

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2015 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:32 pm Mr. Federico, acting as Chair, opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. Federico moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 23rd and November 30th as amended by Mr. Canada and Mr. Deschaine. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Bronson reported that the current balance was \$8,020,188.30.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Keane stated that he was there to speak on behalf of some concerned residents in town. He continued that they would like to present a petition for a zoning amendment for the warrant to rezone two full parcels and four partial parcels from the Gateway district to the residential district.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the petition and to pass it along to the Town Clerk for processing. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTION:

BI/CEO Audrey Cline stated that she had a request to add ten hours to the part time land use office position effective immediately and throughout 2016 due to staffing turnovers. She continued that the Town Planner would present this with their proposed budget for 2016.

Mr. Canada moved to approve 10 extra hours for the part time land use office position for the remainder of December through January 2016. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY:

Highway Agent Colin Lavery gave an update on current town projects including fall cleanup, Scamman Road cleanup, tree removal at Rollins Farm Drive, Stephen Road cistern maintenance, the forest management study, tree planting, tree work and site-line clearing.

MEETINGS: The Chair then reviewed the meetings scheduled for the coming week and reviewed the meetings held this past week.

RESERVATIONS:

Natasha Fairweather requested use of Meeting Room A on 12/16/15 for a birthday party. The use was approved.

Mary Petroski requested use of the Morgera Room on 11/6/16 for a birthday party 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.

Amy Delorie requested use of Meeting Room A on 1/5/16 for a baby shower. The use was approved.

Joyce Rowe requested use of the Morgera Room on 2/6/16 for a baby shower 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.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine noted that Police Chief Scippa and Sergeant David Pierce had requested payment for unused vacation time. He continued that they had not provided all of the documentation needed and the Board asked that they come to the next meeting with the required documentation.

Mr. Deschaine presented a contract with the Rockingham Planning Commission for the Interim Planner position and stated it was as agreed in prior discussions.

Mr. Canada moved to sign the contract as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that Congress had a new effort to remove tax deductions for interest paid on state and municipal bonds. This would have a negative effect on the availability and cost of bonding. He continued he was looking for comments on whether the Board would support opposing this effort as suggested by National Association of State Treasurers.

Mr. Canada moved to express support opposing the effort. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine noted that he had received a resignation from Nancy Hanson from the Heritage Commission.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the resignation effective immediately. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated that Assessor Andrea Lewy had finished the sales assessment ratio study and the Board needed to sign the front page of the study to certify it.

Mr. Deschaine indicated relative to the intent to cut on Sanctuary Drive, that they had received the return of that intent and a timber tax warrant in the amount of \$90.82 was presented and signed.

Mr. Deschaine noted that he had a few issues to discuss in non-public.

At 8:33 Mr. Federico moved to go into nonpublic session to discuss two potential litigation issues and a personnel issue. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:33 Mr. Canada moved to come out of nonpublic session. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that Ms. Cline had given her resignation.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the resignation. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:39 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary