

MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2012 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

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

At 7:32 pm, the Chair opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Copeland moved to approve the minutes as amended from the regular meeting on 05/07/12. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kevin Peck reported that he had \$1,266,888.24 in the general checking account.

NEW BUSINESS:

Erin Daley and Holly Standen from the Knock Out Soccer Club were present at the meeting to request the use of the Firehouse for a car wash fundraiser from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm on May 19th. They stated they are trying to raise money to attend a UNH soccer camp this summer. Fire Chief Rob Cook was also present and stated he has no issue with the event. The Board was in agreement to post something on the Firehouse sign for a couple of days as opposed to having a sandwich board sign out front. Mr. Canada moved to approve the Knock Out Soccer Club fundraiser for May 19th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR: Joyce Charbonneau was present at the meeting to present the tax deed list for 2009 to the Board. Town Assessor Andrea Lewy was also present at the meeting to clarify some of the information presented. The group specifically discussed 17 Doe Run Lane, which is a parcel of land that is not buildable and very wet. Ms. Charbonneau spoke with the owner and he stated he did receive the deed notices in the mail and that his lawyer is looking into the matter. Mr. Canada moved to have Ms. Charbonneau move forward with the deeding and sign it tonight. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ASSESSING: Ms. Lewy presented the Tax Warrant for the first half of the year to the Board for their signature. The commitment amount is \$11,348,535 and the total assessment is \$1,211,964,044 (after exemptions). Mr. Canada moved to accept and sign the Warrant as presented. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy then presented several 2011 abatement applications to the Board for their review. Mr. Canada moved to deny the application for Carl & Kimberly Lehmann, and approve the applications for Edward & Kelly Murphy, Gary & Lynn Weymer, and Lara & Michael Thomas as recommended by Ms. Lewy. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief John Scippa was present at the meeting and started by commending all the members of the Stratham Police Department with regard to their response to

the tragic events that occurred in Greenland last month. Specifically, Officer Greg Jordan and Officer Charles Law, responded immediately to the call of shots fired and officers down without hesitation. He stated there will be a more formal presentation of the facts and circumstances once he receives permission from the Attorney General's office. Other Stratham officers also responded to the scene. Mr. Scippa stated that his department not only provided excellent police services in Stratham, but also supported the daily operations of the Greenland Police Department for the next week. He stated this also included the support/civilian staff of Jaye Aither and Stacey Grella. Mr. Scippa stated he is very proud of each and every member of the Department. He also thanked the citizens and businesses of Stratham, who sent numerous emails, cards, food items, etc.

Mr. Scippa stated his Department has received a Homeland Security Grant valued at \$17,923.76 to purchase portable radios. A committee was formed by the NH Department of Safety and after testing several radios, the recommendation was to purchase the Motorola APX7000 Multi-Band radio. The price is \$3,232.24 per unit for a total cost of \$16,161.20. Mr. Copeland moved to allow Chief Scippa to move forward with the grant for \$17,923.76 from the Department of Safety to purchase a minimum of five of the recommended portable radios and to have the Chair sign the necessary paperwork. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Scippa stated the lease for the police motorcycle is up for renewal. This is a no charge lease and they only ask that we maintain the factory scheduled maintenance, which has been budgeted for. Mr. Copeland moved to sign the lease renewal for the police motorcycle for one year. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Scippa stated that there have been two applications for liquor licenses submitted to the Town. One is from the Meat House for a beer and wine license, and the other is from Stratham Mobil for a wine and tobacco license. Mr. Scippa sees no reason why these should not be issued. The Board had no objection.

Mr. Scippa requested to move forward with the purchase of the new police car that was included in this year's budget. The quote received from Irwin Ford was for \$23,542.88, which the Board previously approved. There is also a three year warranty for \$1,550 available, for a total purchase price of \$25,092.88. Mr. Copeland moved to allow Mr. Scippa to move forward with the purchase of the new police car with the three year warranty at a total cost of \$25,092.88. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Scippa informed the Board that on May 17th, the police department will be working with Allies in Substance Abuse Prevention, a non-profit organization that works with children in the area. They will be conducting a "Sticker Shock Program" where high school children will go to Market Basket, Shaw's and O'Brien's to apply stickers to containers of alcohol warning young people against the dangers of alcohol use.

Mr. Canada read an email from resident Bill Edwards inquiring as to a new potential Town ordinance where loads have to be covered and secured. Mr. Edwards has had to pick up construction debris, branches and other items that came loose from people going to the Transfer Station in the area of his home. Mr. Canada responded to Mr. Edwards saying there are already

laws in place and asked Mr. Scippa to have the police keep an eye out for such incidents. Mr. Cook stated that one of the areas where this occurs is between Winnicutt Road and Bunker Hill Ave.

The group then discussed the County radio installation at Stratham Hill. Mr. Cook and Mr. Scippa spoke last week and there are no communication problems that exist at this point. There had been some confusion as to the timing by which the fire portion of the radio system was going to go up on that tower. Mr. Scippa stated this was a secondary piece to be installed in early fall in conjunction with the fire communications system that is going up in Newington.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mr. Cook informed the Board that the new tanker will be at Lakes Region Apparatus on Wednesday night. He and Asst. Chief Matt Larrabee will go up Thursday or Friday to do a walk through and review all the add-ons (radio, lettering, hoses, etc.).

Mr. Cook stated his Department has responded to 188 calls for service this year.

Mr. Cook stated they are applying for a grant through Globe Fire Gear in an attempt to get ten new sets of gear. He stated there has been no word back on the Forestry grant they applied for.

Mr. Cook stated the generator that was behind the old station is currently sitting in one of the apparatus bays. He stated he would like to sell it and has someone that is interested in it. The Board told Mr. Cook to determine the value of the generator and report back.

Mr. Cook requested funds for the purchase of a Class A uniform for Mr. Larrabee. Mr. Copeland moved to allow Mr. Larrabee to purchase a Class A uniform. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The group then discussed the sale of the current tanker. The Board agreed to try and sell it locally first.

Mr. Cook informed the Board that the State is sponsoring training classes and there are many opportunities available.

The Fire Department had received a donated pallet of water from Shaw's and Mr. Federico requested Mr. Cook send a thank you note on behalf of the Fire Department.

The group then discussed the proposed cistern at the Makris Subdivision. Mr. Canada informed Mr. Cook of the discussion at last week's meeting regarding this issue. Mr. Cook stated that the Fire Department has discussed this as well and they are not going to support waiving the requirement for a cistern. There is an upcoming Planning Board meeting on June 6th regarding this matter and Mr. Cook will attend.

Mr. Cook spoke with Town Planner Lincoln Daley about the dry hydrant on Spring Creek Road that was damaged. The neighborhood association has been given a deadline to have it replaced. The group agreed it is the association's responsibility to maintain as part of the original agreement.

Mr. Cook stated the redrafting of the departmental SOP's has been completed and is up to date.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Dave Emanuel, who is the Director of Emergency Management, was present at the meeting to discuss emergency management funding. The Town currently receives an annual assessment from the Seabrook Station's Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP). Mr. Emanuel wants to hire a consultant to assist the Town in updating its RERP at a cost of somewhere between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Mr. Emanuel reported that everything went smoothly with the new equipment during the last drill/graded exercise with the exception of the additional phone lines. He stated he would like to incorporate additional lines into the building's telephone system, as well as adding a conference telephone and a hands free wireless headset. He stated he does not need any spending authorization from the Board because everything has already been budgeted and is reimbursed by the State; just wanted to inform them. The Board had no objection.

Mr. Emanuel stated the Town last updated its Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2008 and this needs to be updated again by 2014. There is state funding that has been allocated to the Town for this purpose. He stated they would like to pursue bringing in a different consultant and he will bring the contract to the Board for their review.

PARK PERMITS/MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTALS:

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

Roger Thompson requested the use of the Park on June 9, 2012 for a birthday party. The request was approved.

Ted Blank requested the use of the Park on June 5, 2012 for a "Transit of Venus" event. The request was approved, however, the Board requested additional information on their 501(c)3 status and specific community contributions before waiving the fee.

Mark Brewitt from Timberland requested the use of the Park on June 21, 2012 for a company outing. The request was approved and the Board agreed to waive the fee.

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine presented a quote from Hillside Landscaping regarding fertilizing the cemeteries. He stated Mr. Hutton approved of the quote as well and has the money in the budget. Mr. Canada moved to authorize Mr. Hutton to spend up to \$1,484 to fertilize the cemeteries per the proposal from Hillside Landscaping. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated the Superior Court asked for an update from the parties regarding the NPS II LLC vs. Route 11 Investments (Shaw's vs. VIP) sites. The Town's attorneys are satisfied that the Town has been satisfied on all concerns, and have drafted a motion to withdraw from the case that will be filed tomorrow. Mr. Canada moved to authorize Mr. Deschaine to have this motion filed.. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine presented a letter from a 5th grader at SMS requesting the establishment of dog parks in Town. The Board requested Mr. Deschaine to draft a response for the Board's signature.

The group then discussed the current lease agreements at Town-owned property rentals. Mr. Canada will work with a realtor on rental amounts. Mr. Deschaine stated he has not received an update on the repairs being done to the Foss property yet, but will follow up on this matter. Mr. Canada will be contacting Tim Garrity to perform maintenance on the boiler.

Mr. Deschaine stated he did apply for Leadership NH training, has had one interview, and should hear something back within the next month or so.

Mr. Canada presented a quote from Rob Beauchesne for trim work at the Historical Society building at a cost of \$1,083.44, and a quote from Dan Whittier for new lights at a cost of \$1,233. Mr. Canada moved to approve spending \$1,083.44 on the trim work and \$1,233 for new lights, to come out of the maintenance budget. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:49 pm, Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Stacey J. Grella
Executive Assistant

Paul R. Deschaine
Town Administrator