

SELECT BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2018

The Select Board meeting for Monday, January 9, 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, asked the audience to turn off their cell phones except for emergency personnel, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

Noah Bilodeau from Barrington Boy Scout Troop 358 was present at the meeting as part of working towards his Citizenship in the Community Badge.

Recreation Proclamation Designating July as Park and Recreation Month – Chairperson Bailey read the Proclamation.

SELT – Marsh Road – John Wallace/Phil Auger – Chairperson Bailey noted that the Town of Barrington had been awarded The Conservation Partner Award by Southeast Land Trust for the Barr and Stonehouse Forest properties.

Phil Auger, from SELT, noted that the Recreation Plan is currently being written for Stonehouse Forest. Two parking areas are being planned on the property – one north of Hearthside Drive and one on Merry Hill Road. Both are currently gated. These will be for 6 to 12 cars. SELT is looking at partnering with the Town on a .25 acre piece that is currently owned by the town. This would hold approximately 12 cars. The town would keep ownership of the lot and SELT would do the work to build the parking lot. The parcel is at the intersection of Route 202 & 9 and Marsh Road. Improvements have been made for access to the Stonehouse Pond property and the addition of a kiosk. Selectperson Hardekopf asked about additional parking at Stonehouse Pond. They added 12 to 18 parking spaces. There will be limited parking in the winter at the Stonehouse Pond property entrance. Selectperson Hardekopf asked if there is any estimate of growth in usage. Their properties are closed from dusk to dawn. Chairperson Bailey asked the Board what they would like to do with the .25 acre lot they are proposing putting a parking lot. The Board felt that they did not want to allow use of the property.

Mr. Auger and SELT would like the Board to consider changing Marsh Road from a Class VI road to a Class A trail. This is the section where there are no homes. Currently this portion of the road is a wide woods path. Any future upgrade of this road would have considerable permanent negative impacts on wildlife and completely change the experience of visiting this large piece of property. Selectperson Hatch does not support changing the road to a Class A trail, Selectperson Knapp agreed. Chief Walker noted that at some point he will be including in his budget a vehicle that can access a lot of this conserved property. The Board did not support changing of the classification of that section of Marsh Road. Conservation Commission member, John Wallace felt the Board's decisions were appalling as the Town just received an award for partnering with SELT!

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ted Loder lives on the other end of Marsh Road. He is also disappointed with the Board's decision. He has used the trail many times and enjoys the area.

Stan Boduch noted that one of the candidates for Congress, Naomi Andrews, will be at the library on Wednesday, July 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Chief Walker stated that he signed the purchase and sale for the ambulance last week. There will be a savings in the lettering on the vehicle. The vehicle will be available in August. He also has the UNH Dispatch Contract that needs to be signed. It is the same price as last year.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – June 25, 2018 – Selectperson Hardekopf accepted the minutes of July 25, 2018, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. Selectperson Knapp abstained from the vote as he was not present at the meeting. The motion passes.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Selectperson Hatch moved to recommend the DES appoint Anne Melvin to the Isinglass River Local Advisory Committee, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. Selectperson Knapp moved to renew the dispatch contract with UNH for 7/1/18 – 6/30/2019 at a cost of \$12,374, seconded by Chairperson Bailey. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. Chairperson Bailey moved to waive the \$50 building permit fee for a church group to build a handicapped ramp for a person in need, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on abatements #19 and #20, one land use change tax warrant and payroll manifests dated 6/24 and 7/1.
2. Clerk McNeil stated that there were 34 applications for abatements that were submitted for 2017. Twenty-two of them were from Pepperidge Woods and 12 were general applications. All of them have been processed.

OLD BUSINESS

Swain Road – Administrator Scruton noted that there are four options to consider for the maintenance of the Class VI section of this road. James Atkins who lives on Swain Road and abuts the town forest asked how this request came about. One of the residents on the road had made this request as the town forest is on that road and is accessed by the public and he felt that the town should be putting some money into the upkeep of the road. The road agent and the town's engineer viewed the road. To upgrade to town standards the cost would be \$400,000 - \$600,000. Mr. Atkins was concerned about the emergency side of the issue and any injuries in the town forest. Selectperson Ayer moved to put the issue on the warrant in March, there was no second. Administrator Scruton suggested that Fire, Police and Highway view the road regarding an emergency lane provision for the Class VI section. Selectperson Knapp disagrees as this is setting a precedent. Administrator Scruton said the "emergency lane" should only go to the town forest not the end of the road. The "emergency lane" standard is not a total upgrade of the road but just enough to get emergency service vehicles in. Chief Walker will look at the whole road and not just to the town forest. He also noted that they have always made every effort to get to the injured person. Selectperson Hardekopf noted that it would be setting a precedent as the town has a lot of Class VI roads. Selectperson Ayer stated that the town voted for the town forest let the voters decide on the

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maintenance of the road. John Huckins noted that the Master Plan stated that Swain Road and other Class VI roads should be considered as through roads at some point. They connect too many roads in town. Peter Cook noted that if roads similar to Swain Road were through roads, the whole town would be connected without going on the major roads.

