

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:37 Chairman Canada reopened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Canada noted that the Board had been in non-public session beginning at 7:12 PM to discuss a personnel issue and came out at 7:32 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Canada reported that the current general fund balance was \$5,842,275.56.

MINUTES:

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the minutes of 9/19/16 as amended. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada stated that he wanted to publically recognize Highway Agent Colin Lavery and Police Chief John Scippa for the tremendous job they did with the parade.

Mr. Canada stated that the painter at the Bartlett Cushman House had proposed to refinish and repaint the shutters in exchange for garage space at the House for one year. Mr. Lavery noted that his department could do the work but it was up to the Board.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to exchange use of the garage for refinishing and repainting the shutters at the Bartlett Cushman House. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, with all in favor.

Bob Law stated that he was arranging for the "Family Fun Day" fireworks and had received two proposals for them on October 15th and discussed the proposals.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve to hire Atlas Fireworks for the show on October 15th at a cost of \$5750 for a 20 minute show. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

TOWN ASSESSING:

Town Assessor Andrea Lewy stated that she had nothing new to report but told the Board about the recent conference she had attended.

FAIR COMMITTEE:

Francisco Marin stated that he had been nominated as Chair of the Stratham Fair Directors along with members John Cushing, Caren Gallagher, Matt Bartell and Tim Slager for the upcoming year.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the board of directors as presented. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Marin presented the Board with a profit and loss statement from this year's Fair. There was general discussion on the statement.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT:

Recreation Director Seth Hickey discussed installing an irrigation system at the lower ball field at Stratham Hill Park. He continued that the entire cost would be \$7893.00 but that the Friends of Stratham Baseball had committed to donate \$4000 to the project.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the request up to an amount of \$7893.00 and to bring any donations forward to the Board for approval at a noticed meeting. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey discussed the impact the recent CMS cross country event had on the Park and discussed fencing that he wanted to put up to help prevent future parking problems at heavily attended events. He stated that it would cost around \$5000.00.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request for up to \$5,000.00 with \$2,500.00 coming out of the park reservation fund and \$2,500.00 to come out of the regular budget. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey and the Board discussed putting up a gate at Tower Road. There was a recent incident where a vehicle attempted to use the wrong trail down from the fire tower after using the regular road up the hill. Mr. Hickey suggested the gate to prevent this from happening again. The Board indicated that they did not want to put one up because many people are unable to walk up the hill and a gate would preclude access to them.

Mr. Hickey discussed other issues going on at the Park, Steven's Park, youth sports and administration and programming.

Mr. Hickey noted that the entire Soccer Board had resigned. His office was able to complete registrations for upcoming programs and he was composing a new Board.

RESERVATIONS:

The Girl Scouts requested use of the Morgera Room on 12/10 for a holiday event and requested that the fee be waived.

The Board noted they need to check to make sure that was not the same date as the Fire Department Christmas Party.

The Wiggin Memorial Library requested approval of a raffle.

Mr. Federico moved to approve the request for a raffle permit for the Wiggin Memorial Library. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada indicated that he had received three requests from Fire Chief Matt Larrabee. The first request was to fund recent repairs to Ambulance 1, which cost \$1350 from the ambulance special reserve fund.

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

Mr. Canada stated that the second request was to spend \$3134.43 for fire hose testing. This had been included in the regular budget for the year.

Mr. Canada moved to authorize the request. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada indicated that the third request was to hire a third person for a day to assist with the firehose testing.

Mr. Canada moved to approve the request. 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.

The Board was all in favor to sign the cemetery deeds.

At 8:44 Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary