

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2013 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman David Canada, Selectman Bruno Federico, and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine. Selectman Tim Copeland is on vacation.

At 7:33 pm, the Chair opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Canada moved to approve the minutes as presented from the regular meeting on 2/18/13. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Building Inspector Terry Barnes was present at the meeting to update the Board on the current status of ongoing building inspections/issues.

Mr. Barnes stated the Town vehicle has been running well and is due for inspection soon.

Mr. Barnes stated he will be attending a meeting in Durham soon where they will be analyzing all the building fees that different towns are charging.

ASSESSING: Assessor Andrea Lewy was present at the meeting and presented several abatement applications to the Board for their review. Mr. Canada moved to approve the abatement requests for Paul & Rebecca Dupuis, Jeremiah Gordon, Ruth Herold, Pamela & Bartlomiej Rzepa, and Linda Staniels, as recommended by Ms. Lewy, and to deny the abatement request for John & Suzanne Scheel, as recommended by Ms. Lewy. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy then presented two Veteran Credit applications to the Board for their review. Mr. Canada moved to approve the Veteran Credit applications for Kenneth Tagart and Albert Myer, as recommended by Ms. Lewy. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy reported that the 2012 Equalization Ratio is 109.8%.

Ms. Lewy stated that her Department is doing a presentation on Tax Exemptions and Credits. This will be taking place on March 19, 2013 at 1:00 pm at the Firehouse.

Ms. Lewy stated that during the last revaluation, she had assistance from Chris Murdough. Ms. Lewy has requested that assistance again for the upcoming update. Ms. Murdough will be putting together an offer and has already provided Ms. Lewy with the insurance requirements.

PLANNING: Town Planner Lincoln Daley was present at the meeting to request permission to purchase a new desk for the Land Use Assistant at a cost of \$1,000. Mr. Federico moved to approve the request to purchase the desk. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Daley then updated the Board on current and future applications before the Planning Board.

Mr. Daley then updated the Board on a Conditional Use Permit approved by the Planning Board in 2012 for 41 Union Road. He explained that the applicant was required to create an Access Easement allowing the Town to access the property to maintain and repair an existing culvert under Union Road, and a deed restriction preventing further development from occurring other than the house and driveway. Per protocol, this requires the Selectmen to review and approve all town related easements and restrictions prior to recording. Mr. Federico moved to sign the necessary acceptance documentation to record the easement and deed restriction. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Daley stated his Department is working with Avitar to use the database and software in the field.

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:

Theresa Jarosz requested the use of the Park on June 22, 2013 for a graduation party. The request was approved.

Heidi Roy requested the use of the Park on August 24, 2013 for their annual MS Bike Ride Fundraiser. The request was approved with the same conditions as the previous year.

Robin Frost requested the use of the Park on June 15, 2013 for their annual Collie Rescue Picnic. Mr. Federico moved to approve the request and to waive the fee. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dileep Kolli requested the use of the Municipal Center on March 3, 2013 for a family event. The request was approved.

Pam Valli requested the use of the Park on August 10, 2013 for a birthday party. The request was approved.

Catherine Teague requested the use of the Park on August 6, 2013 for a New Heights picnic. Mr. Federico moved to approve the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Diane Langlois requested the use of the Park on June 29, 2013 for a family get together. The request was approved.

Tom Haslam requested the use of the Park on April 26, 2013 for a Troop 185 campout. Mr. Federico moved to approve the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sue Bendroth requested the use of the Park on April 29, 2013 for Acorn School's Earth Day picnic. Mr. Federico moved to approve the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Frank Zagami requested the use of the Park on August 18, 2013 for a family reunion. The request was approved.

The SPCA requested permission to use inflatable devices at their Annual Paws Walk. Mr. Federico moved to deny the request. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine presented a request from the New Life Baptist Church to extend their long term lease of the Municipal Center. Mr. Canada moved to renew the annual lease with the church, based on the same conditions as previous years. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine presented the annual request from "Reach the Beach" for a road race that uses a small portion of Route 111 by the industrial park. Mr. Canada moved to approve the use and to authorize the Chair to sign the DOT paperwork. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board stated that during the recent joint meeting with the Exeter Board of Selectmen regarding the sewer and water study, they agreed to create two committees; four members from each town. One committee would be to negotiate terms and the other to continue to study the feasibility. The Board agreed to wait for Mr. Copeland's return before making any appointments to those committees.

The group briefly discussed the Stratham Plaza easement. The Board requested to insert into the draft that the easement should not be used as part of their green space requirement.

At 8:44 pm, Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel issue and a negotiation issue. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:32 pm, Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes due to the nature of the matters discussed. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:33 pm, Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey J. Grella
Executive Assistant