

SUNAPEE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
6:30PM Town Meeting Room
Monday, January 9, 2017

Present: Josh Trow, Chairman, Suzanne Gottling, Vice Chairman, John Augustine,
Shane Hastings and Donna Nashawaty, Town Manager
Absent: Fred Gallup

Chairman Trow opened the meeting at 6:30PM

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING VETERANS TAX CREDIT:

Parcel ID: 0107-0011-0000 81 Otter Hill Road Richard Kaicher

By Selectman Hastings, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BLIND TAX CREDIT:

Parcel ID: 0107-0011-0000 81 Otter Hill Road Josephine Kaicher

By Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LAND USE CHANGE TAX:

Parcel ID: 0210-0009-0004 116 Fieldstone Drive Kevin & Elizabeth Wallace

By Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous

APPOINTMENTS:

•7:00pm-1St of 2 Public Hearings-Sale of Old Abbott Library to Historical Society

Chairman Trow opened the public hearing at 7:01PM

Becky Rylander, President of the Sunapee Historical Society gave a quick presentation on what their planning, who they are, what they do and the proposal to buy the old Abbott Library. The plan is to create a town archives, which is open year-round for preservation, research and education. Also, to preserve a “treasured” town building and help the town support the Thrift Shop. The Sunapee Historical Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation formed in 1978 that is run by volunteers, with no financial support from the town. Their current space is the old Flanders-Osborne Stable, which is great for the summer months, but controlled by the climate. The main floor office and archive space is heated, but tiny and the upstairs is dusty and either too hot or too cold. The original Abbott Library building is solid and nearly climate controlled, readily accessible and serves as a prominent reminder of our rich history and heritage. Becky Rylander summarized the proposed purchase and sales agreement for the first two (2) years and then the terms after the purchase (See attached presentation). After some questions from the public and discussion, Chairman Trow asked for a show of hands in support of this purchase agreement, which all attendees supported. There was no one in the room against this agreement. Chairman Trow also received an email in support of this agreement. The 2nd required public hearing will be Monday, January 23rd at 7:00PM at the Town Office Meeting Room. The public hearing was closed at 8:04PM

SELECTMEN ACTION

•Authorization to Process Boat Registrations

Motion to authorize Betty Ramspott, Town Clerk and Melissa Heino, Deputy Town Clerk to process Boat Registrations by Selectman Hastings, seconded by Selectman Gottling

Unanimous

- Organization Chart-Highway

Donna Nashawaty asked the Board to authorize that the Highway Department have the same flexibility as the Water and Sewer Department, by having five (5) positions and depending on the person in the position, and their skills, work the same way as the four (4) positions in the water and Sewer Department, which are interchangeable. **Motion to accept the flexibility within the Highway organizational chart as presented by the Town Manager by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- Chairman Trow reported that UVLSRPC will start interviewing potential candidates for the Executive Director position again in the next couple of weeks. In addition, Chairman Trow is the “acting” Chairman of the UVLSRPC.
- Selectman Gottling reported that she will again be the Chairman of the Finance Committee for the Delegation and sadly, on the Interview Committee for the new County Manager.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

- Town Report Cover and Dedications

The Board discussed the possible cover and dedications for the 2016 Town Report.

- Monthly Budget for December

The Board reviewed the end of month report for December.

- NH House Bills-#254, 323 and 324

Donna Nashawaty summarized the letter that Norm Bernaiche, Chief Assessor sent to the Board Regarding the three (3) NH House Bills that are affecting the NH Assessing Standards Board. Donna Nashawaty would like to suggest the Board vote that they support an ITL. Selectman Gottling and Norm Bernaiche will be down in Concord, Donna Nashawaty will attend if she finishes the final preparations for the Town Budget Hearing tomorrow night. **Motion to support ITL's on NH House Bill #254 and #323, as appropriate, and as recommended by our Chief Assessor and direct the above-mentioned people to go down and speak, in such a manner and to be in opposition of #324 by Chairman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings.**

Unanimous

- Warrant Articles Update

Donna Nashawaty presented the Board with the 2017 Town Warrant, 2017 Warrant Article Summary and the wording for the proposed Elderly Tax Exemption increase for their review. Chairman Trow asked if the wording for the Elderly Tax warrant article could be included in the Deliberative booklet. Donna Nashawaty replied it cannot be put in the warrant, but can be included in the booklet.

- Feedback on donated walkway

Selectman Augustine asked if before the 2nd Sale of Old Abbott Library public hearing if the Board could find out the status of the Old Abbott Library walkway. Chairman Trow will contact Shaun Carroll.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27PM

**Submitted by,
Barbara Vaughn
Administrative Assistant**

Approved: _____

Joshua Trow, Chairman

Suzanne H. Gottling, Vice Chairman

John Augustine

Frederick Gallup

Shane Hastings

Sunapee Archives at the Old Abbott Library



A Proposal from the Sunapee
Historical Society

Our Plan

- To create a town archives, open year-round for preservation, research and education.
- To preserve a treasured town building.
- To help the town support the Thrift Shop.

Who We Are

- The Sunapee, NH Historical Society, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation formed in 1978.
- Our mission is to preserve, protect, and make Sunapee's history accessible.
- Run by volunteers with no paid staff.
- Membership open to all.
- Some reserves; no debt; no town support.

Why We Need Additional Space

Our museum is the old Flanders-Osborne Stable



Wonderful for summer use, but...

- Controlled by the climate.
- With heat, cold, humidity, mold, & dust.
- Upstairs archive and workspace is dusty and always either too hot or too cold.
- Main floor office and archive space is heated but tiny.

Why The Original Abbott Library Building?

- Solid and nearly climate controlled.
- Readily accessible.
- Reduces risk of destruction by fire for irreplaceable historical items.
- Would preserve an important historic building.
- Would serve as a prominent reminder of our rich history and heritage.

Our Vision

Use the main floor to:

- Archive our existing collection
- Process and archive new acquisitions of ephemera
- Mount displays
- Do research
- Collaborate with the library and schools
 - cross cataloging, synchronized themed displays
 - projects with groups of students



SUNAPEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ARCHIVES

Agreement Summary: First 2 Years

Town is the owner; SHS is lessee.

- SHS to lease main floor while fundraising, including \$250,000 to purchase the building; the Thrift Shop to occupy the lower level.
- SHS will pay \$500/month rent and renters'/ liability insurance.
- Town will install a lower level toilet room & walkway; pay utilities, lawn care, snow removal, major maintenance, building insurance.
- Under terms of cy pres, building will remain on market for contingent contract.

After Purchase by SHS

SHS is the owner; Town is the lessee.

- SHS to accept a 10-year lease by the Town for the lower level for use by the Thrift Shop
- SHS to pay utilities, lawn care, snow removal, maintenance; insurance on building, SHS contents, & liability.
- Town to pay \$500/month rent (with CPI adjustment) and liability ins. for Thrift Shop.

A Win-Win

- The town will continue to support the Thrift Shop at minimal expense and will gain a town archives.
- An important building will be preserved.
- SHS will be able to do a better job of preserving and organizing its collection of documents, photos, clothing, art works, etc and make it accessible for education and research year-round.

Together we will

Preserve the Past to
Enrich the Future