

SUNAPEE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
6:30PM Town Office Meeting Room
Monday, February 23, 2015

Present: Suzanne Gottling Vice Chairman, Shane Hastings, and Donna Nashawaty, Town Manager

Absent: Fred Gallup, Chairman, Emma Smith

Also Present: See Sign-in Sheet

Vice Chairman Gottling opened the meeting at 6:30PM.

REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR SIGNATURE:

Motion to approve the following CZC's

Parcel ID: 0146-0056-0000 326 Bay Point Rd Craig & Cindy Callahan

Parcel ID: 0224-0007-0000 188 Sleeper Rd. Dennis & Susan Vigneault

Parcel ID: 0217-0004-0000 54 Coventry Lane Gerard & Maryanne Leone

Parcel ID: 0127-0035-0018 Unit 21A Overlook Indian Cave Joseph Boyle

By Selectman Hastings, seconded by Selectman Trow. Unanimous

Motion to approve the following Land Use Change Tax:

Parcel ID: 0235-0079-0000 50 Middlebrook Rd. Helmut & Renate Schmidt

By Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous

Motion to approve the following Timber Tax:

Parcel ID: 0238-0058-0000 27 Sioux Path Joseph & Patricia Adams

By Selectman Hastings, seconded by Selectman Trow. Unanimous

APPOINTMENTS

7:00PM-Normand Bernaiche-Equalization and Ratio Study

Norm Bernaiche reviewed the memorandum he sent to the Board regarding the 2014 equalization ratio and ratio study. The equalization ratio is used by the State of NH and Sullivan County to collect and distribute tax dollars based on assessed value. Every town and city in the state goes through this process every year. It is an attempt to supply definitions and statistical standards, which help us, understand the process.

Accompanying this narrative explanation are the numbers, which were derived by the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration for the time period of October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. The reason for this date range is to use sales 6 months prior and 6 months after April 1 of every year. There were 121 sales, of which 63 were considered arm's length. Last year there were 64 valid sales. A copy of the memorandum is attached to the official minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Augustine wanted to state for the record, that the Harbor House Livery committee met earlier this month and there were no members of the Board of Selectmen in attendance. It is his understanding that no members of the Board of Selectmen have attended for at least the past two (2) years. Mr. Augustine will give the Board a brief update on the meeting. In addition, Mr. Augustine asked if the date has been set for the Better Future Alliance quarterly update. Donna Nashawaty replied that the date was set at the last update meeting, which is April 6th.

SELECTMEN ACTION

- Motion to approve the PSNH pole licenses on West Court Road #32-0982 by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous**
- Motion to reappoint Doug Gamsby as the Town of Sunapee Health Officer by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous**
- Motion to reappoint The Town Manager as the Town of Sunapee Deputy Health Officer by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous**
- Use of Facilities:**
 - Motion to approve the use of facilities form from Lake Sunapee United Methodist Church for the Easter sunrise service on April 5th at the Gazebo by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous.**
 - Motion to approve the use of facilities form from Lake Sunapee Cruising Fleet for their annual meeting at the Safety Services Building by Selectman Hastings, seconded by Selectman Trow. Unanimous.**
 - Motion to approve the use of facilities form from Prouty Ultimate Bike Ride for cancer fundraiser bike event on July 10th by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

• **Old Abbott Library Building Equity Analysis-** A few months ago, the Board authorized Donna Nashawaty to meet with an authorized Library Trustee, Peter Urbach to work through each item in the warrant to determine if, it was a maintenance item (new furnace, replaces windows, replace flooring, mold remediation, and replace stairs, front entrance and walkway) or a capital investment (original building, new wing, new wing federal grant, handicap ramp, humidifier, and HEP filter). Both parties also agreed on the following: Building value-to use assessed value of \$348,800, adjusted for the equalization rate to \$348,000. Library Trustees Equity-equity will be based on proportion of capital investment made by each party. Inflation Adjustment-all capital investment will be inflation adjusted.

Motion as the Selectboard find the calculations to be fair and equal according to the presented Library Trustees motion Whereas, the Town of Sunapee (Town) represented by the Town Manager and the Abbott Library (Library) represented by the Vice Chair of the Library Board of Trustees have reached an Agreement on the division of equity in the Old Abbot Library Building (Building) and, the Town and the Library agree to base the division of equity in the Building on the capital investments made in the Building by each

party with each investment adjusted for inflation from the year the investment is made to the year 2014 and, the Town and the Library agree to base the division of equity on the assessed value of the Building adjusted for the equalization rate at a value of \$348,000 and this Agreement results in the Town receiving a 31% share in the equity and the Library receiving a 69% share in the equity so that the Town equity is \$107,880 and the Library equity is \$240,120 and, the Board of Selectmen believe this Agreement fairly protects the interests of the Town. Now therefore, the Board of Selectmen accepts this Agreement as an agreement entered into by the Board of Selectmen by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings.

Unanimous. A copy of the worksheet is attached to the official minutes.

In addition, the Board directed the Town Manager to query the Historical Society if they would like to come back in to talk to the Board about their thoughts on the building. Selectman Gottling wanted to make it clear to the Historical Society that they are potentially, not the only game in town. Donna Nashawaty also suggested the Board think about the deed restrictions on the property.

- Donna Nashawaty wanted to update the Board on the correspondence exchanged between Newport Town Manager and Bruce King, CEO of New London Hospital. On February 12, 2015 Paul Brown, Newport Town Manager sent a letter to Bruce King, CEO of New London Hospital, with a copy to the Town of Sunapee, regarding the decision by the Newport Board of Selectmen, to limit the response area of the Newport Fire/EMS Department to Newport and the contracted towns of Croydon, Goshen, and Sunapee. Effective March 1, 2015, the Newport Fire/EMS will no longer provide back up for the New London Hospital Ambulance, with the exception of the eastern side of Sunapee. On February 17th Bruce King replied back to Paul Brown, copying the Participating towns, stating that the hospital is very concerned about the decision of the Newport Selectmen to discontinue the EMS mutual aid with the other communities in the area. Mutual aid between New London Hospital Ambulance Service and Newport Fire Department has served our area citizens for many years and New London Hospital would like to work with the Newport Selectmen to see that services remain available to Newport and the surrounding communities. New London Hospital asks to postpone the implementation date until a coordinated solution can be reached. In addition, New London Hospital would like to share recent additional measures, which include, an increase in New London Hospital Ambulance Service coverage hours and paramedic level staffing on all shifts. Donna Nashawaty will keep the Board updated.

- The Board reviewed the Town Manager Employment Agreement. **Motion to renew the Donna Nashawaty's Employment Agreement by Selectman Hastings, seconded by Selectman Trow. Unanimous.**

- The Selectmen on the ballot cannot be the official Selectmen at the election on March 10th. Betty Ramspott called the Attorney General, who said whatever Selectmen that could get there to sign would be ok.

- The Aldrich court case with the Zoning Board of Adjustment will be heard on Tuesday, March 24th, at 7:00PM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM
Submitted by,
Barbara Vaughn
Administrative Assistant

Approved: _____

Frederick Gallup, Chairman

Suzanne H. Gottling, Vice Chairman

Shane Hastings

Joshua Trow

Emma Smith