

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2009 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

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

The meeting was opened at 7:33 PM by the Chair.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Kevin Peck reported he had \$133,416.95 in the general checking account and also had \$5,200,000 invested.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED THIS WEEK/MEETINGS TO REPORT ON:

The Chairman then reviewed the meetings held during the past week and the meetings scheduled for the coming week. Mr. Federico summarized the Planning Board meeting, which included reviewing the transportation section of the Master Plan and the Douglas Scamman conservation easement and subdivision plans.

PARK PERMITS/MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTALS:

The following Park permits were reviewed by the Board and approved:

Liberty Mutual for use of the Front Pavilion at Stratham Hill Park on September 18, 2009.

Kathleen Labb for use of the Front Pavilion for a wedding reception on October 11, 2009.

Tammy Moffett for use of the Cafeteria Room at the Municipal Center for a baby shower on August 29, 2009.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Administration: Mr. Deschaine gave his weekly report. He was of the understanding from Mr. Canada that a bid has been submitted for the sale of the Old Engine 2 to an agency in the State of Oklahoma.

Mr. Deschaine also reported that an alternate quote was being sought for the replacement of the hot water tank in the basement of the Municipal Center.

Mr. Deschaine also announced that Brad Owens has submitted his resignation as a member of the Board of Adjustment creating a vacancy on that Board.

Mr. Deschaine then reviewed a draft of a letter being sent out by the Heritage Commission announcing their historic building survey in Town. The Commission asked if the Board had any objections to the content. None were noted.

Mr. Deschaine discussed the upcoming retirement of Joe Marchio and asked if the Board was supportive of hosting a retirement party for him. The Board agreed to host a dinner in his honor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Canada received the newest version of the Police Department's Standard Operating Procedures. Upon Mr. Copeland's recommendation for approval, Mr. Canada moved to adopt the SOPs as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada asked if the Memorial School has been reserved for Town Meeting. Mr. Deschaine said that arrangements have already been made.

In regards to the complaint about ants in the new Fire House, Mr. Canada had talked to Biospray, which recommended ant traps or some other household spray. In checking with the State Licensing Department for pesticides, they stated that a custodian could spray any household product like Raid for ant control.

Bob Goodrich suggested that the Town treat the invasive species purple loose rife which is appearing along the roadside near the Park. Mr. Canada said that the Town does not have anyone licensed to use an herbicide along the right-of-way. They hope to next year.

The Chair asked if anyone has been approached to volunteer to fill the vacant position on the Trustees of the Trust Funds. No one present stated that anyone had approached them.

The Board then reviewed the packet of information provided by Special Town Counsel regarding the Comcast cable TV franchise renewal. Mr. Canada noted that on page 3, the very last bullet, he questioned the ability of the Town to get free internet service to public buildings, in addition to schools and libraries. Since further discussion of this issue might include strategic negotiations of contract terms, it was decided to continue the discussion in non-public session. Consequently, Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss contract negotiations, particularly the franchise agreement renewal, and a personnel matter. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously at 8:20PM. At 8:55 PM, Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes due to the negotiating strategies discussed for the franchise agreement and the personnel issues. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:56 PM, Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed By,

Norma Corrow
Recording Secretary

Paul Deschaine
Town Administrator