Castle Rock Road Lot – The successful bidder withdrew his bid at the last meeting. The Board was asked if the bid should go to the next bidder or should the lot be rebid. Selectperson Ayer stepped down from the Board. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to go to the second bidder and ask that they pay what the high bidder paid as the high bidder pulled his bid. There was no second. The Board supported going out to bid again. Selectperson Ayer returned to the table.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Budget Policy on Salaries – The ABC requested that the Board decide before the budget process, beginning in September, if there would be a COLA and step increase for the department heads to include in their proposed budgets. Selectperson Hardekopf noted that 1% COLA and the step increase would provide the total 3% increase. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to support the 1% COLA and step increase, seconded by Chairperson Bailey. Selectperson Ayer abstained from the vote. The motion passes. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to pay a “retention bonus” equivalent to 1.75% of base salary, half of it budgeted in April and the other half budgeted in October, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. Selectman Ayer abstained from the vote. This motion passed

NHMA Policy Recommendations – The NHMA is a collection of most of the town’s in the state. They represent the towns at the Legislature and help protect that town’s interest and gives the municipality a voice. The various town’s review these policies and make their recommendations to the NHMA to be lobbied at the next Legislative Session. The Board reviewed the recommendations and supported the General Administration and Governance section. Chairperson Bailey moved to support the Finance and Revenue section with the exception of #3 and #4, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to support the Infrastructure, Development and Land Use section with the exception of #4, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Administrator Scruton was appointed the voting delegate for Barrington.

SELECTPERSON’S REPORT AND CONCERNS

Selectperson Ayer recently attended a Conservation Commission meeting.

Selectperson Hardekopf stated that there were no recreation commission meetings. There will be a dedication/ribbon cutting at the new playground on Wednesday, July 23rd at 6:00 p.m. She also commented regarding the Board’s interaction noting that all the members have respect for one another.

Selectperson Hatch did not have any meetings to attend.

Selectperson Knapp stated that there is a Planning Board meeting tomorrow night. He also felt that members of the Board should treat each other with the utmost respect.

Chairperson Bailey noted that the library and recreation department will be having entertainment on Friday, July 13th at 11:00 a.m. The town received notice of a proposed cell tower in Dover.

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Chairperson Bailey asked the Board to forward any interview questions for the intern position to Administrator Scruton.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sam Boduch stated that the library/recreation department entertainment is Steve Corning at town gym. He also suggested that an additional microphone be added for the meetings.

Dan Ayer noted that he was the second highest bidder on the Castle Rock Road property and if the lot is rebid is it going to note the engineer's cost of over \$1million to bring the road up to subdivision standards.

Chief Walker wanted to clarify the Swain Road Class VI section issue that it should be reviewed to the end of the road or don't do anything. The "emergency lane" should protect everyone on the road.

James Atkins asked where we are with Swain Road – Selectperson Ayer will bring the issue up at the next meeting.

Tri-Centennial Steering Committee may ask for seed money through a warrant article in March.

Selectperson Hardekopf moved to go into non-public session at 8:31 p.m. per RSA 91-A: II to discuss personnel/reputation/legal/land, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Knapp – aye, Hatch – aye, Bailey – aye. The motion passes.

Board discussed the Hard Rock Development proposal. Marcia Gasses shared the results of the site walk today which occurred with representatives of Fish and Game, Department of Environmental Services, the engineer and a wetland's scientist. There are small areas of wetlands being disturbed. There was discussion of mitigation that would in exchange protect two large areas adjacent to Tamposi.

The Board reviewed the correspondence from Attorney Roman regarding the fact the Planning Board has no authority to consider the Community Bill of Rights. While the Board did not disagree with the letter, for the sake of those who were expressing various opinions and incorrect information on social media, the Board wanted to address the issue more thoroughly in court.

Selectperson Hardekopf moved, Selectperson Ayer seconded to agree to allow the conservation of 2 portions of Map 263-13-1 provided the state issues all the necessary permits for the development of the property as outlined in Hard Rock's plans, the areas to be conserved being shown on sheets WI-1 and WI-3. Passed 5-0

Selectperson Hardekopf moved, Selectperson Ayer seconded to request the Town Attorney determine the validity of the Community Bill of Rights up to and including court action. Passed 5-0.

Selectperson Hardekopf moved, Selectperson Knapp seconded to exit nonpublic. Tracy Hardekopf-aye, Dan Ayer-aye, George Bailey-aye, Dawn Hatch-aye, Andy Knapp-aye. Approved 5-0.

In open session no action was taken to seal the minutes of this first nonpublic.

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Selectperson Knapp moved, Selectperson Hardekopf seconded to enter nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3 ii a, b, & c (Personnel, Hiring & Reputation). Tracy Hardekopf-aye, Dan Ayer-aye, George Bailey-aye, Dawn Hatch-aye, Andy Knapp-aye. Passed 5-0

Selectperson Knapp moved, Selectperson Hardekopf seconded to enter exit nonpublic session at 10 PM. Tracy Hardekopf-aye, Dan Ayer-aye, George Bailey-aye, Dawn Hatch-aye, Andy Knapp-aye. Passed 5-0.

Selectperson Knapp moved, Selectperson Hardekopf seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely as their disclosure could adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a member of this board. Tracy Hardekopf-aye, Dan Ayer-aye, George Bailey-aye, Dawn Hatch-aye, Andy Knapp-aye. Passed 5-0.

Select chair Bailey moved, Selectperson Knapp seconded to adjourn at 10:02 PM.