



BARRINGTON, NH SELECT BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY, June 22nd, 2020

The Select Board meeting for Monday, June 22nd, 2020 began at 6:33 p.m. The meeting was held by remote participation via a Microsoft Teams Meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in accordance with [Emergency Order #12](#), pursuant to [Executive Order 2020-04](#). In attendance were Chairperson Hardekopf, Selectperson Knapp, Selectperson Bailey, Selectperson Saccoccia, Selectperson Ayer, Town Administrator MacIver, and Municipal Office Administrator Caudle.

6:33pm. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hardekopf.

RSA 91-A EMERGENCY PROVISIONS/SELECT BOARD CHAIR EMERGENCY DETERMINATION

6:33pm. Chairperson Hardekopf read the emergency provisions of the State of Emergency and explained how this meeting is accessible as well as how to access future meetings.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

6:36pm. Select Board Attendance was taken via Roll Call: Ayer – Present, Bailey – Present, Knapp – Present, Saccoccia – Present, Hardekopf – Present. Each Select Board member shared their location and stated that at present, they were alone in their respective locations.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

6:36pm. Chairperson Hardekopf asked all to silence their cell phones, mute their microphones, and led the pledge of allegiance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

6:37pm. Happy birthday wishes to Vice-Chair Knapp, and congratulations to Shannon Foulds, a Barrington resident and graduating top 10 senior from the Oyster River High School!

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

APPOINTMENTS WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments are limited to three minutes per person, and a total of 15 minutes.

Petition – Home Gun Ranges; Noise, Environment, and Safety

6:38pm. Representative Matt Towne, David Ayer, and Jack Bingham spoke to the [presented petition](#), specific concerns about home gun ranges and gun use in Barrington.

Counter Petition – Reaffirm Status Quo

6:56pm. Donald Coker spoke on behalf of the [counter-petition](#) and Major Waldron's Sportsmen's Association, including current laws and policies in place.

After discussion, the Select Board agreed by consensus to have the information reviewed by the Town's legal counsel.

Chairperson Hardekopf thanked the petitioners for bringing forward these concerns and allowing the Board to consider them.

There were no additional public comments. *Public comment closed at 6:45pm.*

REVIEW OF MINUTES

7:10pm. Motion to approve the minutes for the June 8th, 2020 Select Board meeting by Selectperson Bailey, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. Roll call vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Knapp -Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Hardekopf - Aye. ***The motion passed.***

STAFF UPDATES**Transfer Station and Recycling Center Independence Day Hours**

7:11pm. The Transfer Station and Recycling Center will be closed on Saturday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. There will be extended hours on Thursday, July 2nd, from 8am-5pm.

Request for Signatures

7:11pm. Municipal Office Administrator Caudle requested the Select Board sign the following:

- AP Register 2020-50
- Three deeds for properties sold by the Town previously which were not recorded

OLD BUSINESS**Six-Wheeled Dump Truck – Ground Speed-Controlled Spreader**

7:12pm. Motion to authorize spending an additional \$2,000 on the Ground Speed-Controlled Spreader for a total cost to \$154,645 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Account by Selectperson Knapp, seconded by Selectperson Saccoccia. Roll call vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Knapp -Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Hardekopf - Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Sale of Town-Owned Land

7:18pm. The Town Lands committee presented [a list of Town-owned properties](#) with recommendations for terms of sale to the Select Board for review.

The Select Board was polled – if a member of the Board plans to bid, should they recuse themselves from voting on these properties? Per Town Administrator MacIver, there are no rules prohibiting Select Board members from voting on approval of these properties for sale.

Motion to authorize the Town Lands Committee to proceed as presented with the contacting of abutters and pursuit of an auction/sealed bid process for the properties discussed by Selectperson Knapp, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. Roll call vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Knapp -Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Hardekopf - Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Town of Barrington Services – COVID-19

7:36 pm. There have been multiple process improvements throughout the Town due to the COVID-19 pandemic as Town employees work to continue providing services to residents. Information regarding specific departments can be found on the [Barrington COVID-19 website](#).

Planning Board Review of Class VI and Private Road Applications

7:38pm. At a previous meeting the Planning Board requested that Department Head comments be submitted prior to review of Class VI and Private Road Agreements. Staff have confirmed the process is feasible.

NEW BUSINESS

Revenue from State Sources

7:39pm. Governor Sununu confirmed funding from State Aid to Municipalities, Highway Block Grant, and State Meals and Rooms Tax will not be reduced. Impact will likely be felt in 2021. There will be other revenue impacts, but State Revenues will not be a concern for the 2020 budget year.

Province Road Improvements

7:41pm. There has been long-term deterioration of the road, and a question as to what materials are under the base of the road. The Board agreed by consensus to have the highway department dig a test pit to establish what materials are beneath the road prior to considering any additional expenditures. If necessary, after the test pit is completed, the Highway Department will request a professional company provide bore samples.

Select Board Meetings – Virtual/In-Person/Hybrid - Discussion

7:52pm. Possibly beginning with meetings in August, the Select Board will be able to meet in person at the ECLC in Barrington and appropriately socially distance. Hybrid (in-person/virtual) meetings are being planned, to allow for both in person and virtual participation. The funds for expenditures for software and equipment are 100% reimbursable through the CAREs ACT Municipal Relief Fund.

Joint Recreation Commission Meeting

8pm. The July 27th Select Board meeting will include a joint meeting with the Recreation Commission, and a discussion regarding any adjustments to the Memorandum of Understanding. Board members are asked to submit any adjustments to the Recreation Commission MOU in advance of the July 13th meeting.

Recreation Programming Update

8:02pm. Due to the strict guidelines and lack of adequate facilities due to COVID-19, the Recreation Department decided to cancel summer programming. The playground on Ramsdell Lane is open for the public to use at their own risk, and the Recreation Department is working on developing a summer soccer program in conjunction with the Barrington Schools.

COVID-19 Travel Policy

8:05pm. Due to risk factors in utilizing public conveyances, employees travelling outside of NH, VT, and ME will be asked to abide by the Town's [COVID-19 Travel Policy](#) (revised per SB vote).

Motion to approve the COVID-19 Travel Policy with addendum that during the 14-day quarantine period or two-day waiting period paid leave will be used by Chairperson Hardekopf, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. Roll call vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Knapp -Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Hardekopf - Aye. ***The motion passed.***

SELECT PERSONS REPORTS

8:15pm.

Selectperson Saccoccia shared the Recreation Commission continues to work on projects and with the fire engineer regarding the fire wall at the Recreation building.

Selectperson Ayer read a memo from the Conservation Commission regarding a property owned by Karen Gould that she would like to conserve and would like some assistance from the Town to do so, possibly including a conservation easement with no public access.

The Select Board agreed by consensus to not support property purchase or easements without public access.

Selectperson Bailey attended the Library Trustees meeting and commended the Library staff for their hard work in preparation for re-opening. The Zoning Board considered three items, with one continued and two approved. He also shared his wish to be considered for the full Zoning Board position which will be vacated by Meri Schmalz in August.

Selectperson Knapp shared that during the Planning Board meeting Barrington Shores Campground's request for a waiver to build with a 50-foot setback was denied. He will attend a Technology Committee meeting tomorrow.

Chairperson Hardekopf had no additional information to report from meetings but expects to preview a recycling flyer at the next Transfer Station and Recycling Center Committee meeting.

The Transfer Station will be closed on July 4th, with additional hours on Thursday, July 2nd (8a-5p).

PUBLIC COMMENT**8:28pm.**

Selectperson Ayer sang Happy Birthday to Selectperson Knapp.

Paul Mausteller spoke via chat, expressing his wish for the Gould property to be conserved. He also asked multiple clarifying questions and offered an idea for a program to use during meetings.

Carol Reilly of 59 River Road spoke to her interest in purchasing a tax-deeded property (126-18) that will be placed for sale this year as well as to offer information regarding 126-29 and development of the lot.

Fire Chief Rick Walker expressed his support only for using Taxpayer funds for taxpayer purposes. He also provided an update on the tanker, which will be sent to Connecticut in July for the cab and chassis rebuild. Delivery is expected by the end of the year.

Donald Coker shared Chief Joy and Conner MacIver have been a great deal of help with the process of the petitions.

Selectperson Ayer commended the Town Lands committee for their work and reiterated they will be in contact with abutters.

There were no additional public comments. Public comment closed at 8:38pm.

NONPUBLIC

8:38pm. *Motion to enter nonpublic for reasons of personnel, reputation, and legal by Chairperson Hardekopf, seconded by Selectperson Bailey. Roll call vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Knapp – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye. **The motion passed.***

8:39pm. The meeting resumed with Chairperson Hardekopf, Selectperson Knapp, Selectperson Bailey, Selectperson Saccoccia, Selectperson Ayer, and Town Administrator MacIver in attendance remotely.

The Select Board discussed personnel and reputation and made a decision after exiting non-public session.

9:20pm. Vice-Chair Knapp was excused.

9:32pm. *Motion to adjourn nonpublic session by Chairperson Hardekopf, seconded by Selectperson Bailey. Roll call vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye. **The motion passed.***

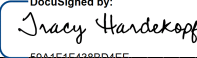
Return to Public Session and Position Expansion

9:33pm. Chairperson Hardekopf, Selectperson Saccoccia, and Selectperson Bailey returned to the Virtual Public Meeting room to reconvene. Selectperson Ayer rejoined after the motion was made.

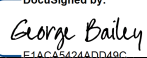
Motion to expand the FTE of the Municipal Office Administrator to a full-time roll effective July 1st, 2020 by Chairperson Hardekopf, seconded by Selectperson Bailey. *Roll call vote: Ayer – present, Bailey – Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Hardekopf - Aye. **The motion passed.***

ADJOURNMENT

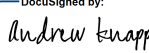
9:03pm. Motion to adjourn by Chairperson Hardekopf, seconded by Selectperson Bailey. *Roll call vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Saccoccia – Aye, Hardekopf - Aye. **The motion passed.***

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Selectperson J. Saccoccia

7/13/2020
Date Minutes Were Approved