

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 17, 2014 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: The Board agreed to wait until next meeting to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on March 10, 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that there is \$5,061,925.43 in the general checking account.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Copeland moved to nominate David Canada as Chairman. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Mr. Canada moved to nominate Tim Copeland as Vice-Chair. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Resident Nancy Hunter asked the Board if Womenade could have "yarn graffiti" on some trees at the Municipal Center for a "Funraiser" for reading awareness for children. Highway Agent Colin Laverty recommended the two older dogwood trees in the parking lot. Mr. Federico said he does not have an issue with this. Mr. Copeland stated that he does not think this is a good idea. He does support Womenade, but doesn't believe that covering trees with yarn squares for four weeks would be good for the trees and he is also concerned about the fairness to other organizations and the type of requests they would bring. Mr. Canada also is not in favor of this.

Highway Agent Colin Laverty presented the Board with a proposal for selective tree removal on the 5 acre Town owned parcel off Scamman Road. The purpose of this project is to prevent the wooly adelgids from attacking the hemlocks. The process would involve removing all hemlocks and taking out some of the larger specimens of other species to allow some of the smaller specimen's to grow up and live healthier in this parcel. What it breaks down to is harvesting an estimated 15,000 board feet of oak, 3,000 board feet of hemlock, 25 cords of firewood, and 350 tons of wood chips. This is based on a 20-30 % cut of that parcel which will yield approximately \$3,000 - \$5,000 net income for the town. Mr. Laverty is asking permission to continue talks on this issue and to discuss this with Dave Short and the logger. He will give the Conservation Commission this information. The Board agreed to allow Mr. Laverty to go forward with the talks on the tree removal.

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. Mr. Barnes reported that there are 10 new homes currently under construction. Mr. Barnes reported that on the Lindt renovations he recently met with Mark Goldstein of Milestone Engineering & Construction; Greg Merrill, the maintenance manager for Lindt; Salvador Barba, Vice President of Dacon Construction; and Darren Hawkins, the project architect who has the plans for the Lindt renovations. Mr. Barnes stated that those plans have not yet been submitted. Mr. Barnes reported that he took the two Town cars to McFarland Ford

for the yearly inspections. One of the cars has a rear wheel bearing that is bad, and the other has a small hole in the frame. There was discussion among the Board about whether or not enter into a contract to use a consultant for the mechanical inspections for new buildings. Mr. Federico moved to allow Mr. Barnes to use Pinnacle Professional Consultants as a consultant for the Lindt inspections but not pay mileage for the inspector. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PLANNING: Town Planner Lincoln Daley was present at the meeting and updated the Board on current and future Planning Board applications and projects.

Mr. Daley reported on the projects that will come before the Planning Board in the next few weeks. The first three he reported will go before the Board on March 19, 2014: AutoFair Realty II, LLC, wants to build a 25,600 square foot auto retail facility located on 41 Portsmouth Ave – the discussion will involve the River Road connection, landscaping, elevations, drainage, and lighting design. Kevin Roy Builders, Inc., wants to build a 2,273 square foot addition on the existing structure located on 64 Portsmouth Avenue for the purpose of an office building and retail showroom space. Rollins Hill Development, LLC will begin preliminary consultation to discuss an over 55 multi-lot subdivision development and roadway plan.

Mr. Daley reported that on April 2, 2014 Exeter Subaru will go before the Planning Board to continue with their application and conditional use permit. They want to double the size of their current facility to a total of about 15,000 square feet, add 300 parking spaces, and the first leg of the section of Gateway Road that will connect to River Road and eventually Market Basket. Mr. Daley stated that the Planning Board Subcommittee will meet in April with the consultants to finalize regulations related to storm water management - hopefully to be endorsed by the Planning Board in early May 2014.

Mr. Daley reported that a meeting on March 18, 2014 with Smith Farm Road subdivision residents is scheduled. The issue is that a majority of them would like to create individual wells; currently they share a common well among 13 property owners. They seek an amendment to the subdivision plan that was approved by the Planning Board in the early 1980s which specified a community water system.

