

MINUTES OF THE JULY 25, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$9,688,175.44.

NEW BUSINESS:

Girl Scout Troop 11147 went over their plan to renovate the snack shack and facilities at the softball field behind Town Hall. They discussed the improvements they were planning on making and stated they had most of the funds to complete the project. Troop Leader Lauren Griem stated that they had also applied for a grant to partially fund the project. Mr. Canada stated that if they received the grant it would need to come before the Board for approval. Recreation Director Seth Hickey noted that the renovations were necessary and thanked the Troop for their efforts.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the project. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ASSESSING:

Town Assessor Andrea Lewy stated that she had a land use change tax for Brian Lortz & Carla Fiorella of 123 Portsmouth Avenue in the amount of \$1000.00 and that she recommended approval.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the land use change tax in the amount of \$1000.00. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS (cont):

Mr. Canada moved to accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from Pam Dziama and \$500 from the Stratham Historical Society for the commemorative badge approved for the Police Department. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Director Seth Hickey indicated that he had been approached by library members to have a story walk at the Park and town forest. Sara Arnold, Children's Librarian, went over the details of the walk and the map they had come up with.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the story walk. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey discussed the upcoming and ongoing projects going on in town. He then brought up an issue of parking which had been brought to his attention by a resident of Scamman Road. The resident had posted no parking signs in the vicinity of the Short Easement access point but had been told by Chief Scippa to desist. The Board discussed the issue.

Mr. Canada brought up the issue of dog waste at the Park and the Board discussed possible options for remedying the issue. Mr. Canada stated his thought was to collect an additional fee from dog owners which could be used to pay someone to pick up the waste. Mr. Hickey stated he would do some additional research and would report back.

PLANNING

Town Planner Tavis Austin went over the items going on with the Planning Board, TRC, Conservation Commission and Heritage Commission. He then discussed the landscaping issues at the Irving Station (former Shell station) and noted that currently the existing landscaping did not match any plan that had been submitted. Mr. Austin then discussed the issue of the sidewalk on Portsmouth Avenue in front of 13 Portsmouth Avenue, formerly the Gibb's Station and the site of a proposed bank, and the problems being encountered with DOT. The Board and Mr. Austin then discussed the paving issue associated with the Sewall Farm subdivision. They are past the Town imposed deadline to finish the top coat. The Board decided they would issue a fifteen day extension allowing time for the anticipated completion by Bell and Flynn.

Mr. Canada moved to give the developer a fifteen day extension until August 15th. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Austin gave an update on the TAPP grant for a sidewalk extension in the Town Center.

At 9:35 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss a possible enforcement action that would affect the reputation of another. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 10:05 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to come out of non- public and to seal the minutes. Mr. Lovejoy 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:

Jerry Smoyer requested to use the Scamman Pavilion on August 27th for a birthday party.

Nicholas Venzin requested use of the Scamman Pavilion on August 12th for the NextEra Company BBQ.

Divya Luther requested use of Room A on July 30th for a birthday party.

ADMINISTRATION:

Town Administrator Paul Deschaine stated that he had Karen do some research on purchasing frames for the proclamations received from dignitaries at the 300th Anniversary Dinner/Dance. The Board asked that he come back the next week with a recommendation.

Mr. Deschaine noted that he had received an invoice for the Town's share of legal fees for the next step of the MS4 appeal and asked if the Board wanted to continue to participate. The Board indicated they supported going forward with the matter.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to make a contribution of \$1000. Mr. Canada seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated that he had received a contract for the Route 108 corridor project.

Mr. Canada moved to allow the Chair to sign the contract. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 10:33 P.M. Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary