

## **MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

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

At 7:34 pm Mr. Federico, filling in for Mr. Copeland opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mr. Canada moved to approve the amended minutes of the meeting of June 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Bronson reported there was \$3,034,008.16 in the general checking account.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Colin Lavery stated that the tree trimming project for radio communications had started at Stratham Hill Park. He continued that he had received communication from the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department that they would like to add additional trees to the project but they were not offering to give the town any additional funds. Mr. Lavery discussed the options, including the prices and impact of the new scope of work. Mr. Federico then opened the meeting for public comment. Pat Elwell, member of the Conservation Commission, stated that considering that this was a new request and they were not offering additional funds and the fact that there was still no forest management plan in place, she thought that this should wait until a management plan was in place and they should request additional funds. She continued that the Commission had received a lot of public comments that residents were concerned with all of the cutting. Seth Hickey stated that he wanted to thank Colin and his crew for the work they had done on this project. He continued that he did not think they were in a position to make any additional moves and that they did not have the funds to do this. Chief Scippa indicated that he was concerned when he learned of the additional scope of the project and that it was getting much bigger than originally anticipated. He continued he thought that they should possibly form a committee to look at the project and that it might help Stratham with emergency communications down the road.

Mr. Canada moved to put the request on hold and to work on completing the forest management plan and get the county involved to determine the exact scope of the work and funding. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

#### **Building/Land Use:**

BI/CEO Audrey Cline stated that there were 41 inspections, 3 commercial permit applications and 40 residential permit applications, including 3 single family dwellings.

Ms. Cline indicated that she had received a request from the Golf Club of New England to operate a vehicle inspection station. Ms. Cline noted that she was not sure if this would be considered an accessory use. Town Planner Lincoln Daley concerned and stated it would be an expansion of a commercial use and they would need to come before the Planning Board for this request. Mr. Deschaine indicated it was not their intention to do any mechanical work and that inspections would be performed for members only while they played golf. Mr. Federico felt that the letter received was inadequate.

Ms. Cline noted that 55 Union had removed two vehicles and 15 High had removed one of the gray vehicles. She continued she had met with the attorney for Stratham Stone and they have filed an administrative appeal to the ZBA which will be heard in three weeks.

Planning:

Mr. Daley indicated relative to the Rollins Hill Development that they had reduced the number of lots from 47 to 43 to address environmental concerns and that the matter was moving forward.

Mr. Daley noted that the application from Ronald and Mary Ann Roberts of 21 Squamscott Road to create a minor subdivision had been approved with conditions.

Mr. Daley stated that the application relative to Patriots Way had been approved with conditions, including the right of way.

Mr. Daley noted that they heard a complaint relative to the Crockett Hill Farms Subdivision at the meeting held on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Daley indicated that the Smith Farm Subdivision amendment was approved at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Daley noted that the EDC had held a meeting on the grower's initiative on June 16<sup>th</sup> and were working on an effort to market and assist in making connections for local growers.

Mr. Daley indicated relative to the Town Center Committee that they had almost finalized the right of way easements. Mr. Deschaine noted that all of the abutters had signed acceptance of offers but not the easements, which the Town just received today. He continued he hoped that would take place next week. Mr. Daley stated that the goal was to open bids on the project on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Daley indicated relative to the report on offsite improvement funds and performance bonds that they had received surety from Subaru.

Mr. Daley stated that the Agricultural/Farming working committee would have a workshop on July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Daley requested a non-public session to discuss a contractual issue.

At 8:22 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to go into a non-public session to discuss contractual negotiations. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:40 P.M. Mr. Federico moved to come out of a non-public session. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**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:

Sarah Gallichant requested use of the Front Pavilion on July 9<sup>th</sup> for a Direct Capital Company outing. Permission was granted.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had received an email request from the SPCA wanting to post their motorcycle charity ride on the town's website on the community calendar page. The Board stated they were fine with that request.

Mr. Deschaine stated that Joe Dyrkacz had given his notice. He continued that he was willing to stay on two days a week until the position could be filled. Mr. Deschaine stated he would like to change the job title from custodian to maintenance supervisor and would like to advertise the position with a salary range of \$15.00 to \$16.50 as opposed to \$14.50 as it is currently.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the changes to the job description and authorize the job to be posted. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated that the Heritage Commission was working on applying for an LCHIP grant.

Mr. Canada moved to allow the Heritage Commission to apply for the LCHIP grant. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize Mr. Deschaine or Mr. Copeland to sign the contract for the LCHIP grant. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had been having ongoing conversations with Verizon Wireless for years about placing a cell tower on town property. He continued that now that the town has acquired the property at 28 Bunker Hill Road, Verizon wanted to move forward. Mr. Deschaine stated that the lease had been drafted and all issues had been resolved and was looking for the Board's approval on the lease. He noted that this would be contingent on a Town vote because of the term of the lease.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the lease as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:16 P.M. Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier  
Recording Secretary