

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:33pm Mr. Canada reopened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Canada noted that the Board had been in non-public session beginning at 7:08 PM to discuss a personnel issue and came out at 7:25 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$7,608,720.39.

MINUTES:

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the minutes of 8/29/16 as amended. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Laura Batchelder asked that the Board waive the fee for the upcoming Cross Country race at the Park for SMS.

Mr. Canada moved to waive the fee. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Greg Fuller stated that the Boy Scouts "Jamboree on the Air" hoped to schedule an event for Oct. 14, 15 and 16 at the Park. He continued that they were planning to camp at the top of the hill for the weekend. Mr. Canada noted that fireworks were scheduled for the 15th and would be set off at the top of the hill. Mr. Fuller noted that they would clear the campsite during the fireworks. Police Chief John Scippa indicated that this issue presented a safety issue and thought maybe they could camp in a different area in the park. Fire Chief Matt Larrabee noted that a fire permit would also be needed on the day of the event. He went on to say that the fireworks display people required exclusive use of the area the afternoon of the display. Mr. Fuller indicated that he was ok with that and would check with the fireworks company and would abide by whatever they said.

Mr. Canada moved to allow the use contingent on the Boy Scouts working with the other departments to get approval and to permit the camping during the fireworks and allow a camp fire if allowed by the Fire Department. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chris Albert from Jones & Beach Engineering stated he was there on behalf of the Sprucewood (subdivision) Association to discuss placing a sign on the town's right of way near the intersection of Muirfield Drive and Roby Jewell land.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the sign as presented with the conditions outlined in Highway Agent Colin Lavery's letter pertaining to the matter. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Brian Polanski indicated that his Eagle Scout project had been approved in May. He continued that he was going to have a car wash fundraiser but with the water restrictions in Exeter, he would not be able to do so as planned. He continued he would like to donate baked goods at the election the next night in hopes of receiving cash donations.

Mr. Federico moved to allow the request to donate baked goods in the conference room during the election. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief Matt Larrabee stated he was looking to reserve the Morgera Room on Oct. 1 & 2 for the FD pancake breakfast.

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

Chief Larrabee noted that the Department had submitted two grant requests. The first was for new breathing apparatuses in the amount of \$178,000 of which the town would make a 5% match. Additionally, as part of the same request, thermal energy cameras in an amount of \$20,000 was applied for.

Chief Larrabee stated that he would like to put in for another grant through the NH Forestry Division for shirts and hardhats for an amount of \$3759 with the town making a 50% match.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize applying for the grant. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Larrabee went over the upgrades to the computer system that they were hoping to make.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize the Department to spend \$5050 on new computers and \$560 for a new router. They must work with Paul Wolf and Paul Deschaine on the project. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Larrabee indicated that there were 9 first responders they wanted to send to the EMS training conference. He continued he thought it would cost around \$3000.00.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the expenditures for 9 first responders to attend the EMS training conference and hotel rooms. They must work with Financial Supervisor Valerie Kemp. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Police Chief John Scippa stated they had been tentatively awarded two NH Highway Safety Training Grants. He stated the first was for the purchase of a radar recorder in the amount of \$4060 of which the grant would cover \$2030. He continued that the price had gone down so they might not need the entire grant funding.

Mr. Federico moved to accept the grant in the amount of \$2030. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Scippa noted the other grant was for overtime costs associated with an 80 hour DWI patrol in the amount of \$3447.37. The grant would pay 80%.

Mr. Federico moved to accept the grant in the amount of \$3447.00. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Scippa stated he would like to purchase 15 pistol lights in the amount of \$1752.60 The cost would come out of the new equipment budget line.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to authorize the purchase. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to authorize Chief Scippa to get rid of the old pistol lights however he deemed fit. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chief Scippa indicated that the 2009 Crown Victoria did not pass inspection. He continued there were low miles on the car and thought it could be repaired for another department that might need it.

Chief Scippa stated that he would like his officers to be allowed to participate in the Child Advocacy of Rockingham County's mustache/beard growing contest.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the request. Mr. Canada 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:

Brian DeKoning requested use of the Morgera room on multiple dates for the Boy Scouts monthly meeting and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Cathy Tallone requested to use the Scamman Pavilion for a Boy Scout recruitment night on 9/14 and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Cathy Tallone requested to use the Front and Scamman Pavilions on 10/22 for the Boy Scouts Pack 185 pot luck dinner and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Simone Boodey requested to use the Scamman Pavilion on 9/16 for the Cornerstone School picnic and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Kirthi Sreenivasi requested use of Rooms A & B on 10/8 for a community gathering. The use was approved.

ADMINISTRATION:

Town Administrator Paul Deschaine stated that the Energy Commission would like to come in and speak to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Deschaine stated that the Planning Board had nominated Leo Gagnon to join the Rockingham County Planning Commission Board of Directors representing Stratham,

Mr. Canada moved to appoint Leo Gagnon to the Rockingham County Planning Commission for a three year term. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada discussed some complaints he had been given by a resident. The Board discussed the issues.

Mr. Deschaine indicated that there was a letter to the editor in the Exeter Newsletter regarding the lack of minutes and agendas for some committees. The Board discussed the issue.

Mr. Deschaine noted that he had attended a meeting at the Hampton Town Office regarding water service and went over the details of that meeting in regards to 43 Stratham residents possibly hooking up to Hampton's water service provider. Hampton and North Hampton are opposed in view of the need for current water restrictions on that system.

Mr. Deschaine went over the results from a poll of Stratham businesses from the Chamber of Commerce pertaining to the gateway District.

Mr. Deschaine had an inquiry from the Ladies Auxiliary about whether they were wanted to cater the Veteran's Day luncheon.

Mr. Canada moved to allow up to \$150 for the Ladies Auxiliary to buy supplies to cater the luncheon. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine discussed the fuel oil bids. The Board discussed the bids in detail.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the bid for the three year contract from Hartman Oil. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine and the Board discussed the alarm monitoring bids in detail.

Mr. Canada moved to accept American Security Alarm's 5 year contract. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to authorize the Ladies Auxiliary and the 300th Committee to sell goods at the election. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Federico moved that Trick or Treating be scheduled for Sunday, October 30th from 5 PM to 7 PM. Mr. Canada seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada stated that the Garden Club wanted to donate folding tables to the town.

At 10:09 Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary