

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 31, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:34 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 7:16 PM to discuss a personnel issue and came out at 7:30 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$4,151,100.50.

MINUTES:

Mr. Canada moved to release and unseal a portion of the non-public minutes of April 25, 2016. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the minutes of 10/17 as amended. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to approve the minutes of 10/24 as amended. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Town Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Mark Morong indicated that he had received notice that he was approved as the deputy health inspector.

Mr. Morong discussed his recent conference in Kansas City and then went over his report and events going on in town.

Mr. Morong noted that Lucy Cushman had inquired what the permitting fees would be for the proposed CMS addition and renovation project. She had noted that she thought they were ¼ of the normal fees when the school was built in 1997. Mr. Deschaine responded he recalls that it was ½ of the normal permitting fees. Mr. Morong noted that Stratham's fees seemed to be lower than surrounding areas and thought they might want to revisit those in the future.

Mr. Canada moved that the permitting fees would not exceed \$20,000.00 contingent upon seeing the final plans. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Board and Mr. Morong discussed issues relative to ongoing projects.

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

RESERVATIONS:

Amanda Morecroft requested use of Room A on 12/10 for a birthday party. The use was approved.

Jared Eaton requested use of the Morgera Room on 12/9 for the Boy Scouts movie night and requested that the fee be waived.

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

Vicki Cook requested use of the Morgera Room on 11/4 for the Ladies Auxiliary and requested that the fee be waived.

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

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that he had drafted a press release relative to the upcoming election.

Mr. Canada moved to accept the press release and to release it to the press. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine went over the plans for the employee Christmas Party.

Mr. Canada moved to allow Karen to expend up to \$1200.00 for the employee Christmas Party. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Deschaine stated they had their first abatement request for 2016. He continued it was in the amount of \$2.00 for the former church owned lot located at 171 Portsmouth Avenue. The lot has subsequently been deeded to the Town.

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

The Board discussed the Fire House solar project. Mr. Deschaine was asked to consult with NHMA to determine if this project would entail a long term lease of the property (roof), and therefore need Town Meeting approval, or if this is a contractual arrangement solely within the Board's purview.

Mr. Deschaine was asked to review all non-public meeting minutes for the year to identify any portions which may be considered for public release.

The Board discussed the issues Val was having with reporting vacation time from the payroll software.

At 8:41 Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary