

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 27, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

MEMBER'S PRESENT: Board Members David Canada and Bruno Federico and Town Administrator Paul Deschaine.

At 7:31 P.M. Mr. Federico, filling in for Mr. Copeland, reconvened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen, stating they had been in a non-public session since 7:03 P.M.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Canada moved to approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting on April 20, 2015. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A Public Hearing on the application of Robert & Irma Goodrich, Trustees of their respective revocable trusts, 321 Portsmouth Avenue (Tax Map 22, Lot 31) for a discretionary preservation easement to be placed upon their property in accordance with NH RSA 79-D was held, as previously posted.

Mr. Goodrich gave a brief background on the barn they were seeking the conservation easement for. Andrea Lewy, Tax Assessor, stated that part of the criteria for a preservation easement was that any tax money saved would go back into preserving the barn. Mr. Deschaine stated that the public hearing was to determine if and what the public benefit would be and went over the criteria that needed to be met. Ms. Lewy stated she had received a letter of support from Rebecca Mitchell and Nathan Merrill, both members of the Town Heritage Commission (although writing as individuals). She continued that after review, she believed this barn met the criteria for the preservation easement. Mr. Deschaine stated the Board now needed to determine whether they believed this met the criteria, and if it did, what percentage the Board would like to approve for the discount. Ms. Lewy stated that the barn was currently assessed at \$10,086 and \$2592 for the attached lean-to. Mr. Federico closed the public hearing.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the application of Robert & Irma Goodrich for a discretionary preservation easement as presented, with a 75% discount. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ASSESSING:

Ms. Lewy stated that she had one abatement which was for the property off Linda Lane (Tax Map 21, Lot 12) which had been purchased by New Hampshire Fish & Game, a non-taxable entity. She continued there were outstanding taxes on the property in the amount of \$2364.16.

Mr. Canada moved to approve to abate \$2364.16 in taxes. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy noted that she had two Veteran's Credit applications. The first was for Brady Orr, 22 Chisholm Farm Drive, Tax Map 21, Lot 116. She continued it met the criteria for the Persian Gulf hostilities and recommended approval. The second was for Sidney Thurlow, 1A Hersey Lane, Map 6, Lot 144, Sub 1. She continued it met the criteria for the Vietnam Conflict and recommended approval.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the Veteran's Credits for Brady Orr and Sidney Thurlow. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy asked for a non-public session to discuss a financial matter.

Mr. Canada moved to go into a non-public session to discuss a financial matter at 7:51 P.M. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Federico moved to come out of non-public session at 8:08 P.M. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MEETINGS: Mr. Federico 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:

James Fuller requested use of the Front Pavilion on May 30th for a BBQ for Jake's Ride (American Suicide Prevention charity). Mr. Canada moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Laura Batchelder requested use of the Front Pavilion on June 18th for the 4th Grade class Field Day. Mr. Canada moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Laura Batchelder requested use of the Front Pavilion on June 17th for the 3rd Grade class Field Day. Mr. Canada moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Raychel Baczewski requested use of Meeting Room A on May 15th for the Seacoast Mothers Networking Group. Mr. Canada moved to approve the request. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Anna Plouffe requested use of the Front Pavilion on May 9th for a birthday party. Mr. Canada moved to approve the request. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Gina Anderson requested use of the 4H Pavilion on May 9th for a party. Mr. Canada moved to approve the request. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine stated he had been in contact with Primex, the Town's liability insurer, relative to the COPsync 911 contract indemnity clause. He continued that COPsync 911 had significantly revised the clause and Primex has accepted the new phraseology as acceptable. He then presented it to the Board for their approval.

Mr. Federico moved to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the contract with COPsync 911. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated FEMA had declared a federal disaster declaration for the January 26-28 snowstorm. He continued he had attended the orientation meeting and would be meeting with the FEMA representatives that Friday to go over the town's expenses.

Mr. Deschaine noted that he had created a summary of the remaining board and commission vacancies.

Mr. Deschaine asked for a non-public session to discuss a contract issue.

Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public to discuss a contract issue at 8:32 P.M. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Federico moved to come out of non-public at 8:51 P.M. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:51 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary