

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 29, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MEMBER'S PRESENT: Chairman Tim Copeland, Board Members David Canada and Bruno Federico and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine.

At 7:48 pm Mr. Copeland opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Copeland stated the Board had been in a non-public session from 7:03 P.M. to 7:45 P.M.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Canada moved to approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting on June 22nd. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Deb Bronson reported there was \$8,222,090.90 in the general checking account.

PARK PERMITS/MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTALS:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that there was a request from Rett's Roost for use of the Front Pavilion on October 10, 2015. He continued that because there were a number of issues involved, they had been requested to come before the Board. Jim Cavan stated that he was there as a liaison for the Green Alliance and was also on the Board of Rett's Roost. He continued that the Green Alliance was an organization that works with small local businesses in the region and they are helping Rett's Roost with this event and that he thought this would be a good partnership. Melissa Aho from Rett's Roost noted that they were a new organization and had just received their 501(c)3 status. She continued that their goal was to raise money to offer retreats for families dealing with cancer. Ms. Aho indicated that the Green Alliance had some great ideas for the event and 100% of the proceeds would be going to Rett's Roost. She then discussed the details of the event and indicated there would be a police presence for traffic control.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request from Rett's Roost to use the Front Pavilion on October 10, 2015 for a Children's Day event upon the conditions that port-a-potties would be provided by the organization and that there would be a police detail if the event exceeded 200 people and also to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mike Littlefield indicated that he was requesting a fireworks permit and was told that he needed to come before the Board for approval. Mr. Littlefield then went over the details of the display he wanted to put on and the length of the display. He continued that there would be a knowledgeable firework person who would be setting off the fireworks.

Mr. Canada moved to approve Mr. Littlefield's request for a fireworks permit. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Allison Knab from the Conservation Commission indicated that the Winnicut River Watershed Committee had held a meeting and they were in the process of preparing a grant for DES. She continued that the towns involved were looking for letters of support from their Boards of Selectmen

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request of the grant proposal at this time and to authorize the Chair to sign a letter of support. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ASSESSING:

Ms. Lewy stated that she had two abatements for action that evening. The first was for Jerilyn A. Brownell Revocable Trust, 20 Patriots Road, Map 16, Lot 29. She continued that the inspection of the home revealed that there were changes to the sketch and was recommending an abatement of \$3,515.00. Ms. Lewy noted that the second abatement was for Peter & Anna Lessells, 3 Oak Lane, Map 13, Lot 49. She continued that the lot had been over assessed and explained in detail as to why the property deserved an abatement in the amount of \$3,556.00.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the abatements for Jerilyn B. Brownell Trust in the amount of \$3,515.00 and Peter & Anna Lessells in the amount of \$3,556.00. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy indicated that she needed signatures from the Board on the PA 28 Inventory of Taxable Property form for 2016. This form indicates the Town will not require inventories from residents.

Ms. Lewy stated that she needed approval and signatures for a Timber Tax Warrant for Edith Barker, 216 Portsmouth Avenue and an Intent to Cut Wood at the same property.

Mr. Canada moved to approve and sign a Timber Tax Warrant and Intent to Cut Wood for 216 Portsmouth Avenue. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY:

Colin Lavery stated that Bell & Flynn was going to be reconstructing Union Road during the week of July 13th. He continued that it was going to be a six day project and wanted to request that the transfer station be closed on July 18th due to traffic concerns.

Mr. Copeland moved to close the transfer station on July 18th. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, with Mr. Federico opposed.

Robert Law, representing the Stratham Fair, indicated that he was looking for approval for a fireworks permit for the Fair on July 19th.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the fireworks permit. Mr. Canada 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:

Sarah Gallichant requested use of the Front Pavilion on August 10th for a Direct Capital Company outing.

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Bhaskar Bakthan requested use of the Municipal Center on July 11th for a cradle ceremony.

Christina Hutmire requested use of the Front Pavilion on August 30th for a birthday party.

Dan Crow requested use of the Morgera Room on July 1st for a Memorial Luncheon and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request from Dan Crow and to waive the fee. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine noted that the Board had received the draft job descriptions from the Fire Chief and asked if the Board had any thoughts. The Board stated they were ok with Mr. Deschaine making any decisions on the matter.

Mr. Deschaine stated that they had received a proposal from Peter Knight to do the appraisal work for the proposed Lane Homestead easement.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the proposal from Peter Knight. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he was in the process of getting all of the easements executed for the Town Center Project and hoped that would be the last step to get approval from DOT.

Mr. Deschaine noted that he expected to hear from Exeter soon on the water and sewer agreement.

Mr. Canada stated there were a number of problems with the Bartlett Cushman House and went over those issues.

At 9:34 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Ashley Rodier, Recording Secretary