

## **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2013 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

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

At 7:36 pm, the Chair opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Mr. Canada announced Mr. Deschaine's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the Town on August 15, 2013, and thanked him for his years of service.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mr. Federico moved to approve the amended minutes from the regular meeting on 8/5/13. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kevin Peck reported that he had \$7,612,452.14 in the general checking account.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Resident Nancy Hunter was present at the meeting to inform the Board that she has been having problems with Severino Trucking and the work that is going on behind the Municipal Center. She stated they have been starting work as early as 6:00 or 6:30 in the morning and it is very loud, specifically the back-up alarms on the trucks, and this has been going on for weeks. She stated the agreement with the Planning Board was that they would not start working until 7:00 am. However, it was pointed out that the Town Ordinance says 6:00 am. Highway Agent Colin Laverty was present at the meeting and stated he will be on site first thing in the morning and take care of the problem.

Mr. Canada announced the Mosquito Control/West Nile Virus Prevention Measures information has been posted to the Town's website. Mr. Deschaine stated he was just informed today that two mosquito pools in Stratham have tested positive for West Nile Virus.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief Rob Cook was present at the meeting to update the Board on his Department's activities. He stated one member will be attending Firefighter II training, and two members will be attending Firefighter I training at a total cost \$1,525. Mr. Canada moved to authorize Mr. Cook to spend up to \$1,600 on training for three members. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Cook reported that all of the equipment has been running well. He also stated they are up to almost 300 calls for service as of this time.

Mr. Cook stated they will be training over at Pease Air Force Base this weekend on air plane crash rescues. He stated there are also many training opportunities coming up in the near future.

Mr. Deschaine stated he is still waiting to receive quotes on a new boiler for the Firehouse.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief John Scippa and Highway Agent Colin Lavery were present at the meeting to update the Board on the ongoing traffic situation on Gifford Farm Road. Mr. Scippa stated that some brush was cut at Mr. Comeau's lot, which has added 120' of sight distance at the intersection of Gifford Farm and Long Hill Roads. He stated that with the cutting back of the brush and the impending installation of a three way stop, the particular problems in that area have been addressed. Mr. Lavery stated the stop signs will be installed by the end of this week. The group then reviewed a list of additional improvements to the area in the form of additional signage, which would cost anywhere from \$3,682.76 to \$4,112.26. Since the cost of these improvements was not planned, neither the Highway nor Police budgets can handle the entire cost and the hope is that the school may be able to fund some of the project. Mr. Lavery stated he spoke with First Student and all bus traffic will now enter and exit off of Berry Hill Road with the exception of one bus. The Board agreed to have Mr. Scippa contact the school and for Mr. Deschaine to research the budget so see if there is any money available and make a decision at next week's meeting.

Mr. Scippa stated the DARE account finalization is still in progress. He stated Atty. Hart is still working on that matter.

Mr. Scippa then updated the Board on information technology items for his Department.

Mr. Scippa reported that the Emergency Notification System Committee has finished with the inquiry process as far as different products that are available. They would like to solicit some public input via a survey on the Town's website. The Board had no objection.

Mr. Scippa stated there is no further information to report on the County Dispatch situation.

Mr. Scippa stated they recently received a check for \$3,130 for the sale of the last police car through propertyroom.com.

Mr. Scippa updated the Board on recent liquor license applications and a road race permit request his agency received.

Mr. Scippa stated there was a cash donation of \$288 made from the CMS staff to offset the costs for Officer Oliveira to attend a conference last month. Mr. Deschaine stated the Board is unable to accept the donation because it was not posted on the agenda and it is under \$5,000. He will add it to next week's agenda.

Mr. Scippa reported that the Dog Warrant has been completed.

Mr. Scippa stated the new police vehicle is in Laconia and they will be getting that very soon.

**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:

Gordon Abbott requested the use of the Park on August 9, 2014 for a family reunion. The request was approved.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Deschaine stated he received a call from Roger Stephenson, who expressed an interest in serving on the Chapter 188 SB 163 Commission that was established by the legislature to study and prepare for projected sea level rise and other coastal hazards. Mr. Federico moved to appoint Roger Stephenson to the Chapter 188 Commission. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated the Girl Scouts have requested to place some information on the Town's website to help increase participation numbers. Mr. Canada moved to allow the Girl Scouts to post all of their registration dates on the Town's website. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine presented a Grant Amendment to the Board to enter into with the State of New Hampshire for the 2010 Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant with a new completion date for the grant agreement of September 10, 2014, which is an extension from the original date of September 9, 2013. Mr. Canada moved to approve the extension. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The group discussed submitting a comment on the Great Bay Nitrogen Non-Point Source Study, cautioning them not to use this for regulatory use at this point. Mr. Deschaine presented a draft letter for the Board's review and signature. Mr. Federico moved to accept and sign the document as written. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The group discussed some draft comments regarding the MS-4 documentation from Sheehan, Phinney, Bass & Green. Mr. Deschaine presented a draft letter outlining the potential costs of the permit over five years, which totaled between \$1.2 and \$1.7 million, adding that this amount is beyond comprehension. The Board then signed the letter.

Mr. Canada stated he received an application to rent the Foss property at 28 Bunker Hill Ave. Mr. Canada moved to sign a one-year lease with Jen Wilson and Mark Lafountain for the same rate of \$1,800 per month. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:50 pm, Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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