

SUNAPEE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
6:30PM Town Office Meeting Room
Monday, March 9, 2015

Present: Fred Gallup, Chairman, Suzanne Gottling Vice Chairman, Shane Hastings, 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: 0128-0029-0000 98 Garnet St. Chris & Bronwyn Murphy

**Parcel ID: 0102-0002-0004 118 Palazzi Pd Otter Pond Yacht Club/ Jeff Owens
by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous**

Motion to approve the following Driveway Permit:

**Parcel ID: 0102-0002-0004 118 Palazzi Pd Otter Pond Yacht Club/ Jeff Owens
by Selectman Hastings, seconded by Selectman Trow. Unanimous**

APPOINTMENTS

7:00PM-Peter Fenton-MV Kearsarge & MV Mt. Sunapee Lease Renewals

Donna Nashawaty distributed the last ten (10) years of payment history to the Board, which included the MV Kearsarge payments, the MV Mt. Sunapee payments, electricity payments, and water payments. The MV Kearsarge has a three (3) year contract and the MV Mt. Sunapee has an annual contract. The only thing that is up every year is the cost of that particular year's lease based on the CPIU (Consumer Price Index). Peter Fenton asked if the MV Kearsarge lease could be held to the same payments for the next three (3) years. The MV Kearsarge paid \$10,156 in 2014, and the MV Mt. Sunapee paid 7,692. In addition, the MV Kearsarge contract covers the electricity, water, and Harbor restrooms based on usage. The MV Mt. Sunapee electricity and water are paid for separately. Chairman Gallup received a note from Scott Hazelton regarding some repairs on the docks, so as far as holding the price, Chairman Gallup thinks he could be amendable to that if the Town could get some participation from the Fentons in some of the dock repairs. The Fentons asked if there was a list of repairs, Scott Hazelton gave them a copy of needed repairs. Chairman Gallup said that the repairs pertain to the middle section of the docks, not the sections that either one of the boats are tied up too. The materials would roughly cost about \$1,000 and the Town would do the work. Scott Hazelton stated that the entire header plate on the right side of dock rotted out and replaced last year. The middle section was buckled and the header plate that goes across that section was rotted out, which will need to be addressed this summer. In addition, the entire floor joints in the middle really wavy and buckling very bad. Chairman Gallup stated that there were emails sent from the public supporting the boats in the Harbor.

Chairman Gallup continued stating that their presence has brought business and people to the Harbor, which is to everyone's advantage for the Town to work towards continuing the relationship the best way it can. The Fentons do not understand why they would be responsible for these repairs. The Fentons stated that the Kearsarge had been in the harbor for the past ten (10) years and the maintenance on the dock has been minimal. The Fentons had the dock investigated by a Marine Engineer as to what was needed for the boat to dock there. The Fentons put posts in then and last year put "telephone poles" in, all at their expense. The Fentons feel there really has not been any maintenance. Donna Nashawaty stated since the Kearsarge has been there the Town replanked the whole dock; the Fentons agreed that was correct. The Fentons asked if they did agree to the repairs, would they pay for materials, and the Town would do the work, the Board replied yes. Another question the Fentons had, they are glad some of the drainage work in the harbor was done on the Kearsarge side of the dock, but they would like to get that area dredged. They applied for the dredge permit and the sand and silt that are there is not really anyone's fault, but they were hoping to come to some agreement on how to get it done and paid for. Scott Hazelton thought it was discussed last year that the Town would provide the trucks to haul the sand and silt away, but do not have access to a clamshell. Because of the grease and petroleum products the Town uses, the equipment cannot be used in the lake. Chairman Gallup asked the Board if they had any thoughts. Selectman Gottling stated that clearly, the Board has discussed taking the sediment out before and there was an offer and the Fentons did not come back with what the cost might be. The Fentons stated that they had talked back and forth with Scott Hazelton about the possibility of using a town piece of equipment or borrowing another piece of equipment from another town, but they never came together with a final solution. The Fentons thought it could be done by shore, but Scott Hazelton stated that because of the stonewall it could not be done. Chairman Gallup thinks he can go along with holding the lease. Selectman Trow's split on the holding vs the CPIU, which comes down to either what happens with the dredging or the docks. Selectman Trow said to hold it for the third year for the same price. Selectman Gottling asked if there was an agreement on who is responsible for the repair of the dock. Donna Nashawaty stated the boat has an insurance policy that has the town as the additional insured. The policy covers any damages if they break the dock when entering or leaving the dock, it would pay to fix it. However, there have not been any conversations regarding repairs and maintenance. Selectman Gottling asked if the Town is suggesting the maintenance be shared between the Fentons and the Town. Donna Nashawaty replied that it makes it very difficult when you think about what the Fentons pay for rent and knowing the Town does have a Town dock that the citizens can use in the center of the U. Donna Nashawaty continued saying maybe the Town should think about a lease, with future maintenance or repairs costs included. After much discussion, the Fentons will get a price to rent the clamshell. Donna Nashawaty wanted to remind the Fentons to tell their contractors that there was a two (2) hour parking ordinance in the harbor. In addition, Donna Nashawaty asked if they had heard from their insurance company regarding the police detail hired when the MV Kearsarge partially sunk, there is an outstanding bill of \$1,300. The Fentons stated that the claim was closed and the detail was not paid. The insurance company felt it was the Town's choice to hire the police detail. Chairman Gallup said this was a separate issue, to be discussed later.

