

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 25, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:38 pm Mr. Canada reconvened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Canada stated that they had been in non-public session beginning at 7:06 and came out at 7:37.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Canada reported that the current balance was \$3,877, 723.53.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Mr. Canada moved to approve the minutes of March 14th as amended. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ASSESSING:

Town Assessor Andrea Lewy stated that she had an abatement request from SSS Realty, LLC of 71 Portsmouth Avenue. She continued that she would recommend denying the request because the application was incomplete and untimely.

Mr. Federico moved to deny the request. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy indicated that she had a veteran's credit request from Kevin O'Brien of 2 Woodside Drive and recommended that it be approved as it met the Vietnam criteria.

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

Ms. Lewy noted that she had another veteran's credit request from David Shortridge of 5C Raeder Drive. She continued that she would request that it be denied because the discharge requirement was not the correct one needed.

Mr. Federico moved to deny the request. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy requested that the Board go into non-public to discuss litigation matters.

At 7:52 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public discussion to discuss litigation. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:13 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public and seal the minutes. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ms. Lewy suggested that the Board approve abatements for 22 Marin Way, 2 Marin Way and 45 Portsmouth Avenue for tax years 2014 and 2015.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the abatements as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Recreation Director Seth Hickey gave updates which were going on around town.

Mr. Hickey distributed a draft of a revised trail map for Stratham Hill Park. Several suggestions were made and he will bring back a revised draft.

Mr. Hickey discussed a grant that he would like to apply for.

Mr. Canada moved to allow Mr. Hickey to apply for the grant as requested. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated that someone had booked the Scamman Pavilion with the understanding that water would be available. He continued that it had not been available due to mechanical problems and they were asking for a full refund.

Mr. Canada moved to issue a full refund. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey stated it would be his opinion to not re-install the water fountain at Stevens Park as it was not being used. The Board indicated that they were ok with that and could revisit the matter if need be.

Mr. Hickey presented a full list of proposed summer hires for Recreation Department programs and requested that the Board approve it.

Mr. Canada moved to allow the full list of summer hires as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey stated he had previously presented the Board with his recommended new software contract for sport program registrations and thought that it would be beneficial to the department and the community.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize Mr. Hickey to sign the contract as presented. 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.

RESERVATIONS:**All requests for reservations were approved unless noted:**

Barbara Lon requested use of the Front Pavilion on 5/6/16 for the CMS outing 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.

Thomas Sowinski requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 8/28/16 for the Phoenix Family Outing 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.

Laura Batchelder requested use of the Front Pavilion on 6/9, 6/14, 6/15 and 6/16 for the SMS field days 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.

Ann LaPrade requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on 5/22 for a birthday party.

The Exeter Garden Club requested use of Room A on 4/22 for the EAGC fundraiser 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 stated that Town Planner Tavis Austin had made the Board aware of an issue with farmers markets in the current ordinance and they discussed those issues. It was decided that no action was needed.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that Bill Thompson had offered his resignation from the Trustees of the Trust fund. He continued if the Board accepted his resignation, they would be required to make a replacement.

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

Mr. Deschaine discussed change order #2 relative to the Town Center project and the associated costs. This change would have powered new street lights from the Historical Society building

instead of a ground mounted service cabinet. The Board indicated that they did not recommend change order #2 due to the additional costs.

Mr. Deschaine explained the next change order relative to excavating ledge to facilitate storm drainage structures at a cost of \$5,435.00.

Mr. Canada moved to approve change order #3 as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine presented a parking attendant agreement for the 300th anniversary celebration dinner dance and requested authorization from the Board.

Mr. Canada moved to approve and sign the agreement. Mr. Federico seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Canada moved to proclaim May as the Building Safety Month. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Deschaine stated that the Heritage Commission was looking for reaffirmation on their policy relative to engraving names on the monuments and bricks at the Veterans' Garden at the Park.

Mr. Canada moved to adopt the policy as presented. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine noted there was a request to reappoint three alternates to the Library Board of Trustees for the year, those being John Dozet, Kate Kim and Nate Clinard.

Mr. Federico moved to reappoint the members as presented for a term of one year. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:38 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss litigation issues. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 9:54 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public and seal the minutes. Mr. Federico seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

At 9:55 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier, Recording Secretary