

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2012 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice-Chair Bruno Federico, Selectman Tim Copeland, and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine.

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

The meeting started with Mr. Copeland swearing in the Town's newest Police Officer, Amanda Bibeau, with her family and friends present.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kevin Peck reported that he had \$1,614,709.58 in the general checking account.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Copeland moved to approve the minutes as presented from the regular meeting on 12/03/12. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: Several employees were present to discuss the vacation accrual policy with the Board. The Board had previously amended the Employee Manual to reflect that employees will accrue vacation time on a monthly basis starting January 1, 2013. The Board answered several questions and explained that the policy change was recommended by Town Counsel because there were "holes" in the current system. The group agreed to try it for a year and see how it works for everyone.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief John Scippa was present at the meeting to request permission to expend a credit they have with Sig Sauer of \$2,180 that was the result of trading nine rifles. Mr. Scippa stated they would like to use this credit to purchase an additional rifle at a cost of \$1,150, and also rifle bags for each rifle at a cost of just over \$100 each. Mr. Copeland moved to allow Mr. Scippa to utilize the \$2,180 credit with Sig Sauer to purchase one rifle and the rifle bags, which would exhaust the credit. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Scippa requested permission to expend from the Revolving Detail Account a total of \$32,000, which was part of the planned transition from a three car, three-year lease to a one car per year purchase. There is one vehicle that currently has over 109,000 miles on it and he would like to take that car off line. Mr. Copeland stated that this has already been pre-approved and the Board just needs to approve the money allocation from this fund. Mr. Copeland moved to allow Mr. Scippa to spend up to \$32,000 from the Revolving Detail Account to purchase and outfit a new police cruiser. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Scippa requested permission to use three vacation days over the next few weeks. The Board had no objection.

MEETINGS: The Vice-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:

Abhishek Vaidya requested the use of the Municipal Center on January 19, 2013 for a baby shower. The request was approved.

The Working Dog Foundation requested the use of the Park on August 17, 2013 for their annual open house. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the use with the previous conditions and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Bob Keating requested the use of the Park on August 24, 2013 for a class reunion. The request was approved.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine presented the cell phone reimbursement plan for 2013 to the Board. Mr. Federico moved to approve the plan for cell phone reimbursement for 2013. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Federico moved to allow Mr. Deschaine to have the electric meter in the Town's name removed at the Stratham Traffic Circle. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine presented a draft of the landfill closure monitoring RFP to the Board for their review. The proposals will be opened on January 14th. Mr. Deschaine will get the RFP out by Wednesday.

Mr. Deschaine presented the Rockingham Planning Commission's final report on the Exeter-Stratham water and sewer study to the Board. The Board will review the report and make a final decision on whether or not to move forward next Monday night.

Mr. Deschaine stated they opened the trash and recycling collection proposals in Newmarket this morning. He stated he needs to analyze the proposals in more detail because there are different elements to each proposal before he can make a recommendation.

Mr. Deschaine informed the Board that he has received a Petition Warrant Article for a zoning amendment regarding re-zoning the small island lot on Emery Lane as has been discussed by the Planning Board.

Mr. Deschaine presented two raffle permit requests from the Recreation Department for the baseball program. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the requests for the raffle permits. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated they received resignations from Janice Henderson and Jennifer Roberts of the Recreation Commission, which creates two alternate openings. Mr. Copeland moved to accept the resignations from Janice Henderson and Jennifer Roberts, and thank them in a letter for their service to the Town. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Copeland moved to appoint Christopher Cavaretta to the Recreation Commission as an alternate. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:39 pm, Mr. Federico moved to go into non-public session to discuss contract negotiations. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:51 pm, Mr. Federico moved to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes due to the nature of the matters discussed. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:52 pm, Mr. Copeland moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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