

SUNAPEE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
6:30PM Town Office Meeting Room
Monday, March 7, 2016

Present: Josh Trow, Chairman, Suzanne Gottling, Vice Chairman, John Augustine,
Fred Gallup and Donna Nashawaty, Town Manager
Absent: Emma Smith
Chairman Trow opened the meeting at 6:30PM

REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR SIGNATURE:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CZC's:

Parcel ID:0126-0026-0000 1-4 Mustard Seed Edward & Bonnie Henderson

Parcel ID:0233-0030-0000 47 Bradford Road Jeffrey & Amy Moses

Parcel ID:0106-0005-0000 1002 Main St. Edward & David Bailey

Parcel ID:0133-0037-0000 15 Lake Ave. Sky Lucas

Parcel ID:0128-0064-0000 97 Lake Avenue Helene & Dwight Churchill

Parcel ID:0237-0043-0000 63 Jeffrey Drive Homes for a Lifetime, LLC

Parcel ID:0233-0055-0000 201 Bradford Road Our Lady of Unity

By Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING SIGN PERMITS:

Parcel ID:0132-0017-0000 474 Route 11 Nicholas & Chrysoula Kontoes

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Parcel ID:0132-0002-0000 37 Edgemont Road Kathy Weinstein

By Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING DEMO PERMIT:

Parcel ID: 0106-0005-0000 1002 Main St. Edward & David Bailey

By Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING DRIVEWAY PERMIT with the following conditions; connect to the existing culvert pipe up gradient of the lot he's working on with the same type and size of culvert pipe, and to extend it under the proposed driveway for the lot he's working on to discharge down gradient of the driveway, and that no work is to be done within the Town's right-of-way until the road postings are lifted.

Parcel ID:0237-0043-0000 Jeffrey Drive Homes for a Lifetime, LLC

By Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TIMBER TAX

Parcel ID: 0239-0014-0000 80 Sargent Road John Salo

By Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling Unanimous

MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AFTER THE FACT

Parcel ID:0237-0043-0000 63 Jeffrey Drive Homes for a Lifetime, LLC

Parcel ID:0233-0055-0000 201 Bradford Road Our Lady of Unity

By Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling Unanimous

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING VETERANS TAX CREDIT
which was denied because it was missing the required qualifying medals.
Parcel ID:0114-0023-0000 71 Fairway Drive James Shinn
By Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling Unanimous**

APPOINTMENTS

7:00PM-Appleseed Cruises, LLC

Donna Nashawaty distributed the annual agreement (one year) for the MV Mt. Sunapee II and the lease agreement (three year) for the MV Kearsarge Restaurant, LLC, which the Fentons are here to discuss. Tim Fenton, speaking on behalf of the Fenton Family said they love being in the harbor and part of the community, it's a great fit for them and hopefully it is for the Town. The Fentons are very happy with the arrangement. The one piece they would like to ask is if the rate could be set for the next three years, which helps with projecting ticket prices and changing food prices. Selectman Gottling asked if it was correct that the Board kept the lease steady the last two years. Donna Nashawaty replied that in 2015 the Board held the 2014 amount. Donna Nashawaty stated based on the Fentons request to have a three-year agreement on the MV Mt. Sunapee II, but unable to do without a warrant article, the Board can't negotiate a multi-year agreement because the Board can't tie a future Board into that agreement. After some discussion, Chairman Trow stated it was a great benefit to Sunapee and the shops in the harbor, which Selectman Gottling and Selectman Gallup agreed. **Motion to keep the lease agreements for the MV Mt. Sunapee II for 2016 at \$7,799.72 and the MV Kearsarge Restaurant for the remaining two years on agreement at \$10,297.74, LLC by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling 3 in Favor, Selectman Augustine opposed.** Chief Cahill wanted to publically thank the Fentons for all the support they have given to the Town of Sunapee over the years.

