

SELECTBOARD MEETING
MINUTES – APRIL 23, 2018

The meeting for Monday, April 23, 2018 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectperson Ayer, Selectperson Hatch, Selectperson Knapp, Selectperson Hardekopf, Chairperson Bailey and Clerk McNeil. Administrator Scruton was absent.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Recreation Commission – Playground – Tara Barker presented the playground proposal. Four bids were received ranging in price from \$136,000 – \$149,000. The Recreation Commission chose Ultiplay at a price of \$142,431. Ultiplay is from Massachusetts. This proposal includes two separate play areas depending on the age of the child, installation and freight. They will be making several changes to the plan such as additional swings. The Highway Department will be doing the site work and drainage working with the town engineer. The volunteers who were instrumental in establishing the current playground will be honored. The proposed opening date will be around June 1st of this year. The Recreation Commission would like to promote the new playground with the community and would like the Board's support. The Recreation Dept. will be reimbursing any work that the Highway Department will be doing. Selectperson Knapp is concerned about Peter Cook and his crew being pulled from other projects.

Chairperson Bailey congratulated Peter Cook for being chosen Volunteer of the Year Award.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES – April 9, 2018 – Selectperson Knapp moved acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: Intent to Cut Applications, Intent to Excavate Applications, Proclamations for Eagle Scouts Kieran Devlin Taylor and Aidan Scott John Fillion and the Freedom Award for Elijah William Obrey, vendor manifest dated 4/19/2018 and payroll manifest dated 4/14/2018.

OLD BUSINESS

Goals for the Select board – will be discussed at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

The All Boards meeting will be on Monday, April 30th – Two issues on the agenda will be RSA 91A (Right to Know) and Capital Improvement Projects.

Paving Projects for 2018 – Peter Cook presented a proposal of his recommendations for paving work for 2018. Once the roads are chosen, Mr. Cook will measure each road with the work required for the RFP. Selectperson Hardekopf asked if the roads are prioritized even through there is a plan by DuBois and King. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to accept the recommendation of Peter Cook, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The RFP should be approved and ready to be distributed in May. The Board added May 21st for a second meeting in May along with May 14th.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectperson Ayer stated that the Town Lands Committee had their first meeting and another meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25th. He also spoke about “Ambassador Land” to encourage more people to get out and use trails. The Conservation Commission is also looking for more volunteers.

Selectperson Hardekopf attended the recent Recreation Commission meeting. Selectperson Hardekopf stated that the playground company that was chosen has a design to comply with ADA. This playground will allow 160 children to use it at any given time. The fishing derby is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th. The Commission also noted what would be expended out of their Revolving Fund during the year.

Selectperson Hatch had no meetings to attend.

Selectperson Knapp attended the Planning Board meeting where there was a preliminary design review for 22 townhouses. A representative from Strafford Regional Planning Commission discussed the Economic Development Chapter of the Master Plan.

Chairperson Bailey attended the Library Trustees meeting where they announced the following activities: 4/5 – Learn about State Government, 5/10 – Armchair Travel about Iceland, 5/15 – Trustees meeting, 5/19 – Spring Tea Party.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcia Gasses noted that Barbara Irvine has linked, to the agenda, a lot of information about the Economic Development Chapter of the Master Plan for the May 15th meeting.

Selectperson Ayer stated that National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is Saturday, April 28th. The Barrington Police Department will be participating.

Peter Cook noted that starting on Monday through the end of October the Highway Department will be work four 10 hour days Monday – Thursday. Selectperson Knapp stated that one of his concerns was the Highway Department starting so early in the day that they would be in violation of the town's Noise Ordinance. Their hours would be 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Selectperson Hardekopf supports Mr. Cook's request and moved to accept the summer hours, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. Selectperson Knapp noted that there was a lot of discussion last year about how that department would handle holidays during their four day work week. Mr. Cook noted that the weeks when there was a holiday, the crew would work five 8 hour days and take the holiday at eight hours. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – abstained, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp - nay, Bailey – aye. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.