

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, March 12, 2018 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Bailey, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien.

Chairman O'Brien welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on the issuance of a building permit for Devin & Caroline Kelly, 12 Mallard Drive – a private road at 6:33 p.m. Clerk McNeil noted that they would like to add a master bedroom and bath above a new garage. Peter Cook noted in a memo that the road was moved over from its original location and he had been present when they were working on the road. The property owner has put gravel on the road but with the warm weather it shows of "mud season". However, it is in good shape for a seasonal road. This is for the Board's approval only as a private road agreement was signed and recorded on October 26, 2017 when the application for the garage was applied for. There was no public comment. Selectmen Bailey moved to approve the building permit, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:34 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Introduction of two new police officers – Evan Carey and Spencer Aube – Chief Williams thanked Chairman O'Brien for his service to the community. He thanked him as both a resident and a department head and wished him the best for the future.

Chief Williams introduced Spencer Aube noting that he has three years' experience as a police officer and has many police training certifications. He has a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice from St. Anslems College. Chief Williams administered the oath of office to Officer Aube. Officer Aube introduced his family.

Chief Williams introduced Evan Carey stating that he has three years' experience as a police officer and also has many certifications and has passed the FTO program. Officer Carey is a graduate of Norwich University. Chief Williams administered the oath of office to Officer Carey.

Vice-Chairman Hatch presented a plaque to Chairman O'Brien in appreciation of his time and service to the Town Barrington. Chairman O'Brien thanked the Select board and stated that it has been hard as a working person with the demands of the Board. He appreciates the department heads and all who work and volunteer for the Town of Barrington.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Selectman Bailey thanked Chairman O'Brien for his time as Chairman and enjoyed working with him. Selectman Bailey will miss the candy that Chairman O'Brien supplied at Selectmen's meetings.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – February 26, 2018 – Chairman O'Brien moved to accept the minutes of February 26, 2018, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Selectman Bailey moved to adopt the Memorandum of Agreement with the Conservation Commission, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. Chairman O'Brien moved to change the name of the proposed Forest Committee to the Town Lands Committee and the charge of the committee will come under the Board of Selectmen, seconded by Selectman Ayer. This is an advisory committee. The charge of the committee is to review all of the town owned lots that are large enough to be considered for forest management and then advise the Board of Selectmen on management of those parcels that are not under the management of the Conservation Commission and the Conservation Commission for those that are under the management of the Conservation Commission on the best way to manage them. Selectman Ayer will be the liaison with the committee as he is a member of the Conservation Commission and a Selectman.
3. The discussion of the lease of 333 Calef Highway will be discussed in non-public session.
4. NHDOT is selling a small piece of land locked land near Route 125 and asked if the town would be interested in buying this small piece of property. Chairman O'Brien moved to let NHDOT know that the town is not interest in the land, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: three Intent to Excavate Gravel Applications, payroll manifest dated 03/04/2018 and abatement #5 that was discussed in non-public session.

OLD BUSINESS

Conservation Commission MOA – previously discussed
Forest Committee – previously discussed

NEW BUSINESS

Open bids for Highway Department Truck – Chairman O'Brien opened the following three bids: Rochester Ford, 2017 F550 4X4 - \$49,999, H P Fairfield for complete fit-up - \$35,356 with an add-on for a sander at \$6,895, Viking Snowplows for complete fit-up at \$38,700 with an add-on for a sander at \$4,675. Selectman Knapp asked if it would make sense to shop around for a truck as only one bid was received. Peter Cook stated that he contacted a lot of truck dealers and Rochester Ford was the only one who bid. Peter Cook will come back with a recommendation. There was discussion of the highway fleet and the money that was received from the State that must be spent this year.

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Selectman Ayer noted that the Conservation Commission is working with the Town Farm Road parking lot and the Richardson Pond – Goodwill parking lot.

Selectman Bailey spoke of following ongoing concerns: meeting recordings, tax rate comparison and Strafford County Dispatch bill. Administrator Scruton said that from 2011 all Planning Board audio are stored on a hard drive as are videos of the Selectmen's meetings since 2015. The town will be purchasing another hard drive for more storage. The Strafford County Dispatch bill is an annual

expenditure that comes out of the Police budget. Selectman Bailey would like all Board meeting agendas and minutes on the town's website.

Selectman Hatch stated that she was missing the Recreation Commission meeting as it is the same time as the Selectmen's meeting.

Selectman Knapp recently attended the School Board meeting where the following was discussed: forestry plan for logging, Oyster River High School will be adding football and their graduation date is scheduled for June 8th, there are currently 42 children on the wait list for pre-school, child find screening, childcare outreach programs, they purchased a van to be used for the life skills class, summer camps put on by teachers, and policy review. Selectman Knapp also attend a Technology Committee meeting where they discussed software for town emails. There will be a follow-up meeting on April 5th.

Chairman O'Brien attended the recent Planning Board meeting where there was discussion of a stone sculpting business buying property on Route 125. There was also one continuance. Chairman O'Brien said that the Planning Board will be losing two members, Fred Nichols and Rick Spinale. He thanked them for their service and noted that there are openings on the Planning Board. He also said that the town election will be held tomorrow even though a snowstorm is schedule and the Highway Department will be out in full force.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Selectman Hatch thanked Peter Cook, Chief Walker, Chief Williams and their supporting group with clean-up and responses from the previous storm – "it is a thankless job".

Peter Cook thanked Chairman O'Brien for his volunteer time and noted that the Highway Department should be all set for storm. "We will do our best to keep the roads open."

Chief Walker, on behalf of the Fire and Rescue Department, thanked Chairman O'Brien for the thankless job he had done and for supporting his department and best of luck in his future endeavors. Chief Walker noted their response to a fire at the top of Mendums dam and the joint effort with the Town of Nottingham.

Chris Rose, Canaan Back Road, asked if the town had an internet use policy for town employees. Administrator Scruton noted where he could get the information on the website and in the Personnel Plan. Mr. Rose was referring to Facebook interactions and staunch beliefs.

Chairman O'Brien moved to go into non-public session at 7:34 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 II for land and reputation, seconded by Selectman Ayer. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes. Chairman O'Brien stated that there may be a vote when they come out of non-public session.

Selectman Knapp moved to come out of non-public session, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

In Open session:

Selectman Hatch moved, Selectman Ayer seconded to seal the minutes one year as it could adversely affect the reputation of a person(s) not a member of the board (RSA 92-A:3,iii). Casey O'Brien-aye, Dan Ayer-aye, George Bailey-aye, Dawn Hatch-aye, Andy Knapp-aye. Approved 5-0.

Chairman O'Brien announced that in nonpublic the Board had voted to renew the lease on 333 Calef Highway for Town Offices for another year.

Selectman O'Brien moved and Selectman Knapp seconded to enter nonpublic session at 8:55 PM for personnel RSA 91-A: 3ii (a). Casey O'Brien-aye, Dan Ayer-aye, George Bailey-aye, Dawn Hatch-aye, Andy Knapp-aye. Approved 5-0.

The Board reviewed and discussed department head performance over the past year.

Selectman Knapp moved, Selectman O'Brien seconded to exit nonpublic at 8:45 PM. Casey O'Brien-aye, Dan Ayer-aye, George Bailey-aye, Dawn Hatch-aye, Andy Knapp-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Selectman O'Brien moved, Selectman Knapp seconded to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Passed 5-0.