7:30PM-Public Hearing to Accept \$8,000 Donation for Patrol Boat Motor

Chairman Trow opened the public hearing at 7:36PM

Chief Cahill stated that the motor will be ordered through the Town so they can get the Mercury government discount, the motor's cost is \$11,000, with a discount of \$3,500. The Police Benevolent Association will pay the bill when it comes in. Chief Cahill asked if the Board would allow the ownership of the old motor go to the Police Benevolent Association to try to sell it to reduce the amount of the new motor. Sergeant Cobb gave details of the old motor. **Motion to accept the Police Benevolent Association donation of \$8,000 and relinquish the old motor from the patrol boat to the Police Benevolent Association to help recoup some of their costs by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Augustine. Unanimous.**

Chairman Trow closed the public hearing at 7:46PM

•New Gun Sights

Chief Cahill showed the Board the Eotech holographic sight, with a worth of about \$479. The sights are used by the military, but were found to have problems at extremely low temperatures. Eotech has created a refund program and will give the Town \$579 for three of the sights and \$479 for the other two sights.

If Eotech sends a check to the Town, it will go into the general fund and Chief Cahill does not have the \$3,000 in his budget to replace the sights. Chief Cahill will like the

Selectmen to turn over all five of the Eotech sights to the Sunapee Police Benevolent Association, who will file the refund and when they receive the refund will invest the refund into new sights.

Motion to turn over the Eotech sights to the Police Benevolent Association, who will file the refund and purchase the newer sights by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS

•Chief Cahill reported that Officer Robert Riessle is halfway through his training at the Academy and doing well.

SELECTMEN ACTION

•Use of Facilities-Prouty Ultimate Bike Ride

Motion to approve the Prouty Ultimate Bike Ride to be held on July 8, 2016 by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous

•Approval to Post the Roads for Weight Limits

Motion to authorize the Highway Director or his appointee to post the town roads for spring weight limits by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous

•Pole Tax Bill

The Pole Tax Bill is a proposal drafted by FairPoint Communications representatives for determining the value of telephone poles and conduits for property tax purposes. This hurts Sunapee and every other community in the State of NH relative to values on poles. Donna Nashawaty would like the Board to ratify their vote, to support killing this bill and oppose any change to the way the poles are valued. **Motion that the Town of Sunapee Board of Selectmen opposes the presented Pole Tax Bill and opposes any change to the method that utilities are assessed on their taxes by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous.** Selectman Gottling suggested that the Town sends it to our Senator, the Senate on the proper committee and the Governor. Donna Nashawaty suggested it be addressed to whomever might be appropriate.

•Van Webb-LSPA Resignation

Donna Nashawaty read the email that she received from Van Webb regarding his decision to resign as the Town of Sunapee representative on the Lake Sunapee Protective Agency (LSPA) Board. Donna Nashawaty will send a letter thanking him for his service. The Board will ask around to see if there is any interest in serving on the LSPA Board.

•Beverly Trainor-Thrift Shop Appointment

Donna Nashawaty spoke with Jo Hill regarding Betsy Webb resigning from the Thrift Shop Committee. Jo Hill solicited Beverly Trainor, who is one of the regular volunteers to replace Betsy Webb on the Thrift Shop Committee. Donna Nashawaty will send a thank-you note to Betsy Webb. **Motion to accept Betsy Webb's resignation and appoint Beverly Trainor in her place on the Thrift Shop Committee by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Chairman Trow. Unanimous**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

•Selectman Gallup has a conversation this afternoon with Derek Tremblay, the Headmaster at Mount Royal, who stated the school was working with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) in regards to their issues with the wastewater. Selectman Gallup reiterated that he would be the liaison between the school and the town and will work with Roger on some zoning issues.

•Selectman Augustine stated that Sunapee residents received a political mailer and Selectman Augustine was under the understanding that a political mailer has to have who paid for it on the mailer or at least a group name, which neither is on this mailer. Selectman Gottling said that none of the political signs have who paid for them either. Donna Nashawaty stated that any questions should go to Betty Ramspott, who is in contact daily with the Secretary of State. Selectman Augustine asked who is the person in town that would check up on this kind of thing. Donna Nashawaty replied no one. Chairman Trow stated if you have an objection to it, call the Secretary of State and they will investigate it, but no one in town is in charge of policing it. Betty Ramspott, as the Elected Official would be the one to pose the question too and if she did not know the answer, would call the Secretary of State, but usually Betty Ramspott will not interpret the law.

•Selectman Augustine said at the last School Board meeting the School Board talked about what they do when they seat a new Board. The School Board sets a series of goals for the year, and twelve months later evaluate themselves on the success of how they achieved those goals.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

•Month End reports

Donna Nashawaty handed out the month end reports for February.

•BOS Meeting Date Changes

Donna Nashawaty wanted to make sure the date for the Summer Town Meeting of Tuesday, August 2nd was solidified. The following Board of Selectmen meetings would fall on a Holiday, so if the Board doesn't mind the meetings will be changed to Tuesday; Monday May 30th (Memorial Day) to Tuesday May 31st, Monday September 5th (Labor Day) to Tuesday September 6th, and Monday December 26th (Christmas) to Tuesday December 27th. Donna Nashawaty will be on vacation August 8th, the Board will leave open in case they need to hold a meeting without the Town Manager.

•Thrift Shop Funding

Donna Nashawaty gave the details of how the Thrift Shop operates and stated that the Thrift Shop gives a number of scholarships to the School, and in the fall donations to different organizations, as such the Food Pantry and Recreation Department. So for 2015 the money paid out was \$9,750 and for 2016 it will be \$7,250.

•Funding for Perkins Pond

Donna Nashawaty read the following memo that she wrote to the Board regarding the Perkins Pond funding;

In discussions over the past couple of weeks relative to the Perkins Pond Wastewater Collection System, due to good economics, and well planned purchases, the funding for the Perkins Pond system ultimately did not work as planned. Due to very low bids and no overruns, the project funding worked in a way that was unanticipated when the project was initially proposed to the taxpayers of Sunapee. As you will recall the warrant article is as follows:

Article 3: Are you in favor of the town raising and appropriating the sum of \$2,520,000, to fund the design, engineering and construction of the Sewer to Perkins Pond, and authorize the issuance of a bond or note of not more than \$2,360,000 in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectboard to issue and negotiate such a bond or note and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and authorizing the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept grants or other funds that may reduce the amount to be borrowed; with the remaining \$160,000 to come from the fund balance of December 31, 2011? The loan payment will be paid equally by the Perkins Pond Sewer Users for the Collection System and general taxation for the Cross Country Sewer. (3/5 majority vote required – SB2) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

The premise was that the engineers in the preliminary engineering had an equal amount attributed to the cross-country sewer interconnect and the sewer collections effort around the pond. That is how the ½ and ½ was attributed to being fair and why proposed to split loan payment equally.

The letter from USDA that established the conditions shows Perkins Pond Wastewater Collection System Installation as Loan: 1,585,000 and Grant of \$739,000. Project Funding is as follows:

Rural Development Loan	\$1,585,000	
Rural Development Grant	\$ 739,000	
Applicant Contribution	\$ 300,000	\$100,000 from Hydro and \$200,000 from Taxpayers2009 town meeting
Connection/Tap Fees	<u>\$ 36,000</u>	<u>Voted on by Sewer Commissioners required by RD</u>
Total	\$2,660,000	

So the project came in under budget: the funds other than the grant had to be spent first; any additions to the project to utilize grant funds had to be mentioned in the initial engineering plan and submitted 90 days after completion to be spent: what could not be spent could not go to reduce the loan.

Where we are today, engineering was additionally paid for to design pumps for the collection system (approved by USDA/RD); equipment to assist in the maintenance of the collection system/plant operations was approved and purchased; pumps to be replaced on collection system to utilize the rest of the remaining grant funding.

Discussion: Should Board of Selectmen meet with Water/Sewer Commission to discuss opportunities for the future.

After some discussion, Donna Nashawaty will ask Ted Gallup, Chairman of the Water & Sewer Department and David Bailey, Superintendent to talk with the Water & Sewer Commissioners to get their feelings on this issue.

9:45PM-A motion was made by Chairman Trow to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Dismissal, promotion or setting compensation for public employees. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gottling and roll call vote approved unanimous.

11:17PM-The Board returned from non-public session.

11:18PM-Motion to seal the minutes by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Augustine. Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 11:19PM

**Submitted by,
Barbara Vaughn
Administrative Assistant
Approved: _____**

Joshua Trow, Chairman

Suzanne H. Gottling, Vice Chairman

John Augustine

Frederick Gallup

Emma Smith