Mr. Daley reported that the Town Center Revitalization Committee (TCRC) continues to work on the sign and banner program. Mr. Daley thanked Town residents for supporting the funding to continue the grant program. The Town Center has received approval from Unitil and Fairpoint to install the banners on their poles, with some requirements that we will adhere to. The banners should be installed by the end of this week.

Mr. Daley reported on the Transportation Enhancement Grant for the Town Center project. Mr. Daley and Mr. Deschaine are working on the scope of work for the final engineering design for submission to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for approval. Once it is submitted and approved by DOT, we will be sending out an RFQ to local engineers to work with us on the final engineering design. Mr. Copeland asked if they would bring the final design before the Board before going forward. Mr. Daley responded that yes, there will be at least one or two presentations to the Board throughout the rest of this process.

Mr. Daley stated that the Economic Development Committee is working on the Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) and will soon submit an application to the State for endorsement. This ERZ will encompass the Flexible Mixed-use Development, Industrial, Commercial, and Special Commercial zones.

Mr. Daley reported that tomorrow, March 18, 2014, there will be a WISE presentation to solicit input from the local representatives on the methodology being utilized to improve Great Bay and to address MS4 requirements.

Mr. Daley reported that the off-site improvement funds and performance bonds letter of credit for the Makris Development was reviewed by Mr. Deschaine who found that it met the Town's requirements.

Mr. Canada stated that he would like Mr. Daley to have a process in place that would notify the Demolition Review Committee, in advance, of properties to be demolished that are 50 years old or older. The Committee has 30 days after a building permit application is received by the Town to look into the historical significance of any structure before it is demolished and does not want to be pressured to accelerate the process because of untimely notification.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED: Residents Kerri Vivathana and Jennifer Carter came before the Board to request use of the Town's reader board signs to advertise a fundraiser for research for 5-year old Aiden Carter who has a fatal genetic disorder – Hunter's Syndrome. They will be doing a 5k run this summer starting at Exeter High School. Mr. Copeland asked how long before the event would they want to post the signs. The response was one week prior to the event. The Board expressed concerns about setting a precedent for other 501C3 groups, and although they are very sympathetic to the cause, they do not believe this would be something they could grant.

Resident Andy Winslow asked the Board for permission on behalf of Boy Scout Troup 185 for use of the firehouse parking lot for an electronics collection fundraiser on April 5, 2014. They would collect computer equipment, TV's, and that sort of thing from the community and work with a company called Global Tech to make sure it is all properly disposed of. Mr. Copeland encouraged Mr. Winslow to speak with Fire Chief Rob Cook to see if they could use one of the bays in case of rain. The Board unanimously gave permission for this fundraiser.

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:

Tracy Hall requested use of the Stratham Hill Park stage on June 12, 2014 for the Girls Scouts Bridging. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Stratham Community Church requested use of the top of the hill at Stratham Hill Park on April 20, 2014 for their Easter Sunrise Service. The Board approved the request.

Sammon LaJoie requested use of the Stratham Hill Park Front Pavilion on August 17, 2014 for a family party. The Board approved the request.

Dan Crow requested used of the Firehouse on June 8, 2014 for a baby shower. Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Valerie Kemp requested used of the Municipal Center on April 13, 2014 for a bridal shower. Mr. Federico moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine reported that he will take a vacation day on Friday, March 22, 2014, and vacation the week of April 7—11, 2014 and asked the Board if there would be a Selectmen's meeting on April 7, 2014. The Board decided not to have a meeting on April 7, 2014 for various reasons.

Mr. Canada proposed to start discussion next week on replacing Terry Barnes, who will be retiring on the last day of June.

Mr. Canada proposed sending out a BOS newsletter that would include the results of the Town Meeting discussions, what committee positions we have open, mention the hours for the Transfer Station and remind the community they no longer take cash at the Transfer Station, etc. Mr. Federico said that we would want to put in information about the clean-up day. Mr. Canada will bring a draft to the meeting next week.

Mr. Canada mentioned that Peter Bragdon from HealthTrust will be at the meeting next week and the Board should formulate some questions for him.

At 9:30 pm, Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public meeting to discuss personnel matters. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:30 pm, Mr. Federico 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 9:30 pm, Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Hensley
Executive Assistant