Chairman Gallup stated if the Town leaves this tied to the CPIU the contract would be roughly about \$750 more over three (3) years. Donna Nashawaty replied that was if the CPIU stays at 1.4%. Chairman Gallup see more benefit than \$750, with the dredging and the boat present, in his opinion, he feels they are paying a good price now. Selectman Trow asked the Fentons what were their expectation regarding the dredging and potential dock repairs. The Fentons replied that their understanding was if they damaged the dock that they were responsible for the repairs, which they have done. In addition, any improvements that needed to be done for the boat to dock there, have been done at their expense. However, the Fentons are not sure they should be responsible for general maintenance. Selectman Hastings agrees of tying the lease to the CPIU and feels dock repairs fall under the owner of the dock. In regards to the bubblers, the Fentons always try to keep the area, where the little beach is by the dock, as frozen as possible to give people access to the lake. The Fentons would like permission to park the Kearsarge in the Sunapee berth for the winter, which would provide less open water. The Sunapee would go in the Kearsarge berth. Donna Nashawaty thought there was an issue with the plowing of the snow. Donna Nashawaty thought that at one time there was access for snowmobilers to come up the boat launch. If the Kearsarge was parked there and open water was there wouldn't it make it hard for the snowmobilers to come off the lake. Donna Nashawaty will check with the snowmobile club. **Motion to authorize the renewal of the MV Kearsarge and MV Mt. Sunapee contracts with the 1.4% adjustment by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Gottling 3 in Favor 1 opposed**

The Fentons asked to go into non-public under RSA 91-A: 3, II (c)-reputation.

8:04PM-A motion was made by Selectman Trow to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II (c)-matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person unless such person requests an open meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Gottling and roll call vote unanimous.

8:12PM-Motion to returned from non-public session by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Augustine asked if the Town was going to put a reminder on the Town's website regarding voting day tomorrow. Chairman Gallup asked Barbara Vaughn to put on the website.

SELECTMEN ACTION

•Motion to authorize the Highway Director to post the roads by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous

•The Town received a request from New England Organ Donor Bank to fly their flag showing their support during the month of April. The Board will review the material from New England Donor Bank and make a decision at the March 23rd meeting.

•Motion to sign the PSNH petition and pole License #3410/41 located on Edgemont Road by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous.

•Motion to approve the use of facilities for Georges Mills Harbor from Outdoors Recreation for Seniors on May 5th by Selectman Trow, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous

•Scott Hazelton presented the Board with the “cleaned up” Equipment Operator job description, with no change to the pay grade, but included renaming the job description to Heavy Equipment Operator. **Motion to approve the new Heavy Equipment Operator job description by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Hastings. Unanimous.**

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Donna Nashawaty had two (2) announcements regarding employee retirements. Effective March 26, 2015, Wesley Roberts will be retiring, which will leave a vacancy at the Equipment Operator position. In addition, effective May 13, 2015, David Sanborn will be retiring from his position. Chairman Gallup said it was with regrets, that the Town accepted these long-term employee retirements.
- Donna Nashawaty wanted to make it very clear that the Town of Sunapee has a contract with Newport on one side and the New London Ambulance Service on the other side. They both back each other up and the mutual aid for that will not stop. Donna Nashawaty wanted to make sure the citizens of this community realize that Sunapee was not in the same boat as the other communities, where Newport is not backing up New London Ambulance. The update is that the mutual aid agreement has been extended until July 1st.
- Donna Nashawaty gave a brief update on a letter from the Town Attorney that goes back and forth to the NH Charitable Trusts and Donna Nashawaty regarding the Old Abbott Library cy pres. Donna Nashawaty recommended that the Board ask her to draft the cy pres the way it was originally presented and bring that to a meeting with Charitable Trusts. The Board agreed with the recommendation.
- The Board reviewed the Monthly Budget through February 28th
- Donna Nashawaty wanted the Board to know that she is corresponding with a company that claims the Town owes them money for their email web hosting, she will keep the Board updated.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03PM
Submitted by,
Barbara Vaughn
Administrative Assistant

Approved: _____

Frederick Gallup, Chairman

Suzanne H. Gottling, Vice Chairman

Shane Hastings

Joshua Trow

Emma Smith