

PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

(2) Full Members, exp. 6/2014

N. VanScoy moved to appoint David Elliott and Mike Horne. Motion seconded by M. Pischetola. Motion carried unanimously.

PLANNING BOARD

(2) Full Members, exp. 6/2014

Nominees:

1. Frank Kotowski
2. Robert Duhaime
3. Mark Messina

Roll Call Vote

N. Comai	M. Messina, R. Duhaime	
V. Lembo	F. Kotowski, M. Messina	
J. Levesque	F. Kotowski, R. Duhaime	
T. Lizotte	F. Kotowski, M. Messina	
M. Pischetola	F. Kotowski, R. Duhaime	
W. Sirak	F. Kotowski, M. Messina	
N. VanScoy	F. Kotowski, R. Duhaime	6- Kotowski, 4-Duhaime, 4-Messina

Roll Call Vote

N. Comai	R. Duhaime	
V. Lembo	M. Messina	
J. Levesque	R. Duhaime	
T. Lizotte	M. Messina	
M. Pischetola	R. Duhaime	
W. Sirak	M. Messina	
N. VanScoy	M. Messina	4-Messina, 3-Duhaime

T. Lizotte moved to appoint Frank Kotowski and Mark Messina. Motion seconded by W. Sirak. Motion carried unanimously.

Alternate Member, exp. 6/2014

N. VanScoy moved to appoint Tom Walsh. Motion seconded by N. Comai. Motion carried unanimously.

POLICE COMMISSION

Full Member, exp. 6/2014

Nominees:

1. Kenneth P. Scherer
2. Dana C. Argo, Sr.

Roll Call Vote

N. Comai	K. Scherer	
V. Lembo	K. Scherer	
J. Levesque	K. Scherer	
T. Lizotte	K. Scherer	
M. Pischetola	K. Scherer	
W. Sirak	K. Scherer	
N. VanScoy	K. Scherer	Unanimous.

J. Levesque moved to appoint Kenneth Scherer. Motion seconded by T. Lizotte. Motion carried unanimously.

RECYCLING & TRANSFER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(2) Full Members, exp. 6/2014

Nominees:

1. Roger Duhaime
2. Martin Cannata
3. Robert H. Worrell
4. Sean McDonald

Roll Call Vote

N. Comai	M. Cannata, S. McDonald	
V. Lembo	R. Worrell, S. McDonald	
J. Levesque	R. Duhaime, M. Cannata	

T. Lizotte R. Duhaime, S. McDonald
M. Pischetola R. Worrell, S. McDonald
W. Sirak R. Duhaime, S. McDonald
N. VanScoy R. Worrell, S. McDonald 6-McDonald, 3-Duhaime, 3-Worrell, 2-Cannata

Roll Call Vote

N. Comai R. Worrell
V. Lembo R. Worrell
J. Levesque R. Worrell
T. Lizotte R. Duhaime
M. Pischetola R. Duhaime
W. Sirak R. Duhaime
N. VanScoy R. Worrell 4-Worrell, 3-Duhaime

N. VanScoy moved to appoint Sean McDonald and Robert Worrell. Motion seconded M. Pischetola. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(2) Full Members, exp. 6/2014

N. VanScoy moved to appoint Don Pare and Chris Pearson. Motion seconded by N. Comai. Motion carried unanimously.

Alternate Member, exp. 6/2013

*The only nominee, Mark Messina is already appointed to the Planning Board, therefore, cannot be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment based on board membership restriction of the Town Charter.

Alternate Member, exp. 6/2014

T. Lizotte moved to appoint Michael Simoneau. Motion seconded by N. VanScoy. Motion carried unanimously.

N. VanScoy: I hope a press release will go out on the openings still available. In addition to that, the Town Council about two years ago started an ad hoc committee called Town Hall Preservation Committee. It's not on our list and I think it begs the question to the new Council to determine whether or not that new committee is fulfilling the needs of the Town Council or if we should be looking at something different at this time, or if we should be looking for people to appoint to that committee.

C. Granfield: We can add that to the agenda for your July meeting. You may want to add the Charter Review Committee for discussion also. The Town has not advertised that you are going to have it.

NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Donations to Fire Department

1. \$100 from Christopher Scott.
2. \$10 from an anonymous donor.

C. Granfield: We have two donations so we'll need two motions. The first is a \$100 from Christopher Scott. This was a token of appreciation for their actions in rescuing him from the Merrimack River on May 26th when his boat capsized.

N. VanScoy moved to accept the donation of \$100 from Christopher Scott per RSA 31:95-b, III (b). Motion seconded by T. Lizotte.

N. VanScoy: I certainly appreciate the donation. It's the little things like this that makes the community. In the letter from Mr. Scott he does say it is a small donation. I would like to recognize it as a very large donation. That's a lot of money to a lot of people. Thank you, Mr. Scott.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Granfield: Normally, we would wait if we have a bunch of small donations. This happened to come when we already have the other one. This was an anonymous donation. While the Fire Department was out on the road, a member of the public driving by threw a \$10 bill and said, "Thank you for all your good work. We love what you're doing. Thank you. Thank you." They didn't get a name.

N. VanScoy moved to accept the donation of \$10 from an anonymous donor per RSA 31:95-b, III (b). Motion seconded by N. VanScoy. Motion carried unanimously.

Award of Paving Bid and Encumbrance

C. Granfield: An RFP was prepared by Public Works and issued to three qualified bidders that could handle the work. It's recommended that bid be awarded to the low bidder, Pike Industries in the amount of \$271,872.50. The other bid received was from Brox Industries for \$294,100. Continental Paving did not submit a bid. The roads that will be done include Goffstown Road, Bicentennial Drive and Smith Road. The paving budget for 2011-2012 will be used. \$25,191 will be encumbered from this year's budget to complete the project.

M. Pischetola moved to award the paving bid to Pike Industries in the amount of \$271,872.50. Motion seconded by T. Lizotte. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Levesque moved to encumber \$25,191 from this current year for the project. Motion seconded by N. VanScoy. Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

C. Granfield informed the Council of the following:

1. The Fun in the Sun program will start on Monday, June 27th.
2. The free bus ride program sponsored by the Manchester Transit Authority and Hannaford's Supermarket will start July 7th on Thursday mornings. The route is listed on the flyers.
3. Farmers' Market will start on July 6th, 4 pm until 7 pm at a new location at the shopping center where the Goodwill Store and Walgreen is located.
4. This is my last Council meeting. It's been a pleasure working with this Council, the past Councils and members of the public. The employees and the Council, everyone has been great the past two and a half years. I think we've come a long way. I'm pleased that I'm leaving Hooksett in a better place. I think they can move on to the next phase. In particular, I appreciate the support of the employees and department heads really moved forth at readjusting and getting things more in line with policies and procedures. Now, there is a set system. I think it's been helpful to the Council. Also, the Council has been supportive in the budget we've prepared. In particular, the Information Technology, it was very dormant for many years, which was counter-productive. We're in much better shape now. The next phase will be the software. That is really the big ticket item but we couldn't go there until you did this phase.

PRESENTATION

A plaque of appreciation was presented to Councilor Michael Pischetola for his service to the Town of Hooksett.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board

N. VanScoy: There is a joint meeting on Monday, June 27th at 6 pm between the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment to review the MRI survey. My understanding is to respond to the Town Council in response to the survey. I would certainly invite any of you to join in and listen in. I think it will give us a different point of view into some information we've been looking for.

Economic Development Committee

W. Sirak: The board is in summer recess right now. I understand they are working with the Sewer Commission in looking at Exit 10 and working in cooperative basis with SNHPC on some needs assessment for Exit 10 and 11.

N. VanScoy: Is the Ambassador Program still on-going?

W. Sirak: Yes, it is.

N. VanScoy: That's through the summer months, also?

W. Sirak: That's correct.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

J. Levesque: The board went on a site walk on Hackett Hill Road on Monday night. They viewed the Hefron Pit and lot line adjustment. They attended the Planning Board meeting. It was voted on by the ZBA that they wanted to close the pit and reclaim it. The owner has to come back with a plan. The Planning Board Chair said if they came with a site plan, they wouldn't have to reclaim it. But they just want to move the lot line and that's the end of it. They want to have it reclaimed.

Police Commission

T. Lizotte: I attended the Police Commission meeting last night. The discussion was about:

- Send-off of Commissioner Henry Roy
- Discussion on crime statistics. The commission is looking for a way to link the crime statistics to the operations of the neighborhood watch program.
- Enhance capabilities of the Police Commission, phone jacks installed.
- Some issues with cleanliness.
- Commissioner McHugh stated she will come before the Council to ask about a storage space.
- Union change from Teamsters to the New England Police Benevolent Association.
- They are working on caller ID's for dispatch.
- Commissioner Karolian brought up two items he had to share with the community under right to know law. A letter sent by Chief Agrafiotis' attorney to the Town Attorney. That document could be accessed via right to know. The Chief had also filed a complaint against Commissioner Karolian. That was addressed by the commission.
- Repair on cruisers and the bidding process involved.
- Fleet changes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Mary Farwell, 24 Grant Drive: I was glad to hear Carol mention that the Fun in the Sun program is starting. For those of you who stood out in the cold last December to ring bells for the Salvation Army, you'd be happy to know that \$7,000 of our allocation will be going to scholarships for Fun in the Sun program.

Mark Miville, 42 Main Street: Being the last meeting of the current fiscal year and recognizing that some of the Councilors here will be having their last meeting, I want to personally thank them and recognize them for all their efforts as volunteers and officials in Town. I want to personally thank Councilor Pischetola for all his hard work. I hope he does remain visible. He's been a very strong voice for this Town. His absence will be missed. I hope in some capacity or another, he still remains and sits on the other side, if nothing else. I so want to recognize Mr. Paradis. I specifically want to thank Chairman Gahara and the Town Administrator for all their extreme efforts in the several years. They will be sorely missed. As member of the Budget Committee, I want to thank this Council and all the department heads for what I believe to be a very transparent and successful budget season. I'm appreciative of their due diligence to make sure that the tax rate and the expenditures for the Town are used with minimum cost to the taxpayers. I'm looking forward to another productive budget season.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

J. Levesque moved at 7:25 pm to enter into non-public session per:

RSA 91-A:3, II (b) “The hiring of any person as a public employee.”

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.”

RSA 91-A:3, II (d) “Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property, which if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.”

Motion seconded by N. VanScoy. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

J. Levesque moved to seal the minutes, because it is determined that divulgence of this information would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. Motion seconded by W. Sirak. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

N. VanScoy moved at 9:00 pm to exit non-public session. Motion seconded by J. Levesque. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

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

The Council had general discussion on various topics. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Evelyn F. Horn
Administrative Assistant

Vincent F. Lembo, Jr.
Town Council Secretary