

SELECTBOARD MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

The Selectboard meeting for Monday, September 10, 2018 started at 5:45 p.m. for a non-public session. Present were Selectperson Ayer, Selectperson Hardekopf, Selectperson Knapp, Vice-Chairperson Hatch, Administrator Scruton and Interim Town Administrator Conner MacIver. Chairperson Bailey was absent. Selectperson Hardekopf moved, Selectperson Knapp seconded to enter non-public session at 5:45 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 ii d (property). Vice-Chairperson Hatch asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye. The motion passes.

Selectperson Aye moved, Selectperson Hardekopf seconded to exit non-public session at 6:35 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Hatch asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye. The motion passes.

Selectperson Hardekopf moved, Selectperson Hatch seconded to seal the minutes until October 9, 2018 as their disclosure could render the proposed action ineffective. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The public portion of the meeting started at 6:35 p.m. Clerk McNeil joined the meeting. Vice-Chairperson Hatch welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairperson Hatch opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m. for the issuance of a building permit on McDaniel Shore Drive – Map 124 Lot 0002 for William and Renada Taylor. Clerk McNeil noted that Peter Cook viewed McDaniel Shore Drive. He found the road to be in very good shape with a good solid base. Mr. Cook recommends that after construction, the road be graded from Merry Hill Road to the property and the Taylor's join the road association to help with future maintenance. The Planning Board knew of no pending projects or conditions that would hinder the issuing of the building permit. Vice-Chairperson Hatch asked if there was any public comment. Steve Diamond, a Planning Board member, stated that the condition of this road does not fit the criteria of the Private/Class VI Road Agreement. He also stated that he has a concern with the well location by the water's edge. Mr. Diamond's also concern was the speed limit on the road listed at 10 mph and a sign stating that you "pass at your own risk". He feels there is a risk of the town being sued if there is an accident. Selectperson Ayer asked if Mr. Diamond was speaking as a Planning Board member or a citizen. Peter Cook stated that he supports building on these camp roads and recognizes that they are narrow. Chief Walker noted that the Fire Department is able to go down McDaniel Shore Drive year round and they do a good job with maintenance. This camp road was put in in the 1960s. Selectperson Knapp stated this is an existing private road where the homeowners own right up to the road. There isn't room to widen the road. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to sign the Private Road Agreement with the conditions stated in Peter Cook's memo, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. Selectperson Ayer abstained from the vote. The motion passes.

The second public hearing for the issuance of a building permit is on Brooks Road, a Class VI town road. Peter Cook viewed the road noting that it has a solid base with pot holes. He recommends that after construction, the road be graded from where the pavement ends to the property line and to join the road association to help with future maintenance of the road. Chief Walker noted that the property owner is bringing in a modular in two sections so there will be a wide driveway. Chief Williams noted that neither road is an issue for the Police Department. They have all-wheel drive

vehicles. Marcia Gasses stated that Class VI roads are town roads with extending widths where private roads do not have the extra width. Selectperson Knapp moved to sign the Class VI Road Agreement with conditions stated in Peter Cook's memo, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Introduction of New Police Officer – Jameson Young – Chief Williams thanked the Board for letting him use this venue to introduce his new officer. Officer Young has worked 2 years for the New Durham Police Department; he grew up in Strafford and lives in Rochester with his wife Brianna. He comes from a long line of family members involved in police work. His Dad, Scott, started his police career in Barrington and has since retired from Police Chief from Strafford. Scott is currently a part-time officer in Barrington. His uncle, Randy, is a sergeant with the Town of Strafford. His brother is an officer in the Town of Lee. Chief Williams thanked the Young family for their support of law enforcement. Officer Young was ceremoniously sworn in by Chief Williams.

