

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MAY 14, 2018

The Select Board meeting for Monday, May 14, 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.

Chairperson Bailey opened the public hearing on the reconfiguration of a portion of the Orchard Hill Road right-of-way at 6:33 p.m. Joel Runnals, from Norway Plains Associates, presented the plan. Selectperson Hatch noted that this will be an improvement to the road. Marcia Gasses stated that there have been several court cases regarding this road, it has been an issue with winter/summer maintenance and with access to emergency vehicles. The current right-of-way goes between a house and the barn. James Connick has purchased the house and barn property and will be tearing down the house to help with the width of the road. Peter Cook supports this project.

Chairperson Bailey asked for public comment. Chief Walker noted that he used to plow that road when he worked for the Highway Department and there are portions of the road where it is only one car width wide. Now as Chief Walker, he has concerns that in the past the fire truck wheels were hitting the snow banks. It is dangerous from a public safety standpoint. Selectperson Hatch moved to reconfigure a portion of Orchard Hill Road and to abandon a small section noted at L2 as proposed on the plan dated May, 2018, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:39 p.m.

Chairperson Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m. on the issuance of a building permit for Robert & Natalie Clark on Long Shore Drive, Map 103 Lot 0031. Mr. & Mrs. Clark would like to build a single family dwelling. Peter Cook has viewed the road. It is solid but has several rough spots. At the completion of the project he would like the road graded from Second Crown Pt. Road to the lot and also recommends the Clark's join the road association to help with future maintenance. The Planning Board noted that they support the recommendation of Peter Cook. Selectman Ayer moved to issue the building permit with the conditions noted in Mr. Cook's memo, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Bailey opened the second public hearing on the issuance of a building permit for J. Matthew Hynes on Small Road, Map 107 Lot 0003. Mr. Hynes would like to build a new two story single family dwelling. Peter Cook viewed the road and

noted that the first part of the road is tar and needs to be repaired either with cold or hot patch. The dirt section has a good base but it needs to be graded. The Planning Board noted that they support the recommendation of Peter Cook. Chairperson Bailey asked for public comments – Steve Diamond viewed the road and felt that the road was not wide enough per the Private Road Policy. Janice Erricolo stated that she just built a new house on Small Road. The Association keeps the road up and it was just graded today. Her brother has owned his lot for over 30 years and it would be a shame if her brother couldn't build on this lot. Peter Cook noted that a lot of the lake roads are narrow. The Association does a good job and he doesn't see any issues. Chief Walker noted that Small Road is an old established road. He agrees that it is narrow but feels adding another house will not create an issue. John Huckins clarified the policy. Selectperson Hatch moved to issue the building permit with conditions noted in Mr. Cook's memo, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearings closed at 6:49 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

John Wallace – Winnie the Pooh Trail – there was some vandalism to the trail that has since been cleaned up and Chairperson Bailey reminds everyone to respect the town's property. Mr. Wallace was asked about the status of the dam. Pam Failing is working with the State of New Hampshire on the dam.

Stonehouse Conservation Land – John Wallace had two requests regarding this property that was recently purchased by Southeast Land Trust – one being their request to have Marsh Road be designated as a Class A Trail which will need town meeting vote – Phil Auger from SELT noted that they are moving forward with improvement to the property including parking areas. Marsh Road will be part of the trail network. Marsh Road is Class VI and is not a through road without going through water – a portion of the road is rough. The end of Marsh Road by Young Road is privately maintained with several residences. SELT is also working on parking spots and the town owns a small lot at the intersection of Marsh Road and Route 202/9. SELT would like to acquire this lot for parking. The Board would like to see the lot on the map before making a decision. Selectperson Hardekopf is concerned with trash pick-up and does not want it to be a Town of Barrington problem. Marcia Gasses stated that the parking lot would need site review and permission from the State for access from a State road. The issues will be discussed further at another meeting.

Erin Paradis noted that during National Public Works Week, the Highway Department wanted to do a food drive and chose End 68 Hours of Hunger. Representing this organization was Michele Meister. The program gives children food to carry them through the weekend. Each bag costs about \$10 each week and provides two breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners with some food to share. All that is collected stays in Barrington. They have also set up a Go Fund Me Page with a goal of \$6,800. Barrington residents can “stuff” a Highway Department truck with food on May 22nd from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and May 26th 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Volunteers and welcome to help.

Paving Bids – Five bids were received – Chairperson Bailey opened the following bids: R & D Paving - \$603,975.20, GMI Asphalt - \$593,750.02, Pike Industries - \$652,883.00, Brox Industries - \$603,913.22 and Advance Excavation and Paving - \$628,698.30. Peter Cook will review the bids, check references and timeline and make a recommendation to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Paul Mausteller noted that everyone on the Board should be reviewing these bids.

Elijah Obrey thanked the Board for supporting his project with the Police Department and hopes to do more work with for the town. He also thanked the Board for his Proclamation on receiving his Freedom Award through Trail Life USA Troop NH-0777. Selectperson Ayer thanked him for his involvement in the town.

Sam Boduch representing Stars and Stripes for Barrington asked the Board to sign the annual permission to place the flags on the Eversource poles. Selectperson Knapp moved to approve the application and authorize the Chairperson to sign, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Donations are always welcome for the purchase of new flags. Checks in any amount can be left at the town office and made out to Stars and Stripes for Barrington.

Chief Walker representing the Firemen’s Association requested permission to have the MDA Boot Drive on Smoke Street. This will be held on June 9th. All the money collected through this drive stays in NH. Selectperson Ayer supported Chief Walker’s request, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Chief Walker stated that May 20th – 26th is Emergency Medical Services Week. The Barrington EMS was formally organized in 1978. It had originally been started by Joel Sherburne. Chief Walker gave a brief history of the organization.

Selectperson Hardekopf suggested that Administrator Scruton explain the RFP for paving for the public. Administrator Scruton stated that several years ago DuBois and King presented a road study of the Town of Barrington. This has been used as a guide for roadwork. The RFP included eight pages of specifications. Also added was an optional alternate for budgeting purposes to quote the additional per square yard cost over and above the “reclaim and fine grade” price to reclaim, add 6” of 1.5” stone and mix to a depth of 6 additional increase below the added 6” and fine grade.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – April 23, 30, 2018 – will be reviewed at the next meeting.

STAFF REPORT –

Administrator Scruton

1. Selectperson Ayer moved to accept the lot line adjustments with Liberty Truck to help with road design into the Route 125 Eco-Park project, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. This is a zero-sum property swap. The proposed grading work will also level out additional area on the existing Liberty Truck site.
2. Administrator Scruton has completed a Technology Services RFP with input from the Technology Committee. The Board supported sending out the RFP for technology services.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: two pole permits, one Intent to Cut Timber, abatement #9, First Half Property Tax Warrant, one Land Use Change Tax Warrant, Vendor Manifest dated 5/7/2018, and Payroll Manifest dated 5/6/2018

OLD BUSINESS

Town Lands Committee – Mission Statement – the Committee submitted their Mission Statement. Selectperson Knapp appreciated their minutes and the thorough work of properties that they want to review. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to support the charge of the Town Lands Committee – “to review all of the town owned lots that are large enough to be considered for forest management and then to advise the Select Board on management of those parcels that are not under the management of the Conservation Commission and the Conservation Commission for those that are under the management of the Conservation Commission on the best way to

manage them”, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Amend Select Board Goals – Selectperson Knapp moved to change the name from Eco-Park on Route 125 to Route 125 Hard Rock Industrial Park, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Swain Road Class VI Section – The engineer will have quotes available in June.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition National Public Works Week – May 20th – May 26th – Chairperson Bailey read the Proclamation. Chairperson Bailey noted that it is a pleasure to read the proclamation and asked Mr. Cook to convey the information to his department.

Emergency Medical Services Week – May 20th – May 26th – Chairperson Bailey read the Proclamation and thanked Chief Walker and his staff for the work that they do.

Selectperson Hardekopf asked if she could review the non-public minutes from July, 2017 to the present to gain background in personnel matters including Deputy Town Administrator resumes. Selectperson Ayer moved to accept this request, seconded by Chairperson Bailey. Selectperson Hardekopf abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

Administrator Scruton noted that the Legislature is proposing the following change in interest rates for delinquent property taxes that would take effect in 2019: 12% down to 8% until the lien process and 18% down to 14% after the lien process. It will reduce revenues but not have as serious an impact on cash flow as a previous version.

Senator David Watters will be having hours in Barrington on Wednesday, June 6th from 11:00 a.m. – 12: p.m. The Board noted that the times listed are not hours that are conducive to the working public. Administrator Scruton will respond to Senator Watters.

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Selectperson Ayer recently attended the Town Lands Committee meeting.

Selectperson Hardekopf stated that there was no Recreation Commission meeting.

Selectperson Hatch will be attending a ZBA this week.

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Selectperson Knapp attended the recent Planning Board meeting where two lot line adjustments were approved along with a farmers market at Dante's on Saturday mornings.

Chairperson Bailey had nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Paul Mausteller felt that the Board should change the name of the Route 125 Hard Rock Industrial Park as it limits what could be done with the property as it should not be listed as Industrial. There was discussion of what the property should be called. Marcia Gasses asked the Board to hold off on naming the property until the Economic Development Chapter of the Master Plan is adopted. Selectperson Ayer moved to revisit goals and drop the name of the project so IV A. under Encourage Economic Development reads “consider infrastructure and park development”, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Chief Walker noted that with the addition of conservation easements for passive recreation there could be a burden on emergency services. He gave an example of fighting a fire deep in the woods. He suggested that the Board look at a funding mechanism to acquire an all-terrain vehicle to be used for fire and medical purposes in areas that there is no road access. Chief Walker further stated that he does not support giving up a town road as in the case of SELT asking for a portion of Marsh Road be classified as a Class A Trail.

The Cemetery Trustees met and looked at the Cem-Sites computer program that would put all of the town's cemetery records on the computer. The Trustees voted to purchase the program and to move forward with inputting data. Selectperson Hardekopf requested having a software implementation plan in place.

Chairperson Bailey apologized for his outburst and asked the Board to review the Rules of Procedures Select Board.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32