

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:32 pm Mr. Copeland opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Copeland moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 31st as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mike Littlefield stated he was there to seek permission from the Board for a fireworks permit for September 26th with a rain date of September 27th. Mr. Copeland noted that they had given Mr. Littlefield permits before and had not heard of any problems. Chief Scippa indicated that he had not received any complaints.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve a fireworks permit for Mike Littlefield for September 26th with a rain date of September 27th. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Francis Marin, Stratham Fair Chairman, stated that he had a revenue forecast for the fair and would be coming back with more details and final numbers soon.

Joyce Charbonneau explained the new procedure for credit card processing. She noted that as of October 1st, our credit card processor, Global, would no longer be responsible for fraudulent charges that were made over the counter without a chip and pin reader. She continued that she would like to purchase three processing machines, one for each workstation. Ms. Charbonneau indicated that she did not need them right away as they would not be of much help until the chip and pin technology was available.

RECREATION:

Seth Hickey stated that Seacoast United was requesting use of a Stratham Hill Park playing field every Wednesday from 5-6:30 and at Stevens Park from 4-7, with a minimum total hours of 16.5 at a rate of \$75.00 per hour. Mr. Federico noted that the Board had discussed the hourly rate for profit organizations and they had decided on \$100.00.

Mr. Copeland moved to allow Seacoast United to use of the Stratham Hill Park field every Wednesday from 5-6:30 and Stevens Park from 4-7, with a minimum total hours of 16.5 at a rate of \$100.00 per hour. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey indicated relative to the easement that the Town purchased from Dave Short, that the new owner would like to put up signs to indicate what land was private and which was public. He continued that the cost of the signs would be split by Southeast Land Trust (the easement holder), and the homeowner. The Board discussed the issue and came to the conclusion that they would like Southeast Land Trust to come in to further explain the issue. Mr. Deschaine stated

that he would not want to see the Town Seal on the signs as he thought it may be confusing to which the Board agreed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Scippa stated that the dog warrant return was completed on August 18th. All dog owners in Town are in compliance with licensing laws.

Chief Scippa indicated relative to the damage to the Charger, that he had checked with Primex to see if there was any additional coverage. He continued that anything over the \$1000 deductible was covered and Primex had paid about \$800 back into the town's general fund.

Chief Scippa noted that on August 19th, the majority of town employees had participated in a training relative to workplace violence and the use of COPsync and that it had gone very well.

Chief Scippa indicated that Sgt. Christopher Call had completed the three week training program sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and was now certified as a Drug Recognition Expert. He continued Sgt. Call would be working to get drivers impaired by drugs in addition to alcohol off the roads.

Chief Scippa stated that the trim replacement at the Police Station had begun and was going well.

Chief Scippa indicated that the emergency generator had been repaired and they were back online.

Chief Scippa noted that members of the PD had participated in a fundraiser for the Special Olympics where they pumped gas at the Irving Stations in town. He continued they had raised over \$700.00.

Chief Scippa stated that he had been asked to be part of a panel discussion at the 2015 Law Enforcement Symposium, sponsored by Primex, on November 4th. He continued that the discussion was going to be between chiefs who had dealt with "swatting" incidents in their towns.

Chief Scippa indicated that over the last few days, the Taurus had been stalling and was towed to McFarland Ford. He continued they determined it was the fuel engine module that had failed and it was fixed for \$310.99. Chief Scippa stated it had been attributed to the recent fuel contamination issue and an invoice had been sent to the fuel company for reimbursement.

Chief Scippa asked for permission to expend no more than \$3530 to send Sgt. John Emerson to a two week supervisor's course in RI which was put on by the New England Association of Chiefs of Police. He continued he currently had \$6916.00 in his training budget.

Mr. Copeland moved to allow Chief Scippa to expend no more than \$3530 to send Sgt. John Emerson to a two week supervisor's course in RI. 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, approved or acted upon:

Lester Cuff on behalf of the Climate Change Committee requested use of the Municipal Center on 10/7 for a climate change presentation and requested that the fee be waived.

Mr. Copeland moved to approve the request and to waive the fee contingent upon receiving confirmation of the Committee's 501(c)(3) status. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Selvi Lampman, on behalf of the Cornerstone School, requested used of the Front Pavilion on 9/14, 9/16, 9/21, 9/23, 9/28, 9/30, 10/5, 10/7, 10/12 and 10/14 for cross country practice and requested that the fee be waived.

The Board discussed that they had issues with using the largest pavilion on all of the dates requested and decided to hold off taking action on this item until the next meeting. Mr. Deschaine will request more information from the School.

Joyce Peterson requested use of the Municipal Center on 9/30 for a birthday party. The use was approved.

Stacey Almon requested use of the Front Pavilion on 8/6/16 for a family reunion. The use was approved.

Mary Petroski requested use of the Firehouse on 10/3 for a baby shower and requested that the fee be waived.

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine noted that due to the denial of a rehearing of Stratham Subaru's LUCT appeal, the abatement form was now updated and needed to be resigned. He continued that the MS1 form also needed to be resigned.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had received, and was reviewing, the MS5, which was a precursor to the audit report. He continued he hoped they would have the final audit by the end of the month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Deschaine stated that the Lamprey Regional Solid Waste Cooperative had negotiated a contract extension with Waste Management. He continued that the terms had been finalized and that each town was requested to reaffirm the Joiner Agreement.

Mr. Canada moved to reaffirm the Joiner Agreement. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:45 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary