

## **MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2013 BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice-Chair Bruno Federico and Selectman Tim Copeland, and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine. Dave Canada was on vacation.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mr. Deschaine reported that there is \$7,546,985.97 in the general checking account.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mr. Copeland moved to approve the amended minutes from the regular meeting on 12/9/13. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Terry Barnes was present at the meeting to update the Board on the current status of ongoing building inspections/issues, and applications before the Board of Adjustment.

**PLANNING:** Town Planner Lincoln Daley was present at the meeting and updated the Board on offsite improvement funds and performance bonds. Mr. Copeland moved to release \$31,991 plus interest of the Escrow Maintenance Bond back to Corson and Cornell Properties per Mr. Daley and the Highway Agent's recommendations. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Daley stated the amount being submitted on the Landscape Bond for Sarnia Properties is \$22,514 and for the Roadway Maintenance Bond is \$30,761.50. Mr. Daley then presented documents on the acceptance of a \$5,000 Maintenance Bond for Troika Holdings for the Board's signature.

Mr. Daley then updated the Board on current and future Planning Board applications and projects.

Mr. Daley stated they are still in the process of amending the Zoning Ordinance and Land Use regulations. They anticipate holding a public hearing on January 8, 2014.

Mr. Daley stated that the Town Center Revitalization Committee (TCRC) continues to work on the banner program and the holiday tree program.

The group discussed the possible installation of traffic lights in Town.

Mr. Daley stated the Economic Development Committee continues to work on creating and designating a number of commercial zones in Town. Mr. Daley also updated the Board on the taxation relief program for the Town Center under RSA 79-E. He stated he has been working with Mr. Deschaine on creating the Warrant Article to give the Board the authority to work with property owners. Mr. Daley stated they are looking to submit an application to the State for

approval of the Economic Revitalization Zone to designate a mixed use development district, and industrial and commercial/light industrial districts.

Mr. Deschaine stated that they did tweak the disclaimer on the Town's website regarding the CGI Town promotional videos.

The group discussed a proposal from Mr. Daley regarding an SEA railway expansion. He stated that a portion of the railway does fall within Stratham. Mr. Daley stated that through discussions with the Newington town planner, he was told that Newington will be holding a public hearing on January 7, 2014 to allow comments from the Stratham community. Mr. Daley will present a letter to the Board regarding this matter some time this month for their review.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Director Seth Hickey was present at the meeting to discuss the status of the ice rink at Stratham Hill Park. He stated they would need three separate loads of 7,000 gallons each from Buxton Oil at \$275 per load. Mr. Copeland moved to allow Mr. Hickey to spend up to \$1,200 at Buxton Oil to supply water for the ice skating rink. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey stated they sold the snowmobile and received the same as what was paid for it.

Mr. Hickey stated the SPCA has submitted a request to use the Park on June 8, 2014 for their annual Paws Walk event. Mr. Federico stated he would like to see them contribute something towards the fields such as money for fertilizer, at a minimum of 25% of what the Town receives from the Fair. Mr. Copeland pointed out that there are also detail rates for the Fire Department now. Mr. Hickey will make them aware.

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Deschaine presented the information on the tax rate to the Board for their review.

Mr. Copeland moved to accept Michael Smith's resignation from the ZBA with gratitude for his service to date. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. This will be effective at the end of the year.

The Board then reviewed several documents for their signature.

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

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

Kelly Lemos from the SPCA requested the use of the Park on June 8, 2014 for their annual Paws Walk event. The request was approved with conditions.

Leslie Blaney requested the use of the Firehouse on January 17, 2014 for a function. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Patricia Ferland requested the use of the Park on August 16, 2014 for their annual Working Dog Foundation open house. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the use and to waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ted Tramaloni requested the use of the Park on September 13, 2014 for a wedding reception. The request was approved.

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

At 8:59 pm, Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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