

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2013 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

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

At 7:30 pm, the Chair opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Federico moved to approve the amended minutes from the regular meeting on 12/2/13. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Deb Bronson reported that there is \$6,196,719.23 in the general checking account.

MEETINGS: The Chair then reviewed the meetings scheduled for the coming week and reviewed the meetings held this past week.

NEW BUSINESS: Chief John Scippa and other members of the Employee Health Insurance Committee were present at the meeting to discuss their findings for an insurance plan that would reduce costs while still maintaining a good plan. The Committee recommended changing the coverage that Town employees currently receive from a three tier Blue Cross/Blue Shield program to a Matthew Thornton plan. The Town and taxpayers will continue to pay 80% of the plan and the employees will pay 20%. Mr. Copeland moved to implement the recommended health plan for employees. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Chief Scippa then updated the Board on his Department's activities. He stated the Dodge Charger has incurred some major transmission issues and has gone in for repairs, which are covered under the warranty.

Mr. Scippa just wanted to make the Board aware that he received a notice from Air Quality Experts regarding asbestos abatement projects that will be happening at 75 Portsmouth Ave., and 5 & 7 Stoneybrook Lane.

Mr. Scippa informed the Board that Officer Holbrook has completed his field training period and he is now on his own working day shift.

Mr. Scippa invited the Board to Officer Doucette's graduation from the Police Academy on December 20th at 2:00 pm in Concord.

Mr. Copeland stated he would like to see a report on any motor vehicle accidents and traffic stops in the vicinity of Portsmouth Ave. and Winnicut Road where there is talk of installing a traffic light. Mr. Scippa will get that data for him.

The group then briefly discussed traffic issues on High Street by the Montessori school. Mr. Scippa will talk with the school and follow up on this matter.

Mr. Canada requested an update on the status of a potential litigation situation against a former officer. Mr. Scippa stated it is being reviewed and once ready, it will come before the Board.

PARK PERMITS/MUNICIPAL CENTER RENTALS:

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

Kate Fitzpatrick requested the use of the Municipal Center on September 20, 2014 for a wedding reception. The request was approved.

ADMINISTRATION:

The Board agreed not to meet on December 23, 2013 due to the Christmas holiday. They also agreed not to meet on December 30, 2013 unless something comes up.

Mr. Deschaine stated he received a proposal from Dowling Corporation on maintenance agreements for all of the HVAC equipment in Town. The proposal shows an increase of \$148 over last year for a total cost of \$4,962. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the one year contract with the Dowling Corporation for HVAC maintenance, and to authorize Mr. Deschaine to execute all necessary documents. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:33 pm, Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:23 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. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada moved to appoint resident Tracy Cordy to the Town Center Revitalization Committee. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:24 pm, Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey J. Grella
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