

## 2013 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

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

At 7:32 pm, the Chair opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Kevin Peck reported that there is \$4,213,196.52 in the general checking account.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Board then recognized Mr. Deschaine for his 25 years of service for the Town and presented him with a gift.

**NEW BUSINESS:** David Short and Jeff Kovalik were present at the meeting to request permission to have a fundraiser at the upcoming Gordon Barker No Brakes Bike Race to benefit Steve Shope from Newfields who suffered severe injuries in a biking accident. Mr. Federico moved to allow the group from Newfields to hold a fundraiser at the race and provide the necessary raffle permits to the Town and waive the fees. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Short advised the Board that he has spoken with Highway Agent Colin Lavery about treating or possibly removing some hemlock trees on his property due to an infestation of bugs. He stated he will identify the boundaries between his property and the Town's property next to his and have a logger provide an estimate for the work.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:** Highway Agent Colin Lavery was present the meeting to update the Board on his Department's activities. Mr. Lavery updated the board on the status of Bunker Hill Commons. They are currently building the third house and are waiting for Fairpoint and Comcast to move their lines to the newly installed poles.

Mr. Lavery stated the parking lot project at Exeter Subaru on Frying Pan Lane has begun.

He then stated the Gifford Farm traffic management project has been completed. Mr. Lavery has submitted invoices to the school and presented copies to the Board. The amount budgeted was \$4,300.86 and a total of \$4,061.21 was spent.

Mr. Lavery then updated the Board on remaining road reconstruction projects throughout Town.

Mr. Lavery stated they finished paving the Municipal Center parking lot and all the signs have been installed.

Mr. Lavery stated the paving at Stratham Hill Park is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Lavery stated the upcoming schedule will include road pruning and usual maintenance.

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Director Seth Hickey then discussed the ice skating rink project at the Park. Mr. Hickey stated the Park Association decided they would appropriate \$5,000 towards the funding. Mr. Lavery outlined the work to be done to complete the rink and stated the cost would be approximately \$15,000. Mr. Copeland moved to approve spending up to \$10,000 from the Stratham Hill Park Revolving Fund to be applied towards the rebuilding of the ice rink. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lavery stated this his Department will also be removing a few more trees from the Cushman property before the end of the year.

PARKS & RECREATION: Mr. Hickey updated the Board on upcoming events and programming.

Mr. Hickey stated the Baseball Board expressed to him how necessary for the program it is to do improvements to the ball field in the form of extending the baseball path from a 60ø to a 70ø diamond. The goal is to have this work done some time this fall. He stated he received an estimate from Hillside Landscaping of \$3,275. Mr. Copeland moved to allow Mr. Hickey to spend up to \$3,275 to extend the Stratham Hill Park upper baseball field from 60ø to 70ø. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey stated they will be working on closing down Stevens Park during the first of November.

Mr. Hickey then updated the Board on registration numbers and attendance.

Mr. Hickey stated would like to plan for another community trip towards the end of December. He will have a proposal for the Board in November.

Mr. Hickey stated he would like to plan another road race for November in Town, based from Town Hall, to raise money for local food pantries.

Mr. Canada mentioned to Mr. Hickey that some sort of signage would be a good idea regarding the lights and bathrooms at the pavilions.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief John Scippa was present at the meeting and thanked Mr. Lavery and his Department for completing the Gifford Farm traffic management project.

Mr. Scippa requested to spend the remainder of the existing New Cruiser line to outfit and equip the new SUV cruiser. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the expenditure of up to \$7,828 to outfit and equip the new SUV cruiser. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Scippa stated that he feels it would be a good time to start a proactive replacement program for the mobile radios in the police cars. He stated that this would be one radio per year going forward. Mr. Scippa stated the cost to purchase a radio is \$3,169 and presented a quote from Two-Way Communications outlining the equipment. Mr. Copeland moved to allocate up to

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ruiser. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed

Mr. Scippa invited the Board to attend the NH Congressional Law Enforcement awards ceremony on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Concord, NH. The Police Department, as well as some of its members, are being recognized for their actions during the Greenland incident.

At 8:52 pm, Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session with Mr. Scippa to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:09 pm, Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes due to the nature of the items 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.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mr. Copeland moved to approve the amended minutes from the regular meeting on 9/30/13. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **PARK PERMITS/MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTALS:**

The following Park permits and Municipal Center rentals were discussed and acted upon:

Linda Donohoe requested the use of the Park on October 31, 2013 for a school picnic. Mr. Copeland moved to allow the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Hiedy Ketcham requested the use of the Park on October 26, 2013 for a family party. The request was approved.

Raji Sreenivasan requested the use of the Municipal Center on October 25, 2013 for a family party. The request was approved.

Allison Mollica requested the use of the Municipal Center on November 7, 2013 for a Girl Scouts meeting. Mr. Copeland moved to allow the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Tom Haslam requested the use of the Municipal Center on October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 7, 2013 for Boy Scout meetings. Mr. Copeland moved to allow the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Perry requested the use of the Municipal Center on November 9, 2013 for a birthday party. The request was approved.

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Mr. Deschaine stated the Town has an opportunity to apply for a Bicycle and Pedestrian grant, which would provide the Town with a bus stop enclosure. Mr. Copeland moved to approve submitting the application. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine presented a request from the Granite State Independent Living Center to post information on the Town's website. Mr. Canada moved to allow GSIL to post information on the Town's website and to have Mr. Deschaine work with the Library Director on where the information should go. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:28 pm, Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:50 pm, Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes due to the nature of the items discussed. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:51, Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

***There will be no meeting on Monday, October 14, 2013 due to the Columbus Day holiday***

Respectfully submitted,

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