

Select Board Minutes

Monday, March 11, 2019

The Select Board meeting for Monday, March 11, 2019 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectperson Ayer, Selectperson Hardekopf, Selectperson Hatch, Selectperson Knapp, Chairperson Bailey, Deputy Town Administrator Conner MacIver and Clerk McNeil. Administrator Scruton was absent.

Chairperson Bailey welcomed everyone, led in the Pledge of Allegiance and noted his rules of order.

Chairperson Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. for the issuance of a building permit for Oliver Bennett, Map 118 Lot 0080, 476 Mica Point Road – a private road. Mr. Bennett will be demolishing the house on the property and replacing it with a modular. Clerk McNeil noted that the road was inspected by Peter Cook however it was snow covered – he will conduct the road inspection in the spring. Mr. Bennett will be responsible to fix any damage to the road that occurs during construction. The Planning Board recommended that any damage to the road from the construction be fixed prior to issuance of a building permit. Selectperson Hatch moved to issue the building permit with Mr. Cook's recommendations, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. The motion passes.

Chairperson Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. on the sale of town owned land on Redemption Road. Selectperson Knapp recused himself. Chairperson Bailey noted that Turbocam is planning to build a 32,000 square foot building to be used for a training center, tool room and research and development center. The Planning Board and Conservation Commission recommend the sale of these lots. Selectperson Ayer supports commercial growth in town. He feels there is too much wetland on one of the lots and feels that Turbocam should also buy the third lot on that road. There was no public comment. There will be another public hearing on March 25th. The hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

Chief Williams introduced his newest police officer, Officer Tyler Currier and administered the Oath of Office. Officer Currier has two years of experience, he is married, grew up in New Hampshire, was in the Navy, and has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Selectperson Hatch complimented the highway crew on the work they have done with the small storms that take a lot of time and effort.

Selectperson Hardekopf invited anyone with questions on the Warrant to ask them. Donald Buker asked about the costs for additional staffing and operating costs for the proposed library. DTA MacIver noted those requests would be in the 2020 budget. He also asked about the proposed town office and what would happen with the unreserved fund balance if the town office doesn't pass – the money would remain in fund balance. He also questioned the size of the town hall and how long will it meet the needs of the town – 50 years. The proposed lot is large enough for building expansion. Selectperson Knapp noted that the Planning Board has been reviewing this plan and there are no "side deal"s on the donation of this land.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – February 11, 2019 and February 25, 2019 – Selectperson Knapp moved to accept the minutes of February 11, 2019, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. The motion passes. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to accept the minutes of February 25, 2019, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. The motion passes.

STAFF REPORT

Deputy Town Administrator MacIver

1. DTA MacIver welcomed Officer Currier
2. DTA MacIver noted the proposed meeting schedule for 2019. Chairperson Bailey feels the budget process should start earlier. Selectperson Knapp feels the Board should be all set with the budget schedule. Selectperson Hatch moved to accept the meeting schedule for 2019, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. The motion passes.
3. The Town Election is tomorrow, March 12th. The Board does not need to be present for the Town Election, but they are welcome to volunteer.
4. The following are house keeping issues with the Haley/Rubinstein/Panish Project (Goodwill Amendment): Chairperson Bailey moved to have the Town take ownership of the Haley Parcels (Tax Map 240 Lot 0007 and 249 Lot 0018) and place the properties into a conservation easement to be held by SELT as part of the Goodwill Conservation Area, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. The motion passes. Chairperson Bailey moved to have the Town take ownership of the Rubinstein Parcel (Tax Map 240 Lot 0006) and place it into a conservation easement to be held by SELT as part of the Goodwill Conservation Area, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. The motion passes. Selectperson Hatch moved to place a town-owned parcel (Tax Map 240 Lot 0005) into a conservation easement to be held by SELT as part of the Goodwill Conservation Area – there was a roll call vote, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey – nay. The motion passes. Chairperson Bailey moved to have the Town hold a conservation easement on approximately 12 acres of the Panish parcel (Tax Map 249 Lot 0019), excluding 2 acres around the existing house. The owners agree to allow a small parking area to be placed on a portion of the land in easement, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. The motion passes. Chairperson Bailey moved to accept a \$20,000 grant from the state's Moose Plate program, a \$10,000 grant from the City of Portsmouth, a \$10,000 grant from the Fields Pond Foundation, and a \$10,000 grant from the Bafflin Foundation. In addition to the \$190,000 previously accepted, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. The motion passes.
5. The Town Lands Committee has put together an RFP for a contract forester to work with the development of forest management plans on town owned properties. Forest Management Plans are a requirement of the purchase of the conservation lands. Selectperson Ayer moved to advertise for a forester, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. The motion carries.
6. The Board agreed to review the MOU's with Conservation Commission and Recreation Commission.
7. A list of positions that are authorized to contact NHMA regarding legal inquiries was reviewed. Chairperson Bailey moved to add DTA MacIver to the list, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. The motion passes. The issue will be discussed at the March 25th meeting when appointments to the various boards and committees are reviewed.
8. The Barrington Village School has made a request to the Fire Chief and Select Board. They would like to offer a ride in a fire engine on their raffle calendar to raise money for their proposed addition. Our insurance carrier noted that there is no problem. The BVS is a for profit business but the PTO may not be. Mrs. Randi Foxall spoke for the BVS PTO. Chief Walker was asked by Selectperson Hardekopf if this request has come before him before – it has not. Chairman Bailey feels that this request is setting a precedent. They would like to expand their facility to help with over-crowding of before and after school programs. The addition would need a sprinkler system that is very expensive. There was no motion to support this request.

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Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: denial of an elderly exemption as the assets were too high, abatement #4, vendor manifest dated 3/7/2019, payroll manifests dated 2/24/2019 and 3/3/2019 and a letter from a developer requesting the town waive interest on a Land Use Change Tax Bill – this issue will be discussed in non-public session.

OLD BUSINESS

Select Board Election Duties – previously discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Haley/Rubinstein/Panish Project – previously discussed.

RFP for Forester – previously discussed.

Decision Whether to Review MOU's as Done Last Year – previously discussed.

Selectperson Hardekopf would like to explore the current exemption levels – income and assets.

Selectperson Hardekopf would also like a policy on internal billing for work that will be done by the Highway Department for the commissions that exist in town

SELECTPERSON'S REPORT AND CONCERNS

Selectperson Ayer attended a recent Conservation Commission meeting where they discussed upcoming projects. He also attended a Town Lands Committee meeting where they reviewed the Forester RFP. They will be making recommendations to the Board on which town-owned lots to sell.

Selectperson Hardekopf will be attending the Rec. Commission meeting next Monday.

Selectperson Hatch noted that there are no ZBA hearings scheduled. She also asked about the discussion regarding internal billing and would like to be kept in the "loop".

Selectperson Knapp had nothing to report.

Chairperson Bailey had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

Selectperson Knapp moved to go into non-public session at 8:20 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 II under reputation, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey – aye. The motion passes

Selectperson Knapp moved to seal the minutes indefinitely, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. The motion carries.

Selectperson Knapp moved to come out of non-public session at 8:40 p.m., seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey – aye. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.