

MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:31 pm Mr. Copeland opened the meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Deb Bronson reported there was \$1,768,365.60 in the general checking account.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Canada moved to approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting on April 27, 2015. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, with Mr. Copeland abstaining because he was not at the April 27 meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Lavery stated that they had tabulated the overhead costs for this past season's snow removal. He continued that there were 31 snow events, labor costs of \$44,004.83, maintenance expenses of \$29,941.97 and salt and sand expenses of \$108,544.48 for a total of \$199,619.55.

Mr. Lavery discussed his look ahead schedule for the Spring.

Mr. Lavery indicated that he was looking to set up a meeting with Pike Industries and Bell & Flynn to discuss the specifications of the paving materials. He continued he would let the Board know as soon as that was scheduled.

Mr. Lavery noted that he had now completed both sections of the Local Public Agency (LPA) training and that he was now LPA certified which could be used for the Town Center Project.

Mr. Lavery stated he was reviewing quotes relative to the Police Department trim siding issue and would have a proposal to the Board on May 11th.

Mr. Lavery noted relative to the Maple Lane cemetery drainage issue, that he was looking in to the plan with the Trustees and was hoping to get a proposal to the Board by June.

Mr. Lavery stated that the Spring State Auction was going to be held on May 16th and listed the items that he would like to bring.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize Mr. Lavery to bring the items to the Spring State Auction as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lavery indicated that he was looking to purchase a truck load cover for \$2095.00 and that money would come out of the equipment maintenance budget.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize Mr. Lavery to purchase a truck load cover for Truck 7 in an amount of \$2095.00. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lavery noted he was also looking to purchase a new fuel dispensing unit and Fuel Master Management System in an amount of \$24,275.86. He continued that there was \$25,000 in the CIP budget for this item.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize Mr. Lavery to purchase a new fuel dispensing unit and Fuel Master Management System in an amount of \$24,275.86. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lavery indicated that there was a chimney fire recently on Shirley Lane and a resident claimed there was some damage to his driveway and his yard from the emergency vehicles. He continued that the Department could repair the issues at little to no cost.

Mr. Federico moved to authorize repairs to the Shirley Lane property. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lavery stated they were hoping to fill in the pool on the Foss property with scrap fill sometime in June.

PARKS & REC

Mr. Hickey stated that the water system was up and running at Stratham Hill Park.

Mr. Hickey indicated that Liberty Mutual was sending 150 volunteers over three days and that he had a lot of work for them to do.

Mr. Hickey noted that some of the trails had been closed because they were wet. He continued they were replacing some of the kiosk signs. Mr. Hickey noted they had done some improvements to the Jack Rabbit Lane parking area. He continued that he would like authorization to spend \$400 for stone for the parking area. There was a discussion on whether this was a capital or general maintenance type repair. It was agreed that only capital expenses should come from the Reservation Fund. Mr. Hickey replied he felt it was a capital expense and did not anticipate a recurring expenditure for this item.

Mr. Copeland moved to authorize Mr. Hickey to spend \$400 on stone with the money to come from the park reservations account. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey stated that Convenient MD had sent proofs of the banners that were going to go up around town and passed those out to the Board.

Mr. Hickey indicated that they had purchased and received the lining equipment and had lined the fields at Stevens Park the past Thursday.

Mr. Hickey noted that Bauer Hockey would like to rent the field, starting the third week in June on Thursdays for softball. He continued they were going to pay the regular fee.

Mr. Copeland moved to allow Bauer to use the field as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey indicated relative to the Gifford House and the Bartlett-Cushman House, that the Board had asked to receive additional proposals for painting. He continued that there did not seem to be much interest and that Silver Brothers had come back with the lowest price.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize Mr. Hickey to hire Silver Brothers to paint the Gifford House and the Bartlett-Cushman House. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey noted that the youth sports were going well.

Mr. Hickey went over his proposal for summer camp hires which he had budgeted at \$24,000.00. He continued he was looking for permission from the Board to hire the candidates he presented for a total amount of up to \$24,000.

Mr. Federico moved to authorize Mr. Hickey to hire summer camp workers for a total of up to \$24,000. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey noted there was a bus trip on May 27th to Cannon Mountain and the Woodstock Inn for lunch. He noted that the cost was going to be \$1910.00 which would be for the bus. Other expenses would be paid by the attendees.

Mr. Copeland moved to authorize Mr. Hickey to expend \$1910 on the May 27th bus trip. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey stated that he would like to attend the Park and Recreation Association National Conference on September 15-17 in Las Vegas. He continued he was looking for authorization to spend up to \$1000 for that trip.

Mr. Federico moved to allow Mr. Hickey to spend up to \$1000 from the training budget to attend the Park and Recreation Association National Conference. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey indicated that some surplus, unused playground equipment could not be reinstalled due to its condition and that it needed to be removed.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize Mr. Hickey to get rid of the surplus playground equipment. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MEETINGS: Mr. Copeland 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:

Bob Trudeau requested use of the Front Pavilion on June 6th for a graduation party.

Sharon Abbott requested use of the Front Pavilion on August 1st for a family party.

Dileep Kolli requested use of Meeting Room A on May 16th for a graduation party.

The Board approved all requests.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine asked if the Board was available for a nonpublic on May 11th at 7 PM with the Police Chief.

Mr. Deschaine noted that the Police Chief had sent a memo relative to possibly setting up a longevity pay matrix. Mr. Copeland stated that this was common in other police departments. Mr. Canada noted that he thought that spending 20 years in the department was worth recognition.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that when he was leaving the building the prior week, he had noticed an oil leak from the generator. He continued that after inspection, it was found that the generator was totally blown and needed to be completely rebuilt. Mr. Deschaine noted that the unit had originally come from, and was owned by, Seabrook Station and he is looking to see if they will replace the unit. He continued he would be coming forward with options.

Mr. Deschaine indicated the Board had the draft performance agreement relative to Exeter Subaru's requirements to develop their site and asked if any changes were needed. The Board responded they had no problem with it. Mr. Deschaine stated that he would have the remaining pieces the following week.

Mr. Deschaine stated that he and Mr. Canada had met with Rollins Hill Development who had reached an MOU on the emergency road access with Lindt. Mr. Deschaine then went over Mr. Daly's concerns. Mr. Canada indicated he thought it would be appropriate to approve the MOU contingent on Planning Board approval and confirmation of the agreement with Lindt.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the MOU between Rollins Hill Development and Lindt, contingent on Planning Board approval. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada that the Fair Directors had concerns with the Board's support and recommended a letter to offer any assistance possible.

Mr. Copeland moved to affirm continued support for the Fire Department. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that Ms. Lewy had recommended an abatement based on a non-public session for the current use assigned to the Scamman vehicle storage lot. Mr. Canada stated he thought they should go into nonpublic to discuss this issue.

At 8:54 P.M. Mr. Federico moved to go into nonpublic to discuss an abatement issue. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 10:19 Mr. Canada moved to come out of nonpublic. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 10:22 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary