

## **MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 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.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Deb Bronson reported there was \$5,472,150.92 in the general checking account.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Chief Cook indicated that they had responded to 488 calls so far this year.

Chief Cook stated that he and Ms. Cline were working on the ISO update. He continued that he hoped that the rating would go up so that the insurance rate would go down.

Chief Cook noted that the State had changed the inspection due date for the fleet vehicles to September. He continued that one car had failed inspection and there were multiple issues and he would be bringing it in to see if it was worth fixing.

Chief Cook stated that he was looking for the Board's approval to have a third person on shift during winter storms. Mr. Copeland responded that he thought this discussion should take place during the budget process in January.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Ms. Cline noted that there was a condominium complex in town where there were several for sale signs on the street for condo units within the development. She continued that the ordinance said that the sign has to be in front of the actual property for sale and asked the Board how they wanted to deal with the issue. Mr. Copeland responded that he did not have an issue with how things were currently. Mr. Deschaine noted that without an ordinance amendment, no changes could be made. Mr. Federico indicated that he thought that each association could have one sign on the main street and then each unit for sale could have a sign in front. It was concluded that the Planning Board should address the issue and perhaps bring a clarifying amendment of the zoning ordinance to the Town in March.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that there was a pending enforcement action against Stratham Stone and action had been postponed until September. He continued that a site walk was scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> and a meeting was scheduled for the following evening to deliberate on the issue and make a permanent enforcement action. Ms. Cline explained the issues that she was going to bring up at the meeting and asked the Board what position they wanted to take on the matter. Mr. Copeland stated that they needed to take firm, fair and consistent action across the board. Ms. Cline further discussed the background of the property and indicated that the guidance she was going to give to the ZBA was that the property owner deserved to have an unambiguous decision based on what was on the property currently. She continued that the only way to change the use was by variance. Mr. Deschaine stated that if the Board felt strongly about the matter, that a member should attend the meeting. Mr. Federico indicated that he thought the

ZBA should deny the request and that he agreed with the CEO. The Board then gave Mr. Canada the authority to speak on behalf of the Board at the meeting and thanked Ms. Cline for her presentation.

**PLANNING:**

Mr. Daley indicated that the Planning Board had three applications on the agenda for the October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Daley then discussed the matters going on with the town committees relative to planning.

Mr. Federico noted that a few of the banners around town had been lost due to broken brackets. He continued that Colin had recovered a few of them.

**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:

Selvi Lampman, on behalf of the Cornerstone School, requested used of the Scamman Pavilion on 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.

Mr. Federico moved to approve the request and waive the fee. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, with all in favor.

Kithi Sveenivasan requested use of Municipal Rooms A&B on 10/10 for an Indian Community Festival Celebration.

Lauren Kyle Griem requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 10/31 for a Girl Scout Halloween Event and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Corinne Holbrook requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 10/25 for a birthday party.

Andrea Morris requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 10/11 for the Exeter Dialysis Patient Appreciation Picnic.

**ADMINISTRATION:**

Mr. Deschaine stated relative to the Shasta BTLA hearing, that Ms. Lewy was able to figure out the abatement amount and they were all set to proceed.

Mr. Deschaine noted relative to the MS1, that the State had come out with the utility values and Ms. Lewy had updated the values and would refile the MS1.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that the Health Trust had gone through a major revision to their membership agreements and needed someone to sign them.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize the town manager to execute the agreements relative to the Health Trust. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated relative to the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee that the Board would like the BOS to declare the leftover signs as excess and release them to be sold at auction.

Mr. Canada moved to declare the signs as excess and allow the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee to sell them at auction. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine noted that Chief Scippa had been in contact with Rett's Roost, who is holding a fundraising event at Stratham Hill Park, and they had asked for an additional police detail because the number of attendees had gone from 250 to 1000 or 1500. He continued that they had sent them back a letter asking what their intentions for the fundraiser were and where the additional people they expected were going to park. He continued that Mr. Laverty would be working with them to figure out the details.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that the SAU 16 Superintendent had informed him that James Firmin, representative from Stratham, had resigned from the Cooperative School Board effective September 15<sup>th</sup>. He continued that the Board had offered to advertise and interview candidates for the position if the town wanted. The Board asked that the Exeter Newsletter reporter in attendance publicize the opening and that applicants should submit their names to the Board of Selectmen. The goal is to appoint a replacement at the October 5 Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Deschaine stated that the Rollins Hill developers requested a name change for the proposed road within the development. He went over the road name changes requested and asked that the Board respond..

Mr. Canada moved to accept the road name changes as presented. Mr. Copeland seconded the motion, with Mr. Federico opposed. Mr. Federico indicated that he opposed the motion because the previous road names had already been approved and thought allowing them to change them was setting a bad precedent.

At 9:38 P.M. Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier, Recording Secretary