

MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2013 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman David Canada, Selectmen Bruno Federico and Tim Copeland, and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Copeland moved to approve the amended minutes from the regular meeting on 5/6/13. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

President of the Fire Department Association, Dan Crow, was present at the meeting to request a raffle permit be issued. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request for a raffle permit. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Scippa was present at the meeting to request the Board sign the third year lease of the Harley Davidson motorcycle. There is no cost for this lease except for the maintenance agreement, which is approximately \$144.00 per year. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the lease and to authorize the Chair to sign it. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Scippa then informed the Board that the Department recently participated in a DEA Drug Take Back event on April 27th. There was one box full of prescriptions turned in.

Mr. Scippa stated he is still working with Atty. Bill Hart regarding the DARE account and the efforts to move closure of that account forward through probate.

Mr. Scippa stated the new server has been installed and is functioning appropriately. The old server is off line and has been completely disconnected.

Mr. Scippa stated that Michael Doucette has accepted the final offer of employment and is prepared to start preliminary training this Wednesday.

Mr. Scippa stated that Officer Bibeau is now on her own and is doing a great job.

Mr. Scippa stated the Reverse 911 and Emergency Notification System Committee continues to research this topic and their next meeting is scheduled for May 23rd. He stated he has requested a demonstration of the product through the State, however, there is no availability until the middle of June.

Mr. Scippa stated that New England Relay has requested a parade permit for their annual race on June 23, 2013. The race passes through 150 yards of Stratham by the industrial park. Mr.

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

Mr. Scippa stated that Granite State Quest requested permission to hold their annual bike event on July 13, 2013 with the start and finish on Marin Way by Timberland. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request and to authorize Mr. Scippa to sign the parade permit once submitted. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Scippa updated the Board on the status of ordering the equipment to create ID's for Town employees in-house. The quoted price was confirmed at \$3,985.

Mr. Scippa stated that a strange electrical smell in the police station he reported last month was determined to be a burned out blower fan in the HVAC system and it has since been addressed by the Dowling Corporation.

Mr. Scippa stated the Energy Commission met at the police station last week. The Commission seemed to be impressed with the construction and the overall efficiency of the building. They will be coming up with some recommendations going forward.

Mr. Scippa stated the Department of Justice has just opened the 2013 COPS hiring program application period with a grant application deadline of May 22nd. This grant provides 75% of the approved entry level officer's salary and fringe benefit costs with a minimum 25% local cash match requirement. The amount is capped at \$125,000 per officer awarded over a three-year period. If awarded, the position will need to be retained for an additional twelve month period after the initial thirty-six month of federal funding. Mr. Copeland moved to allow Mr. Scippa to move forward with the application process. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Deschaine noted that if the Town is awarded the grant, then a public hearing will need to take place.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr. Canada noted that former Selectman William Krooss passed away last weekend. He was a resident of Stratham for many years and the Board expressed their condolences.

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:

Jill Adams requested the use of the Park on May 26, 2013 for a birthday party. The request was approved.

Mary Petroski requested the use of the Park on June 2, 2013 for a family party. The request was approved.

Tracey Boucher requested the use of the Park on August 18, 2013 for a birthday party. Mr. Canada moved to deny the request since the requestor is not from an area town. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Scott Standen requested the use of the Park on June 19, 2013 for a school picnic. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the request, which passed unanimously.

Jean Gorman requested the use of the Municipal Center on June 10, 2013 for a Girl Scout bridging ceremony. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the request, which passed unanimously.

Melissa Jameson requested the use of the Municipal Center on June 8, 2013 for a birthday party. The request was approved.

Anita Colby requested the use of the Park on June 30, 2013 for a birthday party. The request was approved.

Holly Hillsgrove requested the use of the Park on August 16, 2013 for a UNH IT Academic Technology picnic. The request was approved.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Canada moved to appoint April Mason as a regular member to the Recreation Commission to replace Stephanie Ilberg-Lamm, and to appoint Frank LaSorsa and Pam Dziama as alternate members. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The group then discussed the lease for the property at 28 Bunker Hill Ave. The current tenant would like to stay there on a month to month basis once the current lease expires. The Board discussed possibly increasing the rent if they do go month to month.

Mr. Copeland moved to increase the amount of funds for the Memorial Day events from \$200 to \$250 to cover the refreshments. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated he has been working with Town Counsel on the final bank terms for the Cushman property. He hopes to have the financial closing on May 31st.

At 8:15 pm, Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:17 pm, Mr. Canada reconvened the Board of Selectmen meeting.

ASSESSING: Town Assessor Andrea Lewy was present at the meeting to present the first half of the 2013 Tax Warrant for \$11,670,216 to the Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Deschaine reported that there is \$2,264,168.77 in the general checking account.

At 8:19 pm, Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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