

SELECT BOARD MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2018

The Select Board meeting for Monday, November 19, 2018 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectperson Hardekopf, Selectperson Hatch, Selectperson Knapp, Chairperson Bailey, Administrator Scruton, Deputy Town Administrator MacIver, and Clerk McNeil. Selectperson Ayer arrived at 6:40 p.m.

Chairperson Bailey welcomed everyone, gave his rules for the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

Rubinstein Property Public Hearing – Chairperson Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:34 p.m. John Wallace stated that the Rubinstein property is part of the project that will double the size of the Goodwill property. The property owner would like to donate the property before the end of the year. A preliminary hazardous waste assessment has been done. There was no public comment. Selectperson Knapp moved to accept the donation of the Rubinstein Property Map 240 Lot 0006 , seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. The motion carries. The public hearing ended at 6:36 p.m.

Recreation Commission/GreenPlay Consultants –Tara Barker stated that GreenPlay will present their findings from the surveys that went out as part of their needs assessment and strategic plan for the Recreation Department. She introduced Tom Diehl, Project Consultant from GreenPlay. They presented a power point of the project showing the survey's top 10 findings. There were two surveys: "invitation" - mailed to people and "open link" was from public forums and people who participate in the current recreation programs. They looked at Barrington's demographics, residential profile, did an inventory of public access recreation properties. There were several recurring themes: public access to water, community events, increase in childcare opportunity, more programs for adults and better signage on trails and at sites. This is an initial report. The final report will be presented when the total plan is complete. Selectperson Hardekopf noted the consideration of budget constraints and would they develop a timeline with their recommendations. Chairperson Bailey asked for public comment. Leigh Elliot stated that she took the "invitation" survey and would like to see the two surveys put together.

Doug Langdon from Axsess Group was present to discuss with the Board the upcoming contract for the generation portion of the town's energy rates. Currently the town is under contract with a supplier with a lower rate than Eversource into January, 2019. Mr. Langdon presented a snapshot of rates for various lengths of time. The best rate was for a three year contract. He will be exploring various prices that change daily and are usually good for only a few hours. It was suggested to wait until December to enter into the contract. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to authorize Administrator Scruton to sign a three year contract after a recommendation from Mr. Langdon for the best price possible, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. The motion carries.

Town Lands Committee – Brian Lenzi noted that the Town Lands Committee has been looking at town owned lots on Berry River Road and Long Shore Drive and the possible sale of these lots. These lots are small compared to today's standards and would be hard to build on. Mr. Lenzi introduced Melissa Lessard who is on the Long Shores Lot Owners Association (LSLOA) Board. The various maps and lots were reviewed. Most of the lots are only valuable to the abutters and

property owners across the road. Selectperson Ayer suggested that several of the lots might be valuable to the LSLOA for roadwork or a turnout. Melissa Lessard noted her opinion on offering lots to certain abutters. John Huckins stated that even though you think the lots aren't buildable they often obtain waivers. If a lot is bought by an abutter it doesn't necessarily mean it will not be built on. The issue was tabled. Administrator Scruton will seek a realtor to look at the values. The Board may want to look at them before the next discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lindsay Maziarz, Chairman of the Library Trustees, presented a revised Bond Council Engagement Letter for not more than \$4,500,000 and requested the Board's signature. Copies will be made for the Board's review before it is signed.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – November 5, 2018 – Selectperson Knapp moved to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Selectperson Hatch. The motion carries.

STAFF REPORT

1. Chief Walker is requesting the purchase of a cardiac monitor, medical equipment and a stair chair all totaling under \$40,000 from the Ambulance Revolving Fund. The cardiac monitor is the most expensive. Two companies, possibly three make this monitor. Chief Walker asked for a quote from two companies – one has responded. Selectperson Ayer feels the town should go out to bid for the monitor. Selectperson Knapp was concerned that the town is now funding equipment for two ambulances. Chief Walker noted this has been the stated plan as explained in the past. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to take up to \$40,000 out of the Ambulance Revolving Fund for these purchases, seconded by Chairperson Bailey. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – abstained. Chief Walker stated that he will present his quotes at a December meeting. Chairperson Bailey withdrew his “second” to the motion. The issue was withdrawn.
2. Selectperson Hardekopf moved to waive the remainder of an ambulance bill (\$237.73) for hardship for a Barrington resident who can no longer work, seconded by Selectperson Knapp. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – nay, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey – aye. The motion carries.
3. Selectperson Knapp moved to approve the use of \$46,219 from the Bridge/Culvert Capital Reserve for the 80/20 match for the Old Settler's Culvert and to request those funds from the Trustees of the Trust Funds, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. The motion carries.
4. Selectperson Knapp moved to allow the Town of Raymond to use our second ambulance as theirs was recently destroyed by fire, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. The motion carries.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: one Intent to Cut, a Private Road Agreement for Dino and Fern Houliares for additional storage space to their home on Flower Drive, the warrant for the county tax, Agreement between the State DOT and the Town for work to Mallego Bridge, Payroll Manifests dated 11/11/2018 (2).

OLD BUSINESS

The job description for the Finance Officer was reviewed. Selectperson Hardekopf reviewed paperwork for a rewrite of the job description and had several concerns.

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The Town Administrator job description will be “cleaned up” by Administrator Scruton and Selectperson Hardekopf. It will be reviewed by Administrator Scruton and Deputy Town Administrator MacIver and they will report back to the Board.

Chairperson Bailey noted the Transfer Station holiday hours: Closed Tuesday Dec. 25th open Wednesday Dec. 26th from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., closed Tuesday Jan. 1st open Wednesday, Jan 2nd from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The employee/Selectperson Holiday party will be on December 6th from 5:30 p.m. -9:00 p.m. at Rochester Country Club.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

SELECTPERSONS REPORT AND CONCERNS

Selectperson Ayer attended a Conservation Commission meeting and noted that the Goodwill property parking lot will be done in the spring.

Selectperson Hardekopf would be attending the Recreation Commission meeting but she is currently at the Selectperson’s meeting.

Selectperson Hatch will be attending a ZBA meeting on Wednesday.

Selectperson Knapp will be attending a Planning Board meeting on Tuesday.

Chairperson Baily will be attending a Library Trustees meeting on Tuesday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Walker noted that the 300th Anniversary Committee met and hopes to make the celebration a grass roots effort. They may ask the town to assist with bid ticket items. A lot of good ideas were discussed the first being the creation of a logo. The next meeting will be the Thursday after Thanksgiving.

Selectperson Knapp moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II(c) at 9:03 p.m. for personnel/reputation, seconded by Chairperson Bailey. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey – aye. The motion carries. The Board discussed the resignation of an employee to take a new job and another personnel issue. Separately the Board discussed a letter from a local firm. The Board decided no response was necessary.

Selectperson Hardekopf moved, Selectperson Hatch seconded to exit non-public session at 9:30 p.m. Chairperson Bailey asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hardekopf – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, Bailey – aye. The motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.