

SELECT BOARD MINUTES
MAY 21, 2018

The Select Board meeting for Monday, May 21, 2018 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectperson Ayer, Selectperson Hardekopf, Selectperson Hatch, Selectperson Knapp, Chairperson Bailey, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Bridget Rounds – Library Trustee Alternate – Bridget Rounds introduced herself noting that she has lived here eight years and she feels that the library is a place to help people come together. Selectperson Hardekopf stated that she appreciates volunteers. None of the Select Board wanted a non-public session to discuss the appointment. Selectperson Hatch moved to appoint Bridget Rounds as a Library Trustee Alternate for one year, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Chairperson Bailey administered the Oath of Office to Bridget Rounds.

Open Sale of Town Property Bids -Selectperson Ayer stepped down from the Board. The following bids were opened by Chairperson Bailey: Map 102 Lot 0074 – Dingman - \$5,555, Frechette – \$1,510 and Peters - \$2,050, Map 102 Lot 0075 – Peters \$12,100 and Frechette - \$1,510, Map 115 Lot 0036 Plot 0001 – Allen - \$11,100 and Frechette - \$1,510, Map 224 Lot 0060 – D. E. Ayer - \$444 and Frechette \$1,510, Map 224 Lots 0056, 0070, 0063, 0064, 0065 – D E. Ayer - \$8,888 and Frechette - \$1,510. Selectperson Knapp moved to accept the high bid submitted for Map 102 Lot 0074, Map 102 Lot 0075 and Map 115 Lot 0036 Plot 0001, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Chairperson Bailey moved to request that Administrator Scruton and the town's attorney put together a purchase and sale agreement for Map 224 Lot 0060 and Maps 224 Lots 56, 70, 63, 64, and 65, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. There was a discussion regarding using a realtor or an auctioneer for the next sale of town property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – April 23, 30, and May 14, 2018 - Selectperson Hatch moved to accept the minutes of April 23rd, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to accept the minutes of April 30th, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectperson Knapp moved to accept the minutes of May 14th as amended, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk McNeil - Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: Two Intent to Cut Applications, Six Gravel Tax Warrants, Vendor Manifest dated 5/16/2018, Payroll Manifest

dated 5/13/2018. Clerk McNeil explained the abutters list for Marsh Road and Swain Road Class VI section. She will supply maps to the Board for their further review.

OLD BUSINESS

Paving Recommendation – Peter Cook supplied a memo with his recommendation of accepting the bid from R & D Paving and the reasons for his decision. Administrator Scruton noted in a memo that he supports the low bid of GMI Asphalt and he noted his references. Selectperson Ayer supports GMI Asphalt. Selectperson Hardekopf noted that we were lucky to get five responses, and she would normally supports the department head's recommendation but supports the low bid of GMI as there is a \$10,000 difference. The other Board members agreed. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to accept the low bid by GMI Asphalt, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Administrator Scruton Performance Appraisal – forms were passed out for the Board to complete. The process for feedback and review was discussed. The discussion will continue on June 4th in non-public session.

Selectperson Ayer noted that the paving line will still have money after acceptance of the bid and the town could add wear coarse to additional roads. Peter Cook and Administrator Scruton will talk further regarding additional roads to add to the list.

Selectperson Knapp noted that a multi-year paving contract might be a good idea with the way that the price of oil is rising. The town may want to see if they can lock in a price sometime in the fall of 2018 for 2019. Selectperson Hardekopf stated that the town would then have experience with GMI to better decide.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Scruton passed out the revised Rules Procedures for the Select Board.

Selectperson Hardekopf reviewed the minutes from non-public sessions for the hiring of a post-graduate public administration intern – town government. Selectperson Hardekopf would like to move forward with a post-graduate fellowship student from UNH. The student would work with Administrator Scruton and one of the tasks would be the upcoming budget. The issue will be on the agenda for June 25th. Selectperson Hardekopf has drafted a job description for a post graduate fellowship to hare with the Select Board and Administrator Scruton and will accept changes and suggestions. Selectperson Hardekopf suggested taking on two post graduate fellows to work September 2018 to April 2019 with Administrator Scruton.

SELECTPERSON'S REPORT

Selectperson Ayer attended a Conservation Commission meeting. He noted that Pam Failing is working with the State on the dam at the Goodwill Conservation land and has received an extension.

Selectperson Hardekopf stated that she is missing the Rec. Commission meeting and reminded everyone that the recreation focus groups will be meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Selectperson Hatch attended the recent ZBA meeting where they granted a small setback variance.

Selectperson Knapp reported that at the next Planning Board meeting they will review a subdivision, a site plan and a townhouse continuance from a prior meeting. The Economic Development Chapter of the Master Plan has been approved. Selectperson Knapp brought up that the fact the Planning Board asked the Select Board to approve an Economic Development committee to work with the Planning Board focused around the Master Plan to start a conversation. John Scruton asked if this should be a subcommittee of Planning Board (as under Visioning) or under the Select Board. He suggested a conversation between the Boards as regarding its reporting structure. Selectman Knapp recommended that since the Select Board is supposed to be guiding the direction of the town he would make a motion that it comes back to the Select Board but with the requirement that Marcia Gasses and maybe somebody from the Planning Board are very active in helping guide it to align with all the rules and requirements of the town. Selectperson Ayer noted the town is rich in people and talent. Selectperson Hardekopf asked the Town Administrator for guidance on how other towns have structured these. Town Administrator Scruton noted he has seen both kinds of structure, but in general they are not successful. The driving factor in economic development is the private sector and most towns have worked to be friendly to allow business. It is hard to drag business in. Some towns put up significant money, e.g. Rochester spent several million dollars in infrastructure to get Safran Areospace, purchasing land and building a bridge over the railroad, but they did it with the knowledge that they had a particular business lined up. The state of New Hampshire made an important financial commitment to training. Rochester had been approached by a local business that wanted to do a joint expansion with Safran. A Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) was established. Town Administrator Scruton observed that in general, unless private sector is involved or a city has economic development staff, the committee has limited impact, noting that Rochester has a full time & a part time Economic Developer and a full-time secretary for them. He noted that since Barrington has a Land's Committee, perhaps this could be part of their charge. Town Administrator Scruton is not opposed to a committee, but felt that it is often just a 'feel-good' endeavor. Suzanne mentioned we have had 2 or 3 committees over the years. Selectperson Hardekopf mentioned the Chamber of Commerce makes information available, although it was noted this is a 'greater' Barrington chamber and not just focused on Barrington. Selectperson Knapp mentioned Steve Diamond has attended multiple meetings and they looked at some of the different models. Bristol focused on improving downtown area. Another community worked at bike trail around Newfound Lake and opening up property. There are different approaches. Having someone engaged is nice if you can get it. Chairperson Bailey emphasized sticking to economic development so suggested the Planning Board set up and monitor. Selectperson Hardekopf asked if the Planning Board could survey all communities that do not have the water and sewer infrastructure and come back and report

mission statements of some of those more rural communities. It was noted that Mr. Diamond has some of this information. Town Administrator Scruton mentioned federal money for job training for low to moderate income as starter funds. Selectperson Knapp mentioned the training Turbocam is doing now without using any federal money and that it is growing very fast. Chairperson Bailey suggested Town Administrator Scruton should take everyone's suggestion and send those on to the Planning Board, especially Selectperson Hardekopf's suggestion. He wants the Planning Board to get back to the Select Board. Chairperson Bailey asked Selectperson Knapp for a copy of the report he was referencing.

Selectperson Bailey noted that the Governor has requested that flags fly at half-mast in honor of those killed in Sante Fe until sunset on May 22nd.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.