

SUNAPEE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
6:30PM Town Office Meeting Room
Monday, June 29, 2015

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

Absent: Emma Smith

Also Present: See Sign-in Sheet

Chairman Trow opened the meeting at 6:30PM

REVIEW OF ITEMS FOR SIGNATURE:

Motion to approve the following CZC's:

Parcel ID: 0107-0008-0000 17 John Avery Lane Dwight & Sandy Erickson

Parcel ID: 0136-0007-0000 322 Lake Ave. Frank Whitcomb

Parcel ID: 0107-0049-0000 36 John Avery Lane Michael Pezone/Laura Kennedy

Parcel ID: 0133-0051-0015 12B Indian Cave Roy Ettlinger

Parcel ID: 0112-0021-0000 20 Woodland Road Erik D. Nikodem Trust

Parcel ID: 0137-0014-0001 71 Burkehaven Hill Road Ron Sullivan

Parcel ID: 0112-0017-0000 40 Woodland Road James & Diane Prevo

Parcel ID: 0130-0015-0000 3 Brandywine Drive Douglas Richardson, Jr.

By Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous

Motion to approve the following AFTER THE FACT:

Parcel ID: 0130-0015-0000 3 Brandywine Drive Douglas Richardson, Jr.

By Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Gallup. Unanimous

Motion to approve the following LAND DISTURBANCE:

Parcel ID: 0112-0017-0000 40 Woodland Road James & Diane Prevo

By Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous

Motion to approve the following PERMIT TO EXCAVATE:

Parcel ID: 0136-0018-0000 314 Lake Ave. United Construction

By Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Gallup. Unanimous

Motion to approve the following DRIVEWAY PERMIT:

Parcel ID: 0136-0062-0000 38 Birch Point Road Oliver & Negin Ewald

By Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous

APPOINTMENTS

7:00PM-Library Presentation-Statistics/Usage

Mary Danko, Abbott Library Director and Terri White, Library Trustees Chairman came before the Board to share some of the things that have been going on at the new library. The children's and adult programs have been expanded, due to the activity room and the library partnering with organizations, such as the Council on Aging and Sunapee Gardeners. To date in 2015, the volunteers have logged in 628 hours, monthly visits have increased by 78% and new library card registrations are up 117%.

Mary Danko went on to say the library is very fortunate to have supportive organizations in the Friends of the Abbott Library and the Abbott Library Foundation. For the future, the library will be exploring more partnerships, expanding volunteer opportunities and starting their strategic plan.

7:15PM Richard Riley-New London Ambulance

Richard Riley, Dr. Powell and Don Griffin came to present the 2016 plans to the Board regarding the New London Ambulance. Donna Nashawaty reviewed the discussion the Board has had on the issues that face Sunapee relative to being half served by Newport Ambulance and half served by New London Ambulance. During that discussion, one issue was whether or not Newport Ambulance would back-up ambulance service out of New London Hospital. The Town received a letter from the Town of Newport stating that effective June 30th Newport Ambulance would no longer back-up New London Ambulance, with the exception of Sunapee. In addition, the Town received a letter from New London Hospital regarding the need to “overhaul” and add enhancement to the New London Ambulance system in order to provide staffing to produce the back-ups that they needed to do to provide service to all the participating towns. Donna Nashawaty had numerous conversations with Mr. Riley. Some of the Town’s options were; talking to Newport Ambulance about possibly providing 100% coverage to Sunapee, and the possibility of New London Ambulance covering the whole Town of Sunapee. They say they covered in 2014, 100 calls in NLA side of Sunapee vs Newport’s side 50-60 calls. They have paramedic level care all the time. They have reduced the backup times for ambulance coverage recently...NLA covered mutual aid 10 times to Newport covering mutual aid 9 times. Didn’t say the time period. Currently Sunapee pays NLA for 2015, \$37,449.20 which covers us thru December 2015. Letter from NLA adds \$22,900 to Sunapee for 2016, making our total to them \$60,350. This is to keep the service that they now cover. They have proposed to pick up all of Sunapee for \$70,000 (Newport’s side of Sunapee). Sunapee pays Newport for 2015 \$16,000. Richard Riley gave the details of what the hospital has for staff, the number of ambulances that are available and the hours that the ambulance was staffed now and what the future plans for increasing staffing hours and purchasing an additional ambulance. Chairman Trow thanked the group from coming to the meeting.

7:45PM Highway Equipment Capital Reserve

Scott Hazelton, Highway Director reviewed the “draft” 2016 Capital Reserve plan for the vehicle and equipment list and service life schedule for the Highway Department and Transfer Station based on the results of the 2015 vote with the Board. This is similar to the plan Scott Hazelton presented to the Board last year, comments were added based on 2015 warrant articles not passing.

8:00PM Harbor House Livery-Expenditure from Capital Reserve

Michael Durfor stated that the Board received two (2) proposals to restore and repair the Harbor House Livery building in their meeting packets. The first proposal is from D’Avanzato Clock Repair to repair the tower clock mechanism for a cost of \$4,000 and to restore the tower clock faces for \$8,100. The second proposal is from Target New England for the restoration of the cupola on top of the building,

which includes the 85 ft. lift, for a proposed cost of \$11,700. The total cost would be \$23,800. Chairman Trow read into the record a couple of emails against spending the money for the repairs. Chairman Trow asked what if the current balance of the capital reserve fund. Donna Nashawaty replied \$26,000. Chairman Trow gets that the lift will already be there, but what if rather than do the entire project, they just do the structural repair to the cupola.

Michael Durfor replied that talking with both of the contractors, the reason for the lift is partially to do the cupola, but you need the lift to fix the clock portion as well. Selectman Gottling asked what was voted on for the use of the capital reserve fund.

Michael Durfor replied for the restoration and repair of the Harbor House Livery, which is the only way the money can be spent. Selectman Augustine stated unless it's put it to the voters that the purpose has changed in the future. Donna Nashawaty stated that the fund would have to be discontinued, you cannot change the purpose of a capital reserve fund. Selectman Augustine said if the money is not spent he thought there were some accounts last March that the voters were asked to discontinue and the money was put somewhere. Donna Nashawaty replied that the only option is in the general fund.

Selectman Augustine stated that the point was we don't have to spend the money just because it's in the account. Chairman Trow said that this is a project that has been in the works for some time. After some discussion, the Board decided to do separate motions.

Motion to accept the proposal to do the structural repair on the cupola not to exceed \$11,700 by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. 3 in Favor 1 opposed

Motion to accept the proposal for the repair of the town clock up to the amount of \$12,100 conditional on the industry standard warranty on restored historical clocks by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Gallup. 2 in Favor 2 Opposed Failed
Selectman Gottling suggested that the Board hold a public hearing for comments on spending the money for the repair of the Harbor House Livery clock. The hearing will be held on July 27th at 7:00PM.

The Harbor House Livery Committee received a proposal from Goodrich Oil Company on a hang unit heater to take the chill off of the room during events at the Livery. **Motion to expend \$2,000 to install the heater by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Gallup 3 in Favor 1 Opposed**

SELECTMEN ACTION

- Motion to approve the Use of Facilities form from Lake Sunapee Yacht Club to use Dewey Beach on July 3rd to load the fireworks barge by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Augustine. Unanimous
- Motion to approve the Use of Facilities form from Sunapee Methodist Church to use the Gazebo every Sunday in July, August and September for services by Selectman Gottling, seconded by Selectman Gallup. Unanimous
- Motion to approve the Use of Facilities form from Project Sunapee to use the Ben/Mere Bandstand on July 18th for the Beyond the Garden Gate event by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous
- Motion to approve the Use of Facilities form, on the premise there is no alcohol, for the Wayland/Miller Wedding at the gazebo on October 10th by Selectman Gallup, seconded by Selectman Gottling. Unanimous. Selectman Augustine commented that these people were not Sunapee residents and asked if there had been any progress report on charging

non-residents to use town facilities. Donna Nashawaty replied that she was researching and has not come up with a conclusion.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- Selectman Gottling stated that it was a very comfortable county convention here and thanked the Town for lending them the downstairs meeting room, which worked great.
- Selectman Gallup just wanted to say that there was a very nice service yesterday for Rodney Chandler at the Safety Services Building and thought it would be appropriate to send a sympathy card from the Board, as well as thanking for his years of service. In 2009, the Town dedicated July 27th as “Rodney Chandler Day and Donna Nashawaty said that at the service Rodney’s son stated that Rodney was a big blood donor, which ironically is the day Sunapee Fire Department is holding a blood drive. Selectman Gottling feels an announcement should be made at the July 27th Board of Selectmen Meeting.
- Selectman Augustine stated the Riverway was invited to the July 13th Better Future Alliance quarterly update, but we have not gotten a response whether they plan to attend. Donna Nashawaty replied she did not ask them for one, but told them in the letter that the BOS would like them to attend the update to share their suggestions on the project. Selectman Augustine stated at the last update the representative from BFA sat at the front table and took the discussion, and no one from the Harbor House Livery Committee sat in the back row and didn’t participate at all. Selectman Augustine feels it is important to have all the players upfront, so that we understand who’s doing what, when and where.

TOWN MANAGER REPORTS

- The Bids for the Lower Main Street Bridge project were opened on Thursday, June 28th. The Town received three (3) bid proposals and Michael Hansen Construction was the lowest bidder at \$399,540. The project will be done this fall.
- The Lake Sunapee Protective Association Watershed Meeting was held on Thursday, June 28th and the town was represented by a number of town boards and committees.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17PM
Submitted by,
Barbara Vaughn
Administrative Assistant

Approved: _____

Joshua Trow, Chairman

Suzanne H. Gottling, Vice Chairman

John Augustine

Frederick Gallup

Emma Smith

