

SUNAPEE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
6:30PM Town Office Meeting Room  
Monday, January 26, 2015

Present: Fred Gallup Chairman, Suzanne Gottling Vice Chairman, Shane Hastings, Joshua Trow, and Donna Nashawaty, Town Manager

Absent: Emma Smith

Also Present: See Sign-in Sheet

Chairman Gallup opened the meeting at 6:30PM.

**REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR SIGNATURE:**

**Motion to approve the following CZC's**

**Parcel ID: 0145-0010-0000 5 Upper Bay Road Mike & Trish Garrett**

**Parcel ID: 0136-0026-0000 309 Lake Ave. Mitchell Harris**

**By Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous**

**Motion to approve the following SIGN PERMIT:**

**Parcel ID: 0136-0007-0000 179 Burkehaven Hill Rd. Richard Raps**

**Parcel ID: 0129-0043-0000 Route 11 & Sargent Road Soo Nipi Circle, LLC**

**By Selectman Hastings, seconded by Selectman Trow. Unanimous**

**Motion to approve the following DEMO PERMIT:**

**Parcel ID: 0233-0026-0000 17 Bradford Rd. Mark Gibson**

**By Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous**

**Motion to accept and sign the 2014 EQUALIZATION MUNICIPAL ASSESSMENT DATA CERTIFICATE By Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings.**

**Unanimous**

**APPOINTMENTS**

7:00PM-Steve White, Chairman-Trustees of the Trust Fund

Steve White updated the Board stating that with the help of Trustees Board members, Jolene Chappell and Lena Welsh, who are doing a fantastic job, the accounts have been clean-up and all are in good shape. Mr. White wanted to give the Board a "heads up" that he would be resigning at the end of the year. Mr. White has two (2) years left on his term and asked that the Board appoint someone to fill his term. Donna Nashawaty wanted it noted in the minutes that the Board would appoint someone until the next election, which would be March 2016.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

•Jan Bettencourt had a question regarding the attendance requirement and \$3,300 stipend for the Board of Selectmen. It was confirmed that there is no attendance requirement, so the question is if Mrs. Bettencourt ran and was elected, but never showed up to a meeting, would she still get the \$3,300 stipend.

The Board replied that she would be paid. Donna Nashawaty spoke with the Town Attorney after the last meeting and the answer was yes. Mrs. Bettencourt asked what would happen if no one showed up. The Board replied that there would not be a quorum, so there would not be a meeting. Mrs. Bettencourt wondered if that minimizes the validity of the Board when the taxpayers elect you, wouldn't it be important to add attendance to the requirements? Selectman Gottling stated that it would have to be done at the state level. Donna Nashawaty stated that legislation would need to be added to the state statute for how the Board of Selectmen is elected. John Augustine said that our State Representative could introduce a bill in Concord; Selectman Gottling replied that she would have considered it, if she had been asked. Mrs. Bettencourt stated that she sees a Selectman as a very valuable part of town government, elected to represent the residents. Mrs. Bettencourt is disappointed that there is not something in the state statute regarding meeting attendance.

•Peter Urbach stated that on January 19<sup>th</sup> thirty (30) people attended a training session on the 3D printer at the library. In addition, statistics December 2014 compared to December 2013, library visits up 86%, new Cards issued up to 270%.

### **SELECTMEN ACTION**

•**Motion to accept and sign the warrant, 2015 budget, & default budget by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous All three documents were posted in two (2) public places.**

•Chairman Gallup read the letter from the Broom Family regarding interest in acquiring the two (2) parcels of town land which abuts Mount Royal Academy. Chairman Gallup asked the Board if they wanted to enter into conversation with the Broom Family or how do they wished to proceed. Selectman Gottling thought that at the last meeting that the Board suggested and felt it was incumbent to the Broom Family to approach the Dewey heirs, has that been communicated to the Broom Family? Chairman Gallup replied it had not. Selectman Trow does not object to the concept of the Broom Family buying or using the land, but feels there would be opposition from the Deweys and Townspeople. Selectman Hastings feels the Board needs to get the Conservation Commission's opinion before the Board makes a decision. After some discussion, the Board will invite the Conservation Commission to the Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

•**Motion to reappoint Sharon Palmer, Jane Frawley and Denise Bressette as the three (3) library alternates by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous.**

•**Motion to reappoint Betsy Webb as an alternate on the Harbor House Livery Committee by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

It was brought to Chairman Gallup's attention that in the County's Auditor's report, the fund balance is in the neighborhood of 27% of their total budget. Chairman Gallup was thinking about what the Town is required to maintain in their fund balance, which is 5% to 10%. This seems a little significant and there may be something that could be done to use some of that to cut the amount of taxes that the communities pay.

Selectman Gottling stated it has been used to keep the taxes steady. One of the things that has kept the County from using more of it is, they don't know what the new Health and Human Service cuts are going to mean. It appears it is going to be a very large cut for the nursing homes and if that's true, what was budgeted for the nursing home will be inadequate and fund balance will have to be used to cover that. Chairman Gallup asked Selectman Gottling to keep the Board updated.

**TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

•The Deliberative booklets were delivered to the Post Office.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:54PM**

**Submitted by,  
Barbara Vaughn  
Administrative Assistant**

**Approved: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Frederick Gallup, Chairman**

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**Suzanne H. Gottling, Vice Chairman**

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**Shane Hastings**

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**Joshua Trow**

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**Emma Smith**