

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 23, 2012 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman David Canada, Selectman Bruno Federico, and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine. Selectman Tim Copeland is on vacation.

At 7:31 pm, the Chair opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Federico moved to approve the minutes as amended from the regular meetings on 4/9/12 and 4/16/12. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Travis Thompson, Chairman of the Stratham School Board, was present at the meeting to discuss the School District's intent to post land surrounding Stratham Memorial School for the Gun Free School Zone. He stated the Superintendent's office contacted the appropriate people to get the survey done and found a significant cost savings to do it very quickly before all the foliage comes in. Mr. Thompson apologized to the Board for not letting them know ahead of time of the posting. He stated the plan is to post the 1000' School Zone mandated by federal law as a gun free area. Every three years it will have to be maintained to make sure it is still posted. Mr. Canada moved to allow the School Board to post the appropriate area. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Thompson will notify Mr. Deschaine when the posting will actually take place.

Mr. Deschaine informed the group that he had received a well written letter from a 5th grader asking why Stratham does not have any sidewalks. Mr. Canada will respond to the letter.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ASSESSING: Assessor Andrea Lewy presented several Veteran Credit applications. Mr. Canada moved to approve the Veteran Credit applications for Trevor Hartford, Joseph Kilcullen, Joseph Laroche, Louise Richard, and Alan Shine, as recommended by Ms. Lewy. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Canada moved to deny the Veteran Credit application for Ramona Nicolosi for not meeting the criteria. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the elderly exemption applications for Michael Johnston and Jean Bernard, Joseph Kilcullen, and Louise Richard., as recommended by Ms. Lewy. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the solar exemption for Lester Cuff as recommended by Ms. Lewy. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy presented an after the fact "Intent to Cut" document for the Board's review and signature. Approximately ten acres have been cut throughout the Crockett Farms development. Mr. Canada moved to approve the "Intent to Cut" notice and sign the document. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MEETINGS: The Chair then reviewed the meetings scheduled for the coming week and reviewed the meetings held this past week.

PARK PERMITS/MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTALS:

The following Park permits and Municipal Center rentals were discussed and acted upon:

Michele Hussey requested the use of the Park on June 28, 2012 for a company outing. The request was approved.

Ashley Thompson requested the use of the Park on September 2, 2012 for a birthday party. The request was approved.

Donna Marie Reed requested the use of the Park on May 20, 2012 for a graduation party. The request was approved.

Fred Trofatter requested the use of the Park on August 5, 2012 for a graduation party. The request was approved.

Angela Anderson requested the use of the Park on May 20, 2012 for a "Local Hero's Bike Run" fundraising event. Mr. Canada moved to allow the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine presented a request from Laura Batchelder for a road closure of Gifford Farm Road for the Stratham Memorial School's Wellness Walk on May 9th from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. A copy of the request has been sent to Chief Scippa. Mr. Canada moved to allow the closure of Gifford Farm Road, after consultation with the Chief, on May 9th between 1:30 pm and 2:30 pm. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board then reviewed a proposal from Executive Assistant Stacey Grella for the purchase of shades for the windows in Community Rooms A and B. Mr. Canada moved to accept Option #3 of the proposal in the amount of \$1,688 for designers shades with cords as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine presented a thank you letter from the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC). The Board had previously sent a letter of endorsement for the RPC where they were entering into a statewide grant process with the Nashua Regional Planning Commission to apply for a Regional Planning Grant. The grant was awarded to the nine regional planning commissions. There is also a Partnership Agreement that requires the Board's signature. Mr. Federico moved to allow the Chairman to sign the Partnership Agreement with the planning commissions for the grant. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, and signed the document.

Mr. Deschaine presented an email from Peter Wiggin to the Board regarding a "Welcome Home" parade for the veterans of the Iraq War, which is scheduled for July 8th at 2:00 pm. He

stated this will be taking place in Portsmouth and the Town of Stratham has been invited to attend. The Board agreed they would support this effort, but would like to wait until next week and ask Mr. Wiggin to come in to discuss this further. Mr. Deschaine will contact Mr. Wiggin.

Mr. Canada stated they have a lease proposal for the Foss property at 28 Bunker Hill Ave. The new tenant is Todd Duty. The rent is set at \$1,800 and there is no requirement for snow plowing. Mr. Canada moved to agree to enter into the lease with Mr. Duty. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada stated that he and Mr. Deschaine met with Unitil last week about the letter the Board sent regarding the possible gas line up Stratham Heights Road. Unitil stated they need a responsible party who would pay the estimated cost of running the line up there. The rough estimate is between \$1 and \$2 million. The Town could expect some recoup of that investment over five years as homeowners paid to hook up to the system. Mr. Canada stated he personally is not interested in spending that kind of money on this project. Gas service extension on Portsmouth Avenue was also discussed. Running pipes from the current terminus at River Road to the Municipal Center would cost similar money but would attract more tie ins, which equals more partners, and would service both the Municipal Center and the police Station. The costs may be reduced if done in conjunction with future water line installation. It is certainly something the Board will keep in mind as the Town continues water discussions.

At 8:23 pm, Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss a matter regarding negotiations. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:05 pm, Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes due to the matters discussed. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:06 pm, Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey J. Grella
Executive Assistant

Reviewed by,

Paul R. Deschaine
Town Administrator