

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

Mr. Copeland noted that the Board had been in a non-public session to discuss an issue which could affect the reputation of another. Mr. Canada had moved to go into the non-public session at 7:02 PM, seconded by Mr. Federico and passed unanimously. Mr. Canada had moved to come out of the non-public session at 7:25 PM, seconded by Mr. Federico, which passed unanimously.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Bronson reported that the current balance was \$2,147,074.39.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Copeland moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 19th and October 26th as amended by Mr. Canada. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY:

Mr. Lavery stated that the Union Road culvert work had been completed.

Mr. Lavery noted relative to the compost collected at the Transfer Station that they were hauling it back to the Highway Department yard and it would be screened in the summer of 2016. He continued that he would be looking for guidance from the Board as to what to do with it.

Mr. Lavery indicated that the annual fall cleanups would be happening over the next month.

Mr. Lavery stated relative to the Stephen Dr. cistern maintenance, that the department would be moving some of the trees in the wet area to make the area more accessible for maintenance.

Mr. Lavery noted that the installing of trees on Market Street would be done during the third week of November.

Mr. Lavery indicated that the Greenwood Cemetery headstone straightening project was going to be completed that week and they would be completing the highway garage cleanup before the end of the year. He continued relative to winter maintenance preparation that they had gotten all of the salt planned for the year and all of the highway vehicles had been serviced, with the plows to be put on by November 10th.

ASSESSING:

Ms. Lewy stated that she had two barn preservation easement public hearings that evening. She continued that one was for John and Marilyn Decker of 2 Emery Lane and one for Steven McGrew/Sacha Bridle of 148 Stratham Heights Road. Ms. Lewy then went over the applicable state statute for barn preservation easements.

Mr. Canada moved to acknowledge and waive formal reading of the public notice, seconded by Mr. Federico which passed unanimously.

At 7:50 Mr. Copeland opened the public hearing.

Mr. Decker gave the Board a presentation of his barn and the land it was on. He continued that he had made some improvements over the years and thought that it met all of the criteria listed in the statute.

Mr. Canada moved to enact RSA 79-D and grant the barn preservation easement and abate the taxes for the full amount allowed (75%), excluding the approximately 1000 square feet being used as an entertainment area, for a period of ten years. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. McGrew indicated that his barn was believed to have been built in the 1700s and gave a background of the barn. He continued that he believed that it met all of the criteria listed in the statute.

Mr. Canada moved to enact RSA 79-D and grant the barn preservation easement and abate the taxes for the full amount allowed (75%), for a period of ten years. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:19 Mr. Copeland closed the public hearing.

Mr. Deschaine stated that the tax rate had been set at \$19.90 which was one cent less than the previous year. He continued that the tax bills were being prepared and he hoped to have them out by the end of the week.

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:

Mary Petroski requested use of the Morgera Room for a birthday party on December 12th 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.

The Easter Seals requested use of Meeting Room A on 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23 and 12/30 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.

Chris Carbonneau requested use of the Morgera Room on December 12th for a crafting event and requested that the fee be waived.

This request was held pending further clarification on the event.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had received an email from Parks and Recreation Director Seth Hickey relative to the roof repairs at the Park. He continued that planned repairs had been completed under budget and that there is still \$3,100 in the CIP budget for those repairs. Mr. Deschaine stated that the roof of the Scamman Pavilion had not yet been addressed, and Mr. Hickey would like to take those leftover funds to replace the roof on the Scamman Pavilion. He continued that they had received a proposal from Pride Roofing for \$3200.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize expending \$3200 to replace the Scamman Pavilion roof, with \$3100 coming from the CIP budget, and \$100 coming from the Park Reservations fund. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada asked about the contract the town had with Casella Waste and the upcoming end of the contract. The Board discussed the options and asked Mr. Deschaine to work on getting all of their options together as soon as possible and report back.

At 8:59 PM Mr. Copeland moved to go into non-public session to discuss potential litigation. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:45 PM Mr. Copeland moved to come out of non-public session. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:46 P.M. Mr. Federico moved to adjourn. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary