

**OFFICE OF SELECTMEN
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Selectmen's Meeting

March 17, 2016

MINUTES

Selectmen: Christopher P. Shipp, Chair, Russell C. Wakefield, Vice Chair, Josiah H. Bartlett, Jean M. Beadle, Paul T. Punturieri; Walter P. Johnson, Town Administrator; and Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chris called the meeting to Order at 6:00 P.M.

Chris said that the Selectmen need to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) for hiring which discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, and will reconvene to go into a recess before the start of the business meeting. Paul Made the Motion to go into Non-Public Session and to return to recess. Jean Seconded. A roll call was taken: Josh – Aye; Paul – Aye; Russ – Aye; Jean – Aye; Chris – Aye. The Motion carried and the Selectmen went into Non-Public Session at 6:01 p.m.

The Selectmen reconvened at 7:00 p.m. for their business meeting.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. BOARD REORGANIZATION:

1. Officers: Chris explained that the Selectmen would elect officers for the year, chair and vice chair, and he will open for all nominations for chair, then close it for the vote. Chris proceeded to open it for all nominations for Board of Selectmen Chair. Jean Made the Motion to nominate Chris for Chairman, Paul Seconded. As there were no more nominations, Chris closed the nominations and asked for the vote. The Motion to appoint Chris as Chairman carried Unanimously. Chris then opened it for nominations for vice chair. Chris asked and Russ replied that he was willing to serve again as vice chair. Chris nominated Russ as Vice Chair, Jean Seconded. As there were no more, Chris closed the nominations. The Motion to appoint Russ as Vice Chairman carried Unanimously.
2. Liaison/Ad Hoc Appointments: Chris asked the Board if there were any changes from the present liaison committee appointments. The Selectmen agreed that they would like to continue with the committees they've worked on. Chris commented that the Board hasn't had a liaison to the Recreation Advisory Board and he has acted as a member and not a Selectmen's liaison. The Board agreed that the RAB should be removed from the list. Paul expressed his concern about Josh remaining on the CIPC based on his recent statement that he was philosophically opposed to the Town paying for recreational activities for taxpayers. The other Board members agreed, feeling that as a Selectmen liaison, members are to represent the Board, and not make decisions based on personal bias. Paul said that he had been the Alternate and he would be happy to serve on the CIPC and Russ offered to be the Alternate. Paul explained that the Master Plan

Implementation Committee has morphed into the Master Plan Steering Committee. Walter was asked if the Town had paid its yearly membership dues for the Coalition Communities. Walter replied that he would like to hold off paying any dues until he can determine the direction and financial status of the group.

Chris: Public Safety Team, IMA Ambulance Committee, E-911 Committee, Joint BOS & School Board Subcommittee.

Russ: CIPC Alternate, Development Services Team, Planning Board, Coalition Communities.

Josh: Public Works Team, Planning Board Alternate, Library Board of Trustees.

Jean: Heritage Commission, Administration & Finance Team, Advisory Budget Committee.

Paul: Joint BOS & School Board Subcommittee, CIPC, Community Service Team, Master Plan Steering Committee, Lakes Region Planning Commission.

IV. REVIEW / APPROVAL MINUTES: Hope asked to amend the minutes of March 10th, to reflect the minutes approved were those of March 3, **2016** and not 2015. Paul Made the Motion to approve the March 10, 2016 Meeting & Non-Public Minutes as amended. Josh Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

V. CITIZEN INPUT: 1) Clelia Mackay asked if the Selectmen were entitled to have a personal opinion. Chris replied that they were, but when representing the Board of Selectmen, they must represent the Board's opinion. Paul commented that a problem exists when a Board member stands up at Town Meeting and states they are philosophically opposed to public money paying for people's recreation. Josh argued that what he said at Town Meeting was that he had a philosophical problem with it, not that he was opposed to it. Chris replied and Paul agreed that it means the same thing. 2) Eric Taussig felt that the Board had been very clear about the Municipal Finance Law, and any reconsideration could only take place at least 7 days after Town Meeting. He felt that the Moderator and Town Counsel were unclear on this and it added to the confusion. Chris agreed and that is why he had withdrawn his motion to reconsider. Paul concurred and said that is why he withdrew his second. Mr. Taussig commented about the Moderator's rule that only someone from the prevailing side could request a reconsideration. Chris said he wasn't aware of this rule. Mr. Taussig said he was troubled by the confusion of Town Counsel and Town Moderator. Chris urged the Board and the audience to move forward, as the voters had their say and Town Meeting is over. He added that he understands Mr. Taussig's concern and this problem will be looked at. 3) Joe Cormier suggested that the Town Administrator meet with the new Town Moderator to review moderator's rules, which he felt the only requirement was that they be fair and equitable. Walter replied that he has already met with the new Town Moderator.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review for Action: Consent & Signature File as of 3/10/16:

3/17/16	Transfer Funds to Capital Reserve Fund Per Town Meeting	N/A
3/17/16	Cemetery Deed, Shannon Cemetery Lot 109	N/A

Russ Made the Motion to approve the Consent and Signature File for March 17, 2016 as written. Paul Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously.

2. Review for Action: Launch Request, NH Bass Casters: Jean Made the Motion to approve the Launch Request from the NH Bass Casters for June 25, 2016 out of Lee's Mills. Paul Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Review for Action: Sidewalk Project Direction: Walter said he was looking for direction and approval from the Board in order to meet the deadline. The Board agreed that they needed to proceed and they were more in favor of the "hybrid" plan. Walter pointed out that the hybrid plan didn't follow the warrant article. Russ thought and the Board agreed to request the Town Engineer attend a work session to go over this. He commented that the hybrid plan reduced costs and headaches with pole relocations and easements. Walter suggested offering the hybrid as an alternative. He said he would work on the scheduling.
4. Review for Action: Library Trustee Alternate Appointments (3): Walter commented that in his experience, the elected Library Trustees appoint Library alternates. Josh agreed. The item was tabled for further investigation.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Complaint Re Moultonborough Police Department: Chris reported that the complaint brought forth by Ginger Rossetti against the Police Department has been investigated by Police Chief Leonard Wetherbee and it was his finding that the complaint is without evidence, especially based on the police dash camera. Walter said that a letter will be sent to the complainant reporting the finding.
2. Russ reported that he and three Planning Board members went to Concord to receive clarification of the approved bill signed by the Governor, requiring accessory dwelling units be allowed state wide. The law is based on providing work force housing, keeping the elderly at home and with their family, etc. Russ added that this goes along with the Village Vision study, adding that Moultonborough has allowed accessory dwelling units. Towns have until 2017 to enact this law and the Town Planner is close to having this zoning amendment ready for next Town Meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Board Update Reports: None.
2. Town Administrator's Report: Walter asked the Board if there was anything they wanted on the Work Session agenda. Paul said that even though the Board has made a decision about the Police Department's towing policy, he said that from talking with a Tamworth resident he has more information he would like the Board to consider. In addition, he reminded the Board that they need to consider renewing the Lions Club's lease and what to do with the Recreation building. Josh asked that the Board consider a RFQ for a new Town attorney. Walter reported that in his discussions with Superintendent Noyes, they would like the next Joint School Board and Selectmen meeting to take place during the Selectmen's April 21st work session. The Board were agreeable to this. Walter asked and received approval to get prices for a fee appraisal for 4 Whittier Highway. The work at the Waste Management Facility for single stream recycling resumed this week. They are getting ready to pour the slab as it is expected to receive the two compactors the week of April 18th. Walter said that the WMF staff have requested to attend the NRRA annual conference in Nashua which is specifically on single stream recycling. The conference is on Monday May 16th, closing the WMF on this day. The Board agreed by consensus that

it was important for staff to attend the conference and they approved closing the WMF for Monday May 16th. Walter reported that a non-public session would be necessary.

- 3. Heritage Commission Minutes, March 1, 2016: Acknowledged.
- 4. Planning Board Minutes, March 9, 2016: Acknowledged.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

X. CITIZEN INPUT: 1) Hollis Austin commented that community center activities will continue to occur throughout Town in various places, private and public. He thanked Josh for his concern for the public’s best interest. Josh thought each side at Town Meeting had the Town’s best interest at heart.

XI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Chris said that the Selectmen need to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (a), (b) and (c) for various matters which discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the body or agency itself, and will reconvene for adjournment only. Paul Made the Motion to go into Non-Public Session and to return for the sole purpose to adjourn. Josh Seconded. A roll call was taken: Josh – Aye; Paul – Aye; Russ – Aye; Jean – Aye; Chris – Aye. The Motion carried and the Selectmen went into Non-Public Session at 7:50 p.m.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 8:07 p.m. Paul Made the Motion to seal both sets of non-public minutes (6 p.m. and 7:50 p.m.) for as it is determined that divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member of the public body itself and to not disclose the minutes and decisions reached to the public until, in the opinion of a majority of the members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply. Russ Seconded. The Motion carried Unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: Josh Made the Motion to Adjourn. Paul Seconded.
Motion Carried Unanimously
Chris adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Christopher P. Shipp
Approved

4/7/16 Hope K. Kokas
Date
Respectfully Submitted
Hope K. Kokas, Administrative Assistant