

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2015 – 10:00 AM**

Present: Patty Scholz-Cohen, Chair, Lorn Buxton, Selectman, David McGuckin, Selectman and Bette Jane Riordan, Secretary.

Also present: Tom Smith, Jane Lannon, Perrie Purcell, Henry's Market, Michael Morrison, and Pam Cullen.

Chair Cohen convened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

1. Approve Select Board Minutes of April 20, 2015.

Selectman McGuckin made a Motion to Approve the April 20, 2015 minutes of the Select Board meeting, as amended. Selectman Buxton seconded, and the Motion carried.

2. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Henry's Market

Perrie stated that the Market has recently undergone some managerial and ownership changes and is now incorporated as a new LLC. As a result of this change she requested the Select Board write a letter to the NH State Liquor Commission acknowledging this change and reiterating its support of Henry's application which is currently pending. The letter should acknowledge Perrie Purcell as the new owner. Chair Cohen agreed to follow up and provide the letter after clarifying Selectman Buxton's questions regarding ZBA approvals.

b. Mosquito control.

Michael Morrison of Swamp, Inc. reported on the status of mosquito control in New Castle, and explained that right now due to the odd climate of dry weather as opposed to the usual rainy April, there is concern for increased threats from the Triple E virus. His company is now looking for snow melt mosquitos. He reported that nearby York, Maine had a reported case of Triple E virus in a human last year, and while it was kept quiet for awhile, the person survived and will be telling his story shortly. He stated his company will begin trapping of mosquitos June 1st and will send information to Pam Cullen, Assistant to the Select Board, and to the State of NH. He stated that New Castle will be part of the stormwater MS 4 reporting requirements and explained this process is complicated. Pam Cullen and Supv. of Public Works Steve Tabbutt usually complete the necessary form for reporting. It is 7-9 pages, and is basically an unfunded mandate from the federal government. Mr. Morrison will put together a proposal so that he will be authorized to do this report. He has worked previously on these issues with the Conservation Commission. He pointed out the need to bring the problem of transference of the Triple E virus to humans to the attention of the local school body this fall, and to provide education about preventative measures.

c. Candidates Night-Jane Lannon, Moderator.

Jane Lannon presented her proposed plan for moderating the upcoming Candidate's Night forum and received input from the Select Board. It was agreed that it would not be a debate format. Each candidate will have an opening statement and written questions

would be accepted as well as questions from the floor. All agreed that the format should assure a fair and equitable discussion of policies, candidate positions, and citizen participation.

d. Cranfield Street planter.

Selectman McGuckin stated that Walter Liff questioned why the planter needed to be repainted because he would have to remove the work he had already done. The suggestion is to add reflective tape along the edges to assure better visibility, and meet safety concerns. Police Chief Don White has agreed to this. Chair Cohen stated she wants demonstrated agreement from all departments to include Fire Dept. and Public Works that the planter does not pose any safety concerns from their perspectives as well. The Select Board agreed there would be no removal of the signage. Selectman McGuckin is still uncertain where Mary Ann Driscoll stands on this issue. She had written a letter to the Select Board and was expected to attend the meeting.

e. Great Island Common.

1. Non-profit requests.

The Select Board discussed Pam Cullen's request for clarification of the Select Board waiver option to not charge non-profits the usual fees for admission to the Common and for pavilion rentals. Her recommendation included not waiving these fees, as it did not provide for fairness in criteria to be applied. Which groups could qualify? It would be too arbitrary. Chair Cohen agreed issues would arise. There should be a policy that across the board there will be no waivers of fees. Pam explained that she offers groups other alternatives of free sites in other areas outside of New Castle. After further discussion, the Board agreed to adopt the policy that all non-profit groups will pay the applicable admission fees and pavilion rental fees.

2. Resident pavilion rental requests.

Pam Cullen reported that there has been a steady increase in residents requesting more than one date for pavilion rentals which normally include a rain date. Currently residents may rent a pavilion with a \$25.00 deposit which if the reservation is used, then the deposit is refunded. They do not pay admission fees. Non-residents pay either \$75.00 for a half-day rental or \$150 for a full day rental, plus admission fees. Chair Cohen agreed there should be a limit on the number of reservations. Selectman Buxton proposed that the policy should be that residents get one free rental per residence. Selectman McGuckin agreed to draft the proposed policy.

3. OLD BUSINESS.

a. Oceanside Rubbish.

1. Co-mingling of trash.

Chair Cohen reported she had spoken with the Office Manager at Oceanside who explained to her that currently the trash is picked up as one-stream, and is separated once it arrives at the Rochester site. Once the contract is changed and the trash is brought to Maine, there can be no co-mingling. (such as green waste, or TV's, computers, etc). Selectman Buxton noted that the green waste disposal has been growing. He pointed out the alternatives to disposal options for some of the items, such as Goodwill. Chair Cohen

stated these options should be in Island Items to educate the public about their options. While all agreed there was not enough time to have a flyer available at Town Meeting as Chair Cohen suggested, all agreed that Selectman McGuckin would write up an educational piece after doing further research. Pam Cullen reported that Best Buy charges \$20.00 to take TV sets if the store sells the particular brand.

2. Contract.

Selectman Buxton reported that the revised contract has been sent to Oceanside for signature.. It will take effect July 1, 2015.

b. Marcia Cutting-unmerge lots-79 Wentworth Road.

Selectman Buxton reported that the Town's legal counsel on this matter had drafted an agreement to be recorded. Ms. Cutting will need to sign the agreement.

4. Any other business to come before the Board.

a. Thank you from Treasurer Tom Smith.

Tom Smith thanked the Select Board for all of their good work.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Selectman Buxton made a Motion to Adjourn, which was seconded by Selectman McGuckin.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30.