

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7, 2016 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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

At 7:30 Chairman Canada opened the general meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Town Treasurer Deb Bronson reported that the current balance was \$2,849,384.63.

MINUTES:

Mr. Federico moved to approve the minutes of 10/31 as amended. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

Highway Agent Colin Lavery discussed a proposal for the Mill Pond at the traffic circle and the issues about private withdrawals of water. The primary concerns are large withdrawals in times of drought and hydro seeding companies back flushing residual into and around the pond. He continued that he had spoken with the fire chief, the police chief, Town Administrator Paul Deschaine and the property owner and he was proposing to install a bar gate to prevent private contractors from being able to access the pond. He continued they would also like to put a combination lock and install "authorized vehicles only" signs. Greg Pruitt, the property owner, indicated that he was in favor of the proposals although he wanted people to stop and enjoy the scenic aspects of the pond..

Mr. Lovejoy moved to authorize installation of a gate and modifications as presented. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lavery discussed his meeting with interested parties concerning the forest management plan going forward and described the work he wanted to get done now for viewshed clearing, invasive species management, and emergency communications sight lines.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to spend up to \$50,000.00 contingent upon securing funding of \$4850 each from Rockingham County Sheriff and the State Police, the two other parties concerned with the communications sight line work. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada moved to allowed Mr. Lavery to expend \$1800 to be used to clear viewsheds. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to authorize to spend up to \$1800 to remove invasive species. Mr. Canada seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Lavery discussed the Foss rental property and the maintenance items that he would like to complete. He requested that he be able to expend \$4800 from the 2016 budget.]

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

RESERVATIONS:

Jennifer Carter stated that her son had Hunter's Disease and they were hoping to hold a fundraiser to donate money for researching a cure. She continued they were requesting use of the whole park on 5/20/17 and requested that the fee be waived.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION:

Parks and Recreation Director Seth Hickey went over activity going on around town.

At 8:30 Mr. Canada moved to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel issue. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

At 8:43 Mr. Canada moved to come out of non-public session and to seal the minutes due to the personnel topics discussed. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Canada moved to increase the Park Ranger salary by \$2548 to bring the salary into compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act for exempt employees. Mr. Lovejoy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Hickey discussed the recent events that had been held and the upcoming events scheduled.

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

RESERVATIONS (continued):

Mary Petroski requested to use the Morgera Room on 1/28/17 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.

Amanda Morecroft requested that the alcohol prohibition be waived on her approved event scheduled for 12/10.

Mr. Lovejoy moved to waive the alcohol provision. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION:

Mr. Deschaine indicated that the police department had been having issues with a copy machine which needed to be replaced. He continued they were requesting \$5553.00 to replace the old one.

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

At 8:59 Mr. Canada moved to adjourn. Mr. Federico seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ashley Rodier
Recording Secretary