

MINUTES OF THE SELECTBOARD

Monday August 6, 2018 – 7PM

Present – Tom Maher, Chair, Damon Frampton, Selectman

Also Present: Ken McDonald, Town Administrative Project Coordinator, Pam Cullen, Administrative Assistant to the Select Board, Jim Cerny, Nick Diana, Tom Smith and Dave McGuckin.

Chair Maher opened the meeting at 7pm

1. **Approved Select Board Minutes of July 23, 2018.**

Selectman Maher made a motion to Approve the minutes of the Select Board meeting of July 23, 2018 as amended. Selectman Frampton second, and the Motion carried.

2. **Public Question and Answer.**

Jim Cerny informed the Select Board that the New Castle Historical Society (NCHS) has installed the “Bell/Riston Ride Mill” sign. A three (3) page handout was given to the Select Board. Mr. Cerny stated that the sign was placed within the appropriate rights of way. Mr. Cerny stated that the next sign will probably be the sign at River Side Cemetery.

3. **Items:** None

4. **New Business**

1. **Safe Path**

Ken McDonald reported that he is still awaiting final approval from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). Once final approval is received, CMA engineers will assist in coordinating the quote received from Rye Beach Landscaping. He is in hopes of receiving final approval this week from NHDOT.

Avitar Software

Ken McDonald reported that the Town had received a multipage document from Avitar listing our three (3) possible options for the Town to consider. Mr. McDonald briefly covered the three options and stated that both he and Avitar recommend that the Town consider Option Three (3) as the solution for New Castle. Mr. McDonald will forward the document to the Select Board for review.

2. **Nick Diana – Race Fee**

Mr. Diana expressed that the road race is important to him and the community. He would like to continue to do these races with little to no impact on the community. Mr Diana and the Select Board had a discussion related to the entrance fees. Last year’s fee was a base \$200.00. This year the fee will be \$300.00 plus \$1.00 per participant above 300 runners. Mr. Maher stated that Mr. Diana had done a great job with race this past spring and that the race adds value and we would like to have it continue in the future.

Pam Cullen stated that she would like to see a guideline/rates specific to Non-Profit functions held at the Town Common. Mr. Maher stated the he believed that would be beneficial.

Dave McGuckin stated that the Town should consider hiring a Part-Time Events Manager to coordinate the activities at the Common. It was discussed that the Common is becoming more and more popular each year.

3. Jim Cerny – 400th Update on Planning

Mr. Cerny stated that 2023 is coming up fast and that it is approximately 4.5 years away. Mr. Cerny stated that many of the surrounding Towns/Cities have designated individuals to coordinate this event. For the most part, the local Historical Societies appear to be taking the lead. Portsmouth has hired one person and the Town of Rye has dedicated volunteers. Mr. Cerny stated that the Town may want to consider a re-enactment at the fort and or a parade to celebrate the 400th. Mr. Cerny stated that no actions were needed at this time.

4. Christiane McAllister

Update on auditor transition

Christiane McAllister was unable to attend the meeting, this issue was not discussed and will be added to a future agenda.

Year end review

Christiane McAllister was unable to attend the meeting, this issue was not discussed and will be added to a future agenda.

5. Water Project Update

Mr. Maher stated the governor and the executive council approved the SRF funds application of \$5.5m on July 27, 2018. Having this approved prior to the deadline allows the town to be locked in at the lower interest rates. Mr. Maher stated that survey crews had already began surveying for the Water Project.

Mr. Maher stated that the Town just completed its most recent TTHM's test. Mr. Maher stated that he hopes that the July results will be lower to help offset the rolling average that is used in the Towns overall score.

Mr. Maher stated that the Sewer project is coming to a close. Underwood engineering has created a punch list for completion. Mr. Maher sated that the River Road pumping station is currently reporting about 1/3 less of the volume historically reported. New Castle is currently working with the City of Portsmouth on identifying any possible issues.

Mr. Cerny questioned the recent break in the Mud Flats and asked if there was a plan to allow for a better burial within the Mud Flats. Mr. Maher stated that the issue had been resolved by Portsmouth as that section of the pipe is the responsibility of Portsmouth. Underwood is currently creating a report that will identify the Construction Process options available to the Town of New Castle.

5. **Committee Reports:**

No Committee Reports were available at this time. Committee Reports will be discussed at the next Select Board Meeting.

Mr. McGuckin asked when would the Yellow Lines were going to be painted in New Castle. The white lines were painted but not the yellow. The School Board was inquiring if the lines were going to be painted before the school re-opens. Mr. Smith stated that both he and Chief Don White have been in contact with a person in Concord at the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) who is knowledgeable with painting the lines. The Town was informed that there are four (4) levels of priority. New Castle is currently number three (3).

Mr. Smith volunteered to contact NHDOT and then contact Dave McGuckin.

6. **Adjourn.**

There being no further business to come before the Select Board, Chair Maher made a Motion to Adjourn, which was seconded by Selectman Frampton. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM