

## **MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**

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

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

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mr. Federico moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup> as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Bronson reported there was \$7,609,946.19 in the general checking account.

### **BUILDING:**

BI/CEO Audrey Cline stated that 75 inspections had been completed in July, 5 commercial building permits applications filed, 39 residential building permits issued, 4 alternative energy permits, 1 home occupation renewal, 8 drive by inspections, 15 certificate of occupancy permits, 9 final inspections and 9 well radius interviews.

Ms. Cline noted relative to zoning enforcement that Oxland Builders at 240 Portsmouth Avenue had submitted an application for a variance application. She continued that the Soucys at 323 Portsmouth Avenue would be coming in for a home occupation application approval and there was going to be a site walk at Stratham Stone on September 9<sup>th</sup> and a continued hearing on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **RECREATION:**

Recreation Director Seth Hickey indicated that he had a request from the Seacoast Men's Baseball team to use the field that Saturday for three hours and that they were a non-profit association.

Mr. Federico moved to authorize the Seacoast Men's Baseball team to use the field that Saturday for three hours at a rate of \$50.00 per hour. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey gave an update as to the improvements going on at the Gifford House and requested that the Board approve an additional \$1000 for materials.

Mr. Copeland moved to allocate an additional \$1000 towards the Gifford House project. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**PLANNING:**

Mr. Daley noted that the Rollins Hill Development was still ongoing and was scheduled for a public hearing on August 19<sup>th</sup>. He continued that the Verizon Wireless cell tower issue was scheduled for a public hearing on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Daley stated that Cabernet Builders of 109 High Street, Tax Map 19, Lot 44 had submitted an application for preliminary consultation for a 9 lot conventional subdivision and a public meeting was scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Daley indicated that the BMW application had been approved and explained the conditions that went along with the approval.

Mr. Daley then went over the town committees and ongoing projects and the public meetings associated with those projects.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Johannes Stromski stated that he was an Eagle Scout who wanted to report on his project at the Stratham Hill Park. He continued that he came up with 29 rescue zones within the trails to assist emergency teams in locating injured victims. Mr. Stromski noted that he was looking to start the project that week and would be finished within two weeks.

Mr. Canada moved to approve Mr. Stromski's Eagle Scout project. Mr. Federico 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:

Lakpa Sherpa requested use of the Front Pavilion on September 6<sup>th</sup> for a community picnic. The request was denied because the applicant was not in the Park's designated geographic service area.

Joanne Calias requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on August 26<sup>th</sup> for the Stratham Brownie Troop and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the use and waive the fee. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Srinvas Makkena requested use of the Municipal Center on September 19<sup>th</sup> for a birthday party and requested that the fee be waived. Mr. Deschaine noted that there was some trouble determining whether the requesting party was a Stratham resident.

Mr. Copeland moved to deny the request to waive the fee. Mr. Canada seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Stephanie Hurd requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on October 3<sup>rd</sup> for a Cache-Ability event for the NH Association of the Blind and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the use and waive the fee. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Susan Marie Murdock requested use of the 4H Pavilion on September 27<sup>th</sup> for a family reunion. The use was approved.

Diana Thompson, on behalf of the Exeter Garden Club, requested use of the Municipal Center on 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/3, 1/21, 2/18, 3/17, 4/21 and 6/2 and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the use and waive the fee. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Charles David London requested use of the Front Pavilion on October 11<sup>th</sup> for the Democratic Harvest Festival. The use was approved.

Patricia Yeager requested use of the Front Pavilion on September 11<sup>th</sup> for Newmarket Junior High Team Building Event and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the use and waive the fee. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Sarah Ross requested use of the 4H Pavilion on September 26<sup>th</sup> for a birthday party. The use was approved.

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Deschaine stated that he would like a non-public session to discuss a proposed tenant for 28 Bunker Hill Avenue.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that there was a discussion the previous week about allowing chickens at the 28 Bunker Hill property. Mr. Canada indicated that he did not see a problem with it and thought they should approve any future requests.

Mr. Canada moved to allow chickens on the property at 28 Bunker Hill Road, with the conditions that they be female, not be allowed inside the house and must be contained in a confined area. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that there was an email from Chief Scippa giving an update on the police generator. He continued that the original estimate had been for the wrong pump and when

they looked at the correct pump, the estimate had gone up to \$3900. Mr. Deschaine noted that Chief Scippa was looking for approval to spend up to \$3900 to repair the generator.

Mr. Copeland moved to authorize repairs up to \$3900 on the police generator. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine noted that he had received an email from Joey Winslow who was the Eagle Scout working on the "Welcome to Stratham" sign for his project. He continued that it was recently learned that the retaining wall in his original plan was going to cost an additional \$1000 and wanted to proceed without it.

Mr. Copeland moved to allow Mr. Winslow to proceed with his project without the retaining wall. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had received a report on the issue of an on call firefighter who was also an employee of the town receiving overtime pay. He continued that employees who work for the Town would be eligible for overtime if they responded to a Fire Department call and that call put them over a combined 40 hours of total employment for the week but whatever triggered the overtime would be the rate that they were paid.

At 8:48 Mr. Copeland moved to go into non-public session to discuss a potential tenant at 28 Bunker Hill Avenue. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:04 Mr. Copeland moved to come out of non-public session and seal the minutes due to the nature of the conversation. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:05 P.M. Mr. Copeland moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier  
Recording Secretary