

SELECT BOARD MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2018

The Select Board meeting for June 4, 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

Senator David Watters – Senator Watters represents Barrington and several other communities. He stated that it was a good legislative session and all worked well across the aisle. Senator Watters spoke about Medicaid Expansion, the opioid crisis, substance abuse, transitional housing for the mentally ill, and fully funding the alcohol fund. All this helps with a healthier workforce. The 10 year highway program effects Barrington – the Governor will be signing the bill shortly. Included in this are bridge projects so this would help Barrington. He has also worked on workforce development with education, promoted full-time kindergarten, protecting our environment, electric vehicle charging stations. Where is the New Hampshire economy going – he noted Dean Kaman's new company and the creation of human tissue. Selectperson Hardekopf noted that she would like to see help for the children of these victims of drug and substance abuse and she has a concern with the cost of affordable housing for the lower end of socio/economic scale and tax breaks to gas stations that have electric vehicle charging stations. Selectperson Knapp asked about the Veteran's Administration and the help for New Hampshire's veterans, impact to child and family services as there is a void in hiring enough employees for this department, career and technical education assistance to enhance math and science education, early intervention for pre-school students. Ron St. Jean noted that Governor Sununu said that New Hampshire "has more money than they know what to do with". Senator Watters feels that the Governor meant that the State is paying off different projects that may lead to building up state funding. Chairperson Bailey spoke about veteran disability and the definition of permanent disability and 100% permanently disabled. He suggested adding to a death certification if a person was a veteran.

Chief Williams Police Station Options – Chief Williams updated the Board with options for additional space at the police station. Chief Williams stated he is trying to keep the police station within the current public safety building. He can solve some of their space issues by rearranging the front of the Police Department, knocking down several walls and adding cameras. This would be a three – five year plan, short term, low money. A new police station off campus is currently off of the table. It

would cost over \$1,000,000 for long term 20 year solution. Administrator Scruton explained that there are three options two of them are around or over \$1,000,000. Selectperson Hardekopf asked about the safety of the officers and dealing with children. Chief Williams stated that the installation of cameras will help in this situation. Selectperson Knapp and Selectman Ayer supported working within the current footprint but also work on a bigger plan in the next few years. Administrator Scruton spoke of design build with the FPE (fire protection engineer). Selectman Ayer moved to go with design build with a FPE also included in the RFP, seconded by Selectman Knapp. Selectman Hatch supports Chief Williams but feels he may be selling himself short. There is money in a trust fund that could be put towards this project. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Open RFP/RFQ - Technology Services – Chairperson Bailey opened seven RFP/RFQs from the following companies: Seacoast Computer, Twin State Technologies, Back Bay Networks, Rockport Technology Group, 2-Way Communications, Lenharth Systems and RMON Networks. The information will be presented to the Technology Committee for their review and recommendation. Selectman Hardekopf reminded the Committee to take into account charges for travel.

Ambulance Repair Discussion – Chief Walker noted that a smoke cloud appeared in the current ambulance. It may be an electronic problem. He requested permission to use his best judgement for repairs and if the price goes beyond what he feels comfortable with that he and Administrator Scruton are authorized to make the decision. Chief Walker still believes that the ambulance is running fine for the most part. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to authorized Chief Walker and Administrator Scruton to spend up to \$10,000 for repair of the ambulance and to also look at possible leasing if necessary, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The cost could come out of the ambulance revolving fund.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Sam Boduch thanked the Board for signing off on the Eversouce application for the placement of flags and he thanked his two brothers and sister for placing the flags on Route 9. He also noted a program at the UNH Law School on how to keep young people in New Hampshire.

Casey O'Brien noted that the boilers at the public safety building have been installed and he thanked the Board for awarding him the bid. Mr. O'Brien also suggested the town should file an insurance claim for the damage to the ambulance if the work is over \$1,000.

Selectperson Knapp asked about the purchase of Office 365. Administrator Scruton wanted further discussion with the Technology Committee.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – May 21, 2018 – Tabled for further review.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton –

1. Administrator Scruton noted a request was received for a noise ordinance waiver for a fireworks display on Saturday July 7th. Notification was sent to the abutters. There was no appeal submitted. The waiver was granted to Sean McGurty of 46 Chrissy Circle for a one-time fireworks display on July 7th between 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. with a rain date of July 14th or 21st. with the same hours. It was requested that the Police Chief direct patrols to look at the area to see if there are motor vehicle violations and Mr. McGurty is to instruct his guests to be courteous.
2. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to support the RFP for line striping, seconded by Chairperson Bailey. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. There had been a complaint that the Highway Department was not using the town seal on the new pick-up truck. They were using the Department's logo which is also on their clothing. Selectperson Hardekopf likes the logo and appreciates the enthusiasm of the logo, but feels the town seal should be on the town vehicles if history to use the seal continues. Selectperson Hardekopf recommended having the town seal on the front of the t-shirts and the town's logo on the back. Peter Cook stated that the pick-up trucks have never had the town seal – just Town of Barrington and he has had compliments on the logo. Chief Walker noted that whatever policy the Board decides on then all departments should abide by the policy. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to replace the pick-up truck department seal with the town seal and going forward allow the logo on the back of the uniforms, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Chairperson Bailey and Selectperson Ayer asked Administrator Scruton to draw up a policy.

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: three deeds from the sealed bid process, one timber tax warrant, abatements #12 - #16, one land use change tax warrant, vendor manifest dated 5/30/2018, payroll manifest dated 5/27/2018 and the warrant for unlicensed dogs.

OLD BUSINESS

Graduate Fellowship Position – The job summary was reviewed and several changes were made. Selectperson Hardekopf would like to hire a two post graduate public administration interns to assist in managing and coordinating the activities of all town department heads and town departments as delegated by the Town Administrator. She hopes that, at the end of the internship, the Board could choose an administrator who could hit the ground running. Administrator Scruton stated the he doesn't want two individuals at the same time – he does not have the time to help two, there is a space problem and it creates work load problems. Administrator Scruton thinks with two neither will benefit that much. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to spend no more than \$43,000 on two interns for nine months and advertise through UNH and ICMA, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS

Tri-Centennial Fund and Committee – Chairperson Bailey would like to put together a committee led by Joel Sherburne and Rick Walker. He would like to see 8 – 10 people on the committee and then a liaison from the Board. Selectperson Knapp moved to support the Chairperson's idea, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. It was unanimously voted

Chairperson Bailey moved to establish a Barrington Tri-Centennial Trust Fund with the Trustees of the Trust Funds and that all donations received; including income earned on those donations will be expended by the Select Board for the purposes of the Tri-Centennial celebration, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

SELECTPERSON'S REPORT AND CONCERNS

Selectperson Ayer stated that the Lands Committee will meet this week and also the Conservation Commission.

Selectman Hardekopf noted that the Recreation Department strategic planning/needs assessment has been completed. The playground will be dismantled and the area be made ready for the new playground. The Recreation Department will address the volunteers who were instrumental in putting up the current playground. Scholarships for the Recreation Department programs are handled on a case by case basis – they can provide numbers of people involved.

Selectperson Hatch will have three hearings at the ZBA meeting on June 20th.

Selectperson Knapp noted that there is a Planning Board meeting tomorrow night.

Selectperson Bailey stated that the Friends of the Barrington Public Library recently held their plant sale. The DAV annual mobile service office will be in the area on June 14th.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Casey O'Brien was concerned that the noise ordinance waiver was given to someone who is not a resident or homeowner. A letter will be sent to a family member to have a letter from the resident/homeowner's name.

Peter Cook stated that there is a group of people who have already started work on Tri-Centennial. He felt it wasn't fair to have a committee of 8 – 10 people when so many people want to be involved. Rick Walker does not disagree with Peter Cook's comments. The trust fund article was supported.

John Huckins spoke as a resident and questioned the internship for the town administrator position and a college student being hired who would move on to another job after being trained. Selectperson Hardekopf stated that most of the applicants will have held prior positions and are between the ages of 25 and 30.

Selectperson Knapp moved to go into non-public session at 9:18 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 II for personnel/reputation, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey – aye. The motion passes.

Selectperson Knapp moved to exit non-public session at 10:23 p.m., seconded by Selectperson Ayer. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey – aye. The motion passes.

Selectperson Knapp moved to seal the minutes for 60 days, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.