Charles Briggs – Appointment to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Briggs stated that he is interested in conservation and would like to help the town. Selectperson Ayer stated that Mr. Briggs will be a good addition to the Conservation Commission. Selectperson Ayer moved to appoint Charles Briggs to the Conservation Commission for two years, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Vice-Chair Hatch read the oath of office for Charles Briggs.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jackie Hookway, a resident of Barrington for 13 years, addressed the Board on the need for public transportation in Barrington. She noted that living in Barrington can be isolating for people with disabilities. Until her daughter got her license at 21, she relied on Wildcat Transport for her transportation to UNH where she worked. They have since cancelled their bus route through Barrington. Mrs. Hookway continues to look at various avenues. Currently COAST Bus is reevaluating their routes. Mr. MacIver commented on his research into this issue. He reached out to COAST and received the following information: Barrington is low density which makes routes inefficient, \$270,000 a year for service along Rt. 125 five days per week running every 70 minutes from 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Hookway will contact Wildcat Transportation and ask them to reconsider for next year. Marcia Gasses noted that SRPC has been discussing transportation. Wildcat Transportation was a grant and it wasn't sustainable. Selectperson Knapp noted that it might be cheaper to hire Uber. The taxi services would not come to Barrington. Uber was \$300 a month for one-way.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – August 20, 2018 – Selectperson Hardekopf moved to accept the minutes of August 20, 2018, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. The Town offered through sealed bid Map 224 Lot 0060. One bid was received for \$300. Selectperson Ayer stepped down from the Board. It was recommended that the town keep

the lot. Dan Ayer stated that with the previous sale of this lot he put in a bid. He was the second highest bidder and when the higher bidder withdrew his bid, Mr. Ayer was not awarded the property. He further stated that this is the second time his bid was turned down. The Board has the right to reject any and all bids. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to not accept the bid of \$300 and return the deposit, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. The motion passes.

2. The Town offered through sealed bid Map 104 Lot 0089. One bid was received for \$3,150. The bidder lives across from this water lot. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to accept the bid of \$3,150, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. Selectperson Ayer abstained from the vote. The motion passes.
3. Under State law, the Selectpersons, as public officials should be in attendance at the Primary on Tuesday, September 11, 2108. The Board will take 3 hour shifts.
4. Highway Equipment/Grant – Liberty Truck addressed the request to repair in full the old 2003 International dump truck. The estimate from Liberty Truck was as much as the cost of a new truck. Selectperson Ayer wanted to wait on a decision as he recently received the figures. For more detail, he was given the option of talking with Liberty Truck. It took Liberty Truck a long time to work on the estimate as it was extremely detailed. Selectperson Hardekopf noted that it makes no sense to repair a truck at this expense. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to go out to bid for a new truck, with plow, wing, dump and sander, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
5. Selectperson Ayer moved to authorize Peter Cook to advertise the sale of the 2003 Chevrolet pick-up with plow and the 2007 Ford medium duty plow truck and sander, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
6. Chairperson Bailey had asked that the community be informed regarding a telephone scam. The Police Department has been notified.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: Two Land Use Change Tax Warrants totaling \$12,000, vendor manifest dated 9/5 and payroll manifest dated 9/2.

OLD BUSINESS

Conner MacIver has been talking with the town's new "IT" company, and they will have someone in Barrington weekly.

Cemetery Software – Rick Walker noted that the company has been slow on getting the information. However, something should be coming this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectperson Hatch praised the roadside mowing done by the Highway Department.

Selectperson Knapp had a request from the Planning Board about all town owned property be posted "closed from dusk to dawn". There will be consideration of adding it to the town ordinances. The Town Lands Committee would like to add a town owned parcel at the end of Ross Road to the proposed Haley, Panish, Rubinstein conservation project.

SELECTPERSON'S REPORT AND CONCERNS

Selectperson Ayer attended the recent Conservation Commission meeting. The City of Rochester would like to raise the dam on Round Pond which will have an impact on downstream properties.

Selectperson Hardekopf missed the recent Recreation Commission meeting as the Board met at same time. She also encouraged people to participate in the Recreation Dept. master plan survey that can be found on their website.

Selectperson Hatch had no meetings to attend.

Selectperson Knapp attended the recent Planning Board meeting where they reviewed two roads for building permit applications, and an application for Christmas Lane. Six/seven parking spots will be created for the Goodwill Property.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcia Gasses noted information on the national clean diesel campaign which includes grants “with strings attached”. She asked the Board to look through the paperwork and review. It could be beneficial to the Highway Department and Fire Department.

Peter Cook announced that the Highway Department annual open house will be on Saturday September 22, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Selectperson Ayer requested a non-public session for personnel/reputation per RSA 91-A:3 II at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Selectperson Knapp. Selectperson Hatch asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye. The motion passes.

A proposed clarification in the minutes was discussed.

Selectperson Ayer moved to come out of non-public session at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Selectperson Knapp. Selectperson Hatch asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.