

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 31, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:33 pm Mr. Copeland opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Copeland indicated that the Board had been in a non-public session beginning at 7:16. Mr. Copeland had moved to go into non-public which was seconded by Mr. Canada with all in favor. At 7:31, Mr. Copeland moved to come out of non-public which was seconded by Mr. Canada, with all in favor.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Canada moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 24th as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Deb Bronson reported there was \$7,842,516.27 in the general checking account.

HIGHWAY:

Highway Agent Colin Lavery indicated that various streets around town had been paved and/or reconstructed in the previous weeks. He continued that the Municipal Center was going to be paved the next day and discussed the roads which were scheduled to be redone.

Mr. Lavery noted relative to the trim project at the Police Department, that it was scheduled to begin on September 8th and would be completed on or before September 30th. He continued that the contractor was requesting a 50% deposit of the proposal to purchase materials. Mr. Canada indicated that was somewhat concerning to him because he thought the contractor should have enough credit to purchase them himself. Mr. Lavery noted that the contractor seemed flexible and was looking for a payment plan.

Mr. Copeland moved to expend \$13,346 to pay the contractor to purchase the materials for the trim project at the Police Department. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lavery stated that the street sign replacement project was going to begin on September 8th. Mr. Lavery continued that all town vehicles were due to be inspected in September and did not see any major issues. Mr. Lavery then discussed the upcoming projects for September.

Mr. Lavery indicated relative to roadside mowing, that he had spoken with Mr. Bob Neily who had requested that the town continue to mow the portion of his property that it had previously been doing. This is the area at the Traffic Circle where Christmas Tree lighting ceremonies had previously been held. It had long been mowed to facilitate the ceremonies and as an understanding as part of the pond easement the Neilys had granted the Town.

Mr. Canada moved to allow Colin to continue mowing the discussed areas of Mr. Neily's property. Mr. Canada will write a letter to Mr. Neily indicating that the town will continue to mow the area so long as he continued to own the property. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lavery stated that all of the cars affected by the fuel delivery issue had been fixed and the invoices for those repairs had been paid by the fuel company.

Mr. Lavery stated that he would like to purchase 1090.6 tons of white safety salt and 260 tons of treated salt. He continued that would come to a total amount of \$78,000 which he would take out of the salt budget.

Mr. Canada moved to allow Mr. Lavery to expend \$78,000 for salt. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lavery stated relative to truck #6 that the body floor was rotting away and there were other issues that needed to be fixed. Mr. Lavery indicated that cost of those repairs would be \$8200. Instead of spending on repairs he would prefer to purchase a stainless steel sander and two vibrators and other materials for a total of \$14950.

Mr. Canada moved to allow Colin to expend \$14,950 to replace the sander and associated materials on truck #6. Mr. Copeland 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:

Cassandra Micucci requested use of the 4H Pavilion on 10/10 for a bridal shower.

Sally Paulding requested use of the 4H Pavilion on 9/12 for a party.

Julianne Boucher requested use of the Front Pavilion on 9/13 for a birthday party.

Michele Bower requested use of the 4H Pavilion on 9/20 for a picnic.

Kirthi Sreenivasan requested use of the 4H Pavilion on 9/20 for a birthday party.

Laura Griem requested use of the Firehouse on 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 12/3, 12/17, 1/7, 1/21, 2/4, 2/18, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/14 and 4/28 for the Girl Scouts and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Debra Marston requested use of the Municipal Center on 11/28 for a party.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine stated that he wanted to follow up on Mr. Lavery's report regarding roof replacements. He continued that they had miscalculated the total of all the projects and they could have the roof replaced on the Ranger House and it would still be in budget.

Mr. Canada moved to replace all three roofs for a total cost of \$25,898 and to authorize the town manager to sign the contracts. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine noted that he had received some inquiries into what date Trick or Treat was going to be scheduled.

Mr. Canada moved to schedule Trick or Treat between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 PM on October 30th pursuant to tradition. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine and the Board discussed the tax rate and upcoming audit.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that Chief Scippa had returned the dog warrant and that all dog owners had been compliant.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Deschaine stated that there had been an error with the fuel bid from DF Richard but that it did not really matter because their bid was not competitive.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the oil and propane bids from Hartmann Oil and Propane Inc.. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Deschaine noted he had received a request from the Working Dog Foundation for a raffle permit.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the raffle permit. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:43 Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss a matter which might affect the reputation of another. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:53 Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public session. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:54 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary