

## **MINUTES OF THE MAY 27, 2011 BOARD OF SELECTMEN – SPECIAL MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman David Canada, Selectmen Tim Copeland and Bruno Federico, and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine.

At 9:07 am, the Chair opened the special meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Deschaine started by reading the Public Hearing notice on the acquisition of a motorcycle for the Police Department as previously posted. At 9:08 am, Mr. Canada opened the Public Hearing to anyone that would like to speak to it. There being no comments, Mr. Canada closed the Public Hearing at 9:08 am. Mr. Copeland moved to accept the motorcycle from Harley Davidson through the New England Police Vehicle Leasing Corp. with thanks. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **DEPARTMENT REQUESTS:**

Planning: Town Planner Lincoln Daley was present to request temporary clerical assistance while filling the vacancy in the Land Use Assistant position. They did conduct interviews and have a candidate for the position. This would be for a period of approximately four weeks at \$17.00 per hour for a total cost of \$2,720. There could be some flexibility with the number of total hours needed. Mr. Federico moved to allow Mr. Daley to hire Skye Hill as a temporary employee for the duration of the vacancy until the permanent position is filled and to authorize Mr. Deschaine to sign the contract to hire her with Staffing Sense, L.L.C. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Parks & Recreation: Director Seth Hickey was present to request the replacement of the irrigation controller at Stevens Park at a quoted net cost of \$799 installed. Mr. Copeland moved to allocate up to \$799 (no labor charge) for Mr. Hickey to move forward with having the new irrigation controller installed; the old controller will be taken in trade by Hillside Landscaping. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The group then discussed the status of a Letter of Agreement between the Stratham Soccer Association and Seacoast United. Mr. Copeland stated that the Recreation Commission would like to move forward with it and stated it would be a positive experience for the kids and the parents. Mr. Copeland moved to allow Mr. Hickey to move forward with the Soccer Board on the Letter of Agreement between the Stratham Soccer Association and Seacoast United Soccer. Seacoast United will train adults for the coaching program, and coach participants in how to be better players. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Administration: Mr. Deschaine requested clarification on the reimbursement policy for Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL's). A member of the Stratham Volunteer Fire Department has requested reimbursement of \$70.00 for costs associated with taking the CDL exam. Mr. Federico stated there is a fund that is held by the Fire Department Association for the specific purpose of providing driver training and certification. After some discussion, the group agreed

that Asst. Chief Matt Larrabee would need to submit his request to the Fire Department Association for reimbursement.

Mr. Canada stated the current tenants at 28 Bunker Hill Avenue (the former Foss property) were looking to open the swimming pool, but noticed a tear in the liner. He also commented that the pool is currently empty and there is no fence around part of it. The cost is estimated at \$3,500 to repair the liner. Mr. Federico will look into less expensive options and report back to the Board.

Mr. Canada passed out copies of a priority list from the Board of Selectmen that was established back in 2008. He asked the group to review the list, formulate new priorities, and be prepared to discuss them at their next meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

At 9:43 am, Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reviewed By,

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Executive Assistant

Paul R. Deschaine  
Town Administrator