

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:05 pm Mr. Copeland opened the meeting and moved to go into non-public session to discuss the applicants for the Cooperative School Board vacancy. The state reason for the non-public session was the discussion could affect the reputation of a person who is not a member of the Board. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. At 7:25 pm, Mr. Copeland moved to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes due to the nature of matters discussed. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 7:31 pm Mr. Copeland opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Federico moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 14th and September 21st as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Deschaine noted that Ms. Bronson was absent that evening but reported that the current balance was \$3,836.938.21.

Mr. Copeland indicated that West Nile Virus had been found in the State and asked residents to take appropriate precautions to protect themselves.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Copeland noted there was a request to close Christie Lane for a block party. Brian Orlandy of 10 Christie Lane stated they were requesting to close the road from Wiggin to Strawberry on October 17th from 3-9 pm. Chief Scippa stated that he did not think this would have a major impact on road traffic.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request to close Christie Lane on October 17th from 3-9 pm. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ASSESSING:

Ms. Lewy stated that there were two discretionary preservation easement hearings scheduled for November 2nd. She continued that there properties were 2 Emery Lane and 148 Stratham Heights Road.

Ms. Lewy indicated that she had received a Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber at 16 Patriots Lane.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy noted she had a Veteran's Credit request from Jeffrey Davis of 108 Willowbrook Ave. She continued she recommended approval as he met the requirement from the Persian Gulf.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the Veteran's Credit for Jeffrey Davis. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

RECREATION:

Mr. Hickey gave an update on the projects going on at Stratham Hill Park including the trail management, roofing project, United Way Day of Caring, rentals and events and the trail system maps.

Mr. Hickey went over the projects going on at Steven's Park and the Gifford House upgrades. He continued with an overview of the administrative issues and programming in the Rec Department.

Mr. Hickey indicated they were working on bike rentals and possibly building a skate park at Stratham Hill Park.

Mr. Hickey stated the Gordon Barker No Brakes Mountain Bike Race was scheduled for October 18th.

Mr. Hickey indicated that he was looking for approval for a parade permit for the Great Bay Stewards Road Race on October 24th.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the parade permit for the Great Bay Stewards Road Race on October 24th. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Scippa stated that the DEA sponsored drug take back day had been held on September 26th. He continued that they had collected two boxes of prescription drugs and that they had a very good turnout.

Chief Scippa noted that the trim work repair at the Police Department was completed on time and on budget.

Chief Scippa indicated that there was a continuing issue with the smoke detector in the closet of his office. He continued that the alarm company was coming to look at the issue that Thursday.

Chief Scippa reminded the Board that he would be attending training the following week.

Chief Scippa noted that the North Hampton Police Department had suffered a death in their ranks and he had offered Stratham's help during the services. He continued that people might see Stratham marked cars in North Hampton.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Lavery stated that he was recommending a bond reduction from the Town of Stratham escrow agreement with Symes Associates relative to the Crockett Farms Phase II – Points of Rock Terrace. He continued that he was recommending the release of \$33,980 to Symes and to hold \$89,995 in escrow.

Mr. Federico moved to release funds in the amount of \$33,980 to Symes Associates. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lavery went over the paving and road projects in town. Mr. Lavery indicated that the Department had been working on replacing signs all around town. He continued that the signs were being prepped for the 300th anniversary auction.

Mr. Lavery indicated that road side mowing would be completed by October 31st. He continued that a non-functioning Union Road culvert would be cleaned by November 11th. Mr. Lavery stated that the cemetery project was to be completed by November 10th and they were repairing and resetting the damaged head stones. Mr. Lavery stated that all the vehicles had been inspected and had passed inspection. He continued that two vehicles needed minor repairs.

Mr. Lavery requested \$2200 to replace the EGR and oil cooler in Truck 104. He continued that Seacoast Truck Repair would be doing the work.

Mr. Canada moved to approve Mr. Lavery to expend \$2200 to replace the EGR and oil cooler in Truck 104. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada thanked Mr. Lavery for his great work at the 28 Bunker Hill Avenue property.

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, approved, or acted upon:

Laura Batchelder requested use of the 4 H Pavilion on October 15th for the SMS Cross Country Road Race and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Bud Jameson requested use of the Morgera Room on October 10th for a birthday party and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Barbara McEvoy requested use of Meeting Room A on October 16th for a birthday party.

Cindy Lou Quetti requested use of the Front Pavilion on October 11th for a birthday party.

Stella Scamman and Patrick Abrami requested use of Meeting Rooms A & B for the Stratham Republican Committee Town Hall on October 9th and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Joanne Schotter requested use of the Front Pavilion for the Pease Greeters Picnic on September 16, 2015 and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Ventaka Ravana Padala requested use of Meeting Room A for a baby shower on October 17th.

Ronni Freibrger requested use of Meeting Room A on October 28th for the Hill at Crockett Farm Condo Budget Meeting.

Ronni Freibrger requested use of Meeting Room A on November 18th for the Hill at Crockett Farm Condo Annual Meeting

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that the Board needed to sign the revised MS-535 form.

Mr. Deschaine noted that Ms. Cline had received a permit request from the 300th Committee who would like to replace the sign on the Bartlett Cushman House to advertise the auction on November 1st.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the permit request. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that while he was away he had received an email from Joey Winslow, the Eagle Scout who was working on the welcome sign. He continued that Mr. Winslow was looking for Board affirmation on the direction on his project.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the direction of the project. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated that he had received a quote from Wright-Pierce for the water main meter and connection design to connect to Exeter. He continued that the quote was \$35,000 and that the PWC would be discussing the quote that Thursday night. Mr. Deschaine asked if the Board wanted to approve the quote contingent upon a positive recommendation from the PWC. Mr. Canada moved to approve the Wright-Pierce quote contingent on the PWC's approval and a signed agreement with Exeter. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had received an engagement letter from law firm DTC relative to the Exeter Water Agreement. He continued that they had felt comfortable moving forward without the engagement letter but asked that the Board now sign the letter.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the engagement letter and move forward with DTC Lawyers relative to the Exeter Water Agreement. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated that Cathy Kenny was currently on vacation and realized that she was 13.7 short on vacation time. She continued that she had requested an advancement of the hours and would earn the time back by December.

Mr. Federico moved to approve the request. Mr. Canada seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Copeland indicated that the Board had been tasked with filling the vacancy on the Cooperative School Board. He continued that they had received a good pool of applicants and after looking at their qualifications, one person had come out on top. Mr. Copeland noted that he was recommending that Travis Thompson be appointed to that Board because he was currently on the SMS Board and felt because of his experience that there would be no learning curve.

Mr. Copeland moved to appoint Travis Thompson to fill the vacancy on the Cooperative School Board. Mr. Canada seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada wanted to make sure that the other four applicants were formally thanked.

Mr. Deschaine noted that the Town Hall was closed on Monday for Columbus Day.

At 9:18 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary