

MINUTES OF THE JULY 13, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:34 pm Mr. Copeland opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Canada moved to approve the amended minutes of the meeting of June 29th. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Deb Bronson reported there was \$9,150,958.99 in the general checking account.

PARK PERMITS/MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTALS:

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

Sarah Gebo was looking to use Stratham Hill Park on August 6th for a company outing for NextEra. Ms. Gebo noted that they would like to use the entire park for a luncheon for 500-700 people. She then discussed the details of the event. Mr. Copeland indicated that he did not want to set a precedent to shut down the entire park to the public for a private event. Mr. Federico noted that he agreed with Mr. Copeland and did not feel comfortable approving this request.

Mr. Canada moved to deny the request from Sarah Gebo to use Stratham Hill Park for a company luncheon on August 16th. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Joyce Charbonneau stated that there had been another glitch with the ACH payments. She continued that the glitch was regarding online property tax payments and that about \$70,000 had not gone into the Town's account. Ms. Charbonneau indicated that the money had been transferred via wire as soon as the issue was discovered and they would be working closer with the software company to address any other glitches that might come about. Ms. Bronson explained the current reconciliation process and noted that she was now going to do a quick reconciliation every Monday morning with new reports generated by the service provider.

POLICE:

Chief Scippa indicated that there was a present account for the DARE program which had been dormant for a number of years. He continued that he thought it would make more sense for the Town to hold the account in trust. Chief Scippa explained that he had petitioned the Probate court on two occasions for equitable relief but had not been successful. He continued that the account had a balance of \$7,502.83 and that he was working with Town Prosecutor Bill Hart to draft a new petition to free the account so it could be used by the school resource officer. Chief Scippa explained that because some of the money in the account was from donations, it was illegal to spend the money for any other purpose without Court authorization.

Chief Scippa noted relative to the damage to the hood of the Charger, he had received three estimates and the lowest had come from Banks Collision Center in an amount of \$1,646.10.

Mr. Federico moved to authorize the expenditure of \$1,646.10 for repairs to the Charger at Banks Collision Center. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Scippa indicated that he had been advised by the President of the Exeter Sportsman Club that the club had voted to offer officers of the Stratham PD access to the gun range. Mr. Copeland continued that Stratham was the second department in line to respond to issues in Exeter which require Mutual Aid and they thought it would be nice to offer Stratham PD honorary memberships. He stated that he would be abstaining from any vote as he was a member of the club.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the honorary memberships for the Stratham Police Department to the Exeter Sportsman Club. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, with Mr. Copeland abstained.

Chief Scippa stated that the generator had been having some issues and was curious if it could be run during power outages. He continued that it was currently offline and that he would be speaking with Paul Wolf regarding protection for the computer system in the event of a power outage. He will be getting estimates for necessary repairs. He also noted that he did not think that it was going to be cheap to fix and would email the Board with the estimates.

Chief Scippa noted that the last Crown Victoria went out on detail one day and was working fine. He continued they refueled it later on and it would not start; they think that the starter went. Chief Scippa stated when they receive more information, he would bring it back to the Board.

Chief Scippa indicated that Mike Oliviera's duties at the school are finished for the summer and he has been placed on shift. He continued that he had three major projects to work on, one of them being taking care and/or getting rid of the offline police cars.

Chief Scippa noted relative to the trimming and siding issues at the Police Station, \$58,000 was budgeted in the CIP for repairs. He continued that Colin Laverty was able to get an estimate from Healy Construction for \$26,692 which was much less than they had originally set aside and asked that the Board accept that estimate.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the estimate from Healy Construction in the amount of \$26,692. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Scippa stated that he would like to post temporary no parking signs on Jack Rabbit Lane during the Stratham Fair from July 16th through July 19th and to redirect traffic on Sandy Point Road.

Mr. Copeland moved to allow Chief Scippa to post no parking signs on Jack Rabbit Lane from July 16th through July 19th. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Scippa noted that he would also like to post temporary no parking signs on Jack Rabbit Lane during the Powwow Festival on August 14th through August 17th.

Mr. Canada moved to allow Chief Scippa to post no parking signs on Jack Rabbit Lane from August 14th through August 17th. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada stated that he had seen that other towns that were allowing Craigslist transactions to be done at police departments and asked if that was something they could do in Stratham. It creates a safe, monitored environment for typically cash transactions. Chief Scippa responded he thought that was a great idea and would post it on Facebook and Twitter.

Mr. Federico moved to allow parking at the Route 33 gate for the Board of Selectman and Town Administrator during the Stratham Fair. 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 approved:

Jillian Marie Kalosky requested use of the Front Pavilion on September 13th for a Bridal Shower.

Paul Deschaine requested use of the Front Pavilion on July 26th for a Family Gathering and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the request and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Andrew Verderame requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on August 9th for a Baby Shower.

Lyndi Trofatter requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on August 22nd for a Bridal Shower.

Venkata Ravana Padala requested use of the Municipal Center on September 19th for a Family Gathering.

Venkata Ravana Padala requested use of the Municipal Center on July 19th for a Baby Shower.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that PSNH had noted that a transmission line behind Stevens Drive was deficient and needed to be replaced. The most direct route to fix the line is over Town owned property. Mr. Deschaine noted that he had gone to check out the area and noted there were some

wetlands in the area. He also explained some of the upkeep that was needed to be done by the highway department in the area.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request from PSNH as presented. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that the maintenance supervisor position was closing that day and there were about a dozen candidates. The Board noted they would look at the resumes and rank the candidates. Mr. Deschaine indicated that he would schedule the interviews and let the Board know when those were taking place in case they were able to attend.

Mr. Copeland indicated that he had received correspondence from Mr. Hickey that Seacoast United would like to use Stratham Hill Park at \$50 per session, with no more than 12 two hour sessions after the fair was over. He continued that he thought that the rate needed to be higher. Mr. Canada noted that they reaffirmed in 2014 that the rate for Seacoast United, a For Profit company, would be \$75.00 per hour.

Mr. Copeland moved to allow Seacoast United to use Stratham Hill Park at \$75.00 per hour for 12 sessions (24 hours). Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine noted that the 300th Committee has been working with the DMV about having commemorative plates for the 300th anniversary which required a letter of support from the Board.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize the town administrator to send the letter of support. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated he was presented with an easement deed from Doug & Stella Scamman relative to the easements that Subaru needed to start construction on the Gateway road. He noted that the Board had already approved the deed and signed it for acceptance.

Mr. Deschaine noted that he would like to go into non-public to discuss a welfare case, potential litigation and property acquisition.

At 9:38 Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:55 Mr. Copeland moved to come out of non-public session. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada indicated that he had been approached by Jen Wilson about her moving back into 28 Bunker Hill Avenue. He continued that Ms. Wilson had asked if the town would be willing to lower the rent to which he responded that rents do not go down but they might be able to keep it the same. Mr. Canada asked for authorization to contract with May Youngclaus to come up with a rental price for the property and for her to show and lease it at her customary rates. The Board indicated that they were okay with that.

Mr. Canada asked if they had put together a budget for the window replacements at 28 Bunker Hill Road. Mr. Deschaine responded that he would look into that.

At 10:16 P.M. Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary