

SELECT BOARD MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018

The meeting for Monday, October 1, 2018 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectperson Ayer, Selectperson Hardekopf, Selectperson Hatch, Selectperson Knapp, Chairperson Bailey, Administrator Scruton, Intern Conner MacIver and Clerk McNeil.

Chairperson Bailey welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

James Farnam – Mendum’s Landing Road – will reschedule if necessary.

Chairperson Bailey introduced Ted Gatsas who is running for Executive Council. Selectperson Hardekopf asked him the role of the Executive Council. As an example, the Executive Council is an oversight to the Governor’s appropriations, his appointments, contracts over a certain amount of money, the ten year highway plan, appointment of notary’s, and justice of the peace. John Wallace asked about the 10 year highway fund and any big projects. Mr. Gatsas explained the projects. Selectperson Ayer asked about expansion of Route 101. That project is lower down on the list.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cilia Bannenberg representing the Barrington Waterways Protection Committee noted a letter that she wrote to the Select Board and Planning Board regarding the Hard Rock Development project and the continuance for the third time without the public being allowed to voice concerns. Ms. Bannenberg’s main concern was with Hard Rock’s Development’s proximity to the Samuel A. Tamposi Water Supply Reserve.

James Conley also representing the Barrington Waterways Protection Committee spoke about a study entitled “Protecting Freshwater Ecosystems in the Face of Global Climate Change”. He feels the town needs to take responsibility for the wetlands. Mr. Conley supplied the Clerk with packets for the Board.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – September 10, 2018 – Selectperson Hardekopf moved to accept the minutes of September 10, 2018, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. Chairperson Bailey abstained as he was not present at that meeting. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORTS –

Chairperson Bailey noted that he had asked several of the department heads to give a brief update of their department once a month. Selectperson Knapp would like to

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have had some input on the request and it should have been a Board decision. Selectperson Ayer stated the one Selectperson doesn't make decisions it should be a decision of the full Board. Selectperson Hatch also supports a full Board decision.

Administrator Scruton

1. Administrator Scruton noted that a traffic count was done on the Class VI section of Swain Road and the town forest. Three point eight percent (3.8) of the traffic goes to the town forest the other (96.2) to homes on that road.
2. The Post Graduate Intern position is being adjusted to a Deputy Town Administrator position. Suggested changes by the Board will be discussed at the next meeting.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on payroll manifest dated 9/23/2018 and vendor manifest dated 9/27/2018.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Bailey noted that the Department Head update was for openness on how business is conducted in town. He talked with several department heads and they agreed to a 3 to 5 minute presentation. Selectperson Hardekopf suggested including the Town Administrator's report with the agenda. Selectperson Ayer felt that it is the Town Administrator's job to keep the Board informed. He gave an example of when Channel 9 is in town he would like to know what is going on. Selectperson Knapp supports the updates by Department Heads but he felt blindsided by the request. Selectperson Hatch suggested a paragraph ahead of time in case there are questions that need to be asked. Selectperson Ayer stated that he has attended department head meetings in the past. The request for updates would be Fire, Police, Rec, Highway and Library if the Trustees approve.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed addition of town owned land to Haley, Rubinstein, Panish Project – John Wallace asked the Board to include the 4.1 acre town owned parcel which abuts this project. The Town Lands Committee supports this inclusion. The Panish easement will be held by the town. Rubenstein will donate the property for conservation purposes. The Haley and Rubinstein properties would be owned by the town and SELT would hold the conservation easement. Selectperson Hardekopf wanted to check with the two abutters to see if they would be interested in bidding on the property as we have done in the past. The issue will be on the agenda for Oct. 9th

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Chairperson Bailey is considering reinstating the Water Committee. Doug Hatch, Jr. would like to be involved. Selectperson Hardekopf would like to know their tasks for accomplishment before approving the committee. A mission statement will be proposed for the next meeting.

Administrator Scruton asked the Board if they should discuss the Hard Rock hydrological study in public or non-public session. Administrator Scruton suggested in public session. Selectperson Hardekopf would like to see it as an agenda item at the next meeting.

SELECTPERSON'S REPORT

Selectperson Ayer attended the recent Planning Board Meeting.

Selectperson Hardekopf missed the last Recreation Commission meeting but noted that Trunk or Treat and Kid Kaos will be held on October 20th. The Recreation Department has an opening for a part-time administrative assistant.

Selectperson Hatch attended the recent ZBA meeting where an extension for a variance was granted.

Selectperson Knapp missed the last Planning Board meeting. Marcia Gasses provided an update. Selectperson Knapp will be attending the Technology Committee meeting on October 4th at 5:00 p.m. at the town office.

Chairperson Bailey had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Walker noted that the Fire Department open house is October 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Chief Walker reminded everyone that if Channel 9 or the press is in town there is “chain of command”. If necessary, Administrator Scruton will be notified and he will notify the Board. Chief Walker will not notify every Selectperson.

Peter Cook reported that the Sixth Annual Highway Department open house was held on September 22nd. Mr. Cook thanked the local businesses for their support along with town employees. Wildlife Encounters Ecology Center and Farm School was a great addition this year. Over 400 people attended the open house. On behalf of the Board, Chairperson Bailey thanked everyone who worked on the open house. Selectman Knapp thanked Peter Cook and the crew and stated his son had a great time on the sand pile!

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Marcia Gasses stated that the Planning, Land Use and Building Office should be included in the Department Head updates. The Planning Board is also looking for membership on the Facilities/Utilities Committee for the Master Plan update.

John Wallace stated that the next Trail Committee/Conservation Commission monthly weekend walk is scheduled for October 13th on the Village Place Trails.

Library Director, Melissa Huetten, said the Trustees and Foundation will be hosting an information session on October 20th from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and November 8th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the middle school for the proposed new library. It is the chance to come with questions, comments and concerns.

The drawdown for Swain's Lake will start next Tuesday.

Selectperson Ayer moved to go into nonpublic session at 7:32 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 II for personnel and land, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectperson Hardekopf moved, Selectperson Knapp seconded to exit nonpublic session at 8:22 p.m. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Hardekopf – aye, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye. The motion passes.

Selectperson Ayer moved, Selectperson Hardekopf seconded to seal the minutes for six months as their disclosure could render a proposed action ineffective. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Hardekopf – aye, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye. The motion passes.

In public session Administrator Scruton explained the Board had requested more information on Hard Rock.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.