

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 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 6/3/13. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kevin Peck reported that there is \$816,251.43 in the general checking account.

NEW BUSINESS:

Atty. Abby Sykas and Robyn Perry were present at the meeting to facilitate the closing documents to purchase the Cushman property. Jim Cushman, Jane Cushman and David Cushman were also present. The Board thanked the Cushman family for working with the Town.

Ms. Sykas then began a discussion and review of documents/plans with the Board and Bob Ducharme, who is the representative of the Stratham Plaza, regarding their septic system project. The group went through the written agreement in detail and agreed to the terms. Mr. Ducharme stated they do plan on starting the work sometime in July. Highway Agent Colin Laverty was also present for the discussion.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Rob Cook was present at the meeting and stated they still have not had a detail rate and policy set by the Selectmen and they worked the NHSPCA Paws Walk event at the Park yesterday. There are draft documents in place, but nothing has been finalized. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the detail rate for the Fire Department of \$34.00 per hour for the NHSPCA Paws Walk event. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Cook reported his Department has received 205 calls for service year to date.

Mr. Cook stated they are still waiting on their server to be analyzed. Paul Wolf in IT has been working on other priorities, but will get to it after finishing an ongoing project for the Building Department.

Mr. Cook stated the Seacoast Fire Chiefs met with Rockingham County Sheriff's Department Dispatch personnel to discuss the proposal the Town received to start paying for RCSD's service. The proposal is \$.050 per resident for fire and \$1.00 per resident for police per year. Mr. Copeland pointed out this has to be approved by the three Commissioners and then the legislative body of Rockingham County before being implemented. Mr. Cook stated there will be other meetings scheduled to discuss this further.

Mr. Cook then reported to the Board the goals he has set for his Department. He stated the biggest goal is to ensure they are covering calls for service. Other goals are to keep up with training and keep morale up.

Mr. Cook stated that Dartmouth Hitchcock has started a new program called "Vial for Life". Each resident would put their personal and medical information such as allergies and current medications in it and then place a sticker or magnet on the refrigerator to make the Fire Department aware in case of emergency. He stated the program is free, so they have decided to participate in the program.

Mr. Cook stated the Ladies Auxiliary is hosting a blood drive at the Firehouse on June 21st and they will incorporate the "Vial of Life" program with that.

Mr. Cook stated they brought the truck with the squad pump to Lakes Region Apparatus for analysis and they quoted a price of \$3,175 to replace and repair the pump and to fix the foam tank leak. Mr. Cook approved the repair without prior Board approval because it was considered an emergency situation. The Board agreed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief John Scippa was present at the meeting to discuss his Department's activities. He stated that he continues to work with Atty. Bill Hart on amendments to the pleadings in Probate Court regarding the DARE account.

Mr. Scippa stated they have not been having any problems with the new server. IT has priced out a new switch and firewall, which will be pieces of the overall information technology update.

Mr. Scippa stated the Emergency Notification System Committee met with a representative from the NH Department of Safety to discuss the reverse 911 system they are offering. The Committee continues to research this matter and will meet again sometime in July.

Mr. Scippa stated the new ID software and machine have arrived. At this point, we are just waiting for the company to send their software trainer to set the system up and then train the appropriate people on the use of it.

Mr. Scippa stated he has filed a grant application for COPS funding. He stated there were significant impediments with access to the accounts and gaining access into the two different systems to accomplish this task. Mr. Scippa did speak with IT and they will be working to address those problems. Mr. Deschaine is familiar with the problem, having had similar problems in the past.

Mr. Scippa stated he has been gathering information and meeting with various individuals on the possible regionalization of the Police Department with the Newfields Police Department. He will have a report ready for the Board next month.

Mr. Scippa stated he also spoke to the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department regarding the proposal for charges for dispatching services, which would be \$1.00 per person for police. The

Sheriff is preparing a spreadsheet on exact costs and will have that ready for an upcoming meeting, date to be determined.

Mr. Scippa requested to send Officer Oliveira to the National Association of School Resource Officers conference in Orlando, FL in July. He stated the total cost is \$1,800, but he is able to get a matching grant and there also may be another source to help with the cost. Mr. Copeland moved to approve Officer Oliveira attending the NASRO conference in July and for Mr. Scippa to seek out the funding, and to come back to the Board if the funding is unsuccessful. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:31 pm, Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:52 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. 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 acted upon:

Anita & Don French requested the use of the Firehouse on July 7, 2013 for a bridal shower. Mr. Canada moved to allow the use and to charge the fee for use. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Russell Stevens requested the use of the Park on August 10, 2013 for a family reunion. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sebastian Dumont requested the use of the Park on August 4, 2013 for a family picnic. The request was approved.

Laurie Walmsley requested the use of the Park on June 30, 2013 for a family picnic. The request was approved.

Peggy Small-Porter requested the use of the Municipal Center on June 24, 2013 for a Richie McFarland Center reception. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ryan Hills request the use of the Park on June 26, 2013 for a Next Level Church picnic. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine presented a Land Use Change Tax bill for the current use of the Foss property to the Board for their signatures.

Mr. Deschaine also presented a letter for the Board's signatures to a resident that inquired as to the paving of Country Farm Road. Mr. Canada moved to authorize the letter and to sign it. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine reported there is a CGI film shoot this Friday at 1:00 pm. They are making a short clip promoting the Town of Stratham.

Mr. Deschaine stated the Planning Board has recommended the appointments of Jeff Hyland, Lucy Cushman, Tom House, and Joe Johnson as regular members to the Gateway Technical Review Committee, and Becky Mitchell as an alternate. There is still a sixth vacant position. Mr. Canada moved to reappoint the aforementioned people to the Gateway Technical Review Committee. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:05 pm, Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss personnel issues. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:33 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. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:34 pm, Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey J. Grella
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