

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES APRIL 11, 2016

The Selectmen' meeting for Monday, April 11, 2016 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil. Selectman Gaudiello was absent

Chairman O'Brien opened the meeting and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on the issuance of a building permit for 100 Small Road, a private road, at 6:33 p.m. The owner of the property is Deborah James. The building on the property will be demolished and a new one constructed on the existing foundation. Selectman Knapp moved to approve the building permit provided at completion of construction the owner brings in several loads of gravel and grades the road, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:34 p.m.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on the acceptance of a grant for the Fire Department at 6:35 p.m. Chief Walker stated that this is a \$2,000 grant from Safeco Insurance through Emmanuel Insurance to provide funding for free or low cost CPR training. Part of accepting the grant is Emmanuel Insurance doing a "soft sell" of what they have to offer. Selectman Hatch moved to accept and expend a \$2,000 grant from Safeco Insurance through Emmanuel Insurance, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:37.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on the acceptance of a \$3,484 STEP Grant for the Police Department from the NH Office of Highway Safety for Speed Enforcement at 6:38 p.m. The grant includes a 20% match from the town. Chief Williams noted that this will be for traffic enforcement. Selectman Hatch moved to accept and expend the \$3,484 and authorize the chairman of the Board and Administrator Scruton to sign the grant, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

Chief Robert Williams introduced Barrington's first certified female police officer – Amanda Gauthier. Chief Williams swore in Amanda Gauthier. Her husband is also a police officer in another town.

Chief Williams is in the process of reviewing the current noise ordinance and the waiver request. He created a draft to be reviewed by the Board. He worked with the officers for their input and feels the ordinance may have a good starting point for the automatic waivers. A public hearing is set for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Police Department has ordered a new police cruiser. The dealership has offered \$4,000 in trade toward the replacement cruiser. Usually the town sells the cruiser out right and receives around \$2,000. Selectman Ayer noted that in talking to residents they feel the town does not need a new cruiser. Selectman Knapp asked why the purchase of a new cruiser did not go before the Board. The new cruiser is a separate line item in the police budget that has gone through the budget process and was approved at town meeting. Chief Williams will put a list together of his inventory with mileage. The cruiser is purchased through state bid. The Board agreed to trade in the old cruiser

## APPOINTMENTS

Review/Update of Boards/Commission Appointments – After last meeting’s non-public session, the Board went into public session and reappointed several members to the Recreation Commission and the Planning Board. One of the applications for the Planning Board was denied. It was felt that this vote should have been in public when people were present. Even though offered for consideration the resident who was denied a position on the Planning Board withdrew his application.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Grant asked about spending of the budgets once the budget passes. What role do the Selectmen play once the budget passes. He feels that the governing body should see what is spent before it is spent. Mr. Grant also asked the Board to talk with the School Board and request that they release salary information just as the town does.

John Huckins further explained the budget process. He stated that individual lines are looked at through the budget process, at the public hearing and again at Deliberative Session.

Steve Saunders noted that the ABC was asked to weigh in on the budget process to be more accountable and transparent.

Margaret Mausteller again asked about using credit cards at the town office. She felt if the Recreation Department can use credit cards, the town office should be able to.

Peter Royce, Treasurer, spoke about talking with a representative from the bank and the town clerk’s office and the use of credit cards. The town would have to purchase a whole new software package. There is a risk in protecting personal information and giving access to town accounts.

Tara Barker spoke of the use of credit cards at the Rec. Dept. The fees are picked up by the Recreation Dept. They have two servers one for work and an off-site server for personal information for participants in the various programs managed by the vendor. Her system does not talk to the towns.

Michael Hastings, who grew up in Barrington, stated that he is embarrassed to let people know he lives in Barrington given the tenor of discussions. The voters have not done their homework.

Margaret Mausteller stated that she is trying to make this town better. She loves this town but some things need to be taken care of - people closing their eyes and watching their taxes go up.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – March 28, 2016 - Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of March 28, 2016, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

## STAFF REPORT

1. In 2005, the town sold two lots to an abutter with the notation that they are “non-buildable” lots. The lots have since been sold and the current owner wants to merge the lots and build a house. The town’s attorney agrees. The owner’s lawyer claims that the comment is not in the legal format of a covenant which would prevent building even if they are

merged to be big enough to fit a well, septic and house. Selectman Knapp stated that he would like to do more research before the corrective deed is signed.

2. Administrator Scruton noted that he has started to set up appointments for department heads to come in and start talking about their goals. Selectman Knapp asked if the department heads were aware of SMART goals. Selectman Knapp will help any department head work on this. Norma McCulloch asked what a measureable SMART goal would be for the finance department. Tara Barker, Recreation Director, asked the Board if were not happy with her goals. Chief Walker noted that there is not a department here that doesn't want the best to their department. It seems that there are two Selectmen who have different ideas for goals. He suggested that the Board needs to be on the same page and he can't work with five different people looking for five different things. Selectman Hatch stated that the Selectmen also need goals.
3. Selectman Hatch moved to go forward with the timber cut on town property off of Route 202, and to waive the timber tax, there be no cutting within 250' from the Isinglass, and any revenue will be deposited in the general fund, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
4. The town is still looking at options for parking, a turn-a-round, consideration of the resident who lives out there (Kelsall) and the width of Town Farm Road to comply with the Calef Conservation Easement. Peter Cook stated that the road had been layed out and he suggested that the town operate under their own Class VI/Private Road policy for width and condition . There needs to be proper turn-a-round for plow trucks and the fire/ambulance vehicles. The town needs to decide what they want. Pam Failing from the Conservation Commission stated that the Conservation Commission has talked about various options for parking. She further stated that a box culvert needs to be replaced and large heavy equipment will need to get equipment in and out.
5. Selectman Ayer moved the appointment of George Bailey to the ZBA for three years, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Ayer moved to appoint Richard Spinale as a full member to the Planning Board for two years. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: One Intent to Cut Timber, Four Intent to Excavate, One Application for Current Use, Abatement #24, a QuitClaim Deed for property on Long Shore Drive that was recently sold to an abutter, Denial of a Veteran's Exemption, Vendor Manifest dated 3/31 and 4/7, and Payroll Manifest dated 3/27 and 4/3.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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Selectman Hatch met with Marie Harris and Tracy Bisson regarding the new design of the library.

Selectman Ayer attended a recent Planning Board meeting where Fred Nichols was voted Chair and James Jennison was voted Vice-Chair.

Selectman Knapp noted that he was unable to attend the last School Board meeting but will attend the next one. He is currently working on email addresses and links for all town employees.

Chairman O'Brien missed the Recreation Commission meeting because it is the same time as the Selectmen's meeting. He will follow-up with the Recreation Director on Tuesday.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Walker noted that he is looking at Medicare billing rates and will have a recommendation for the next meeting.

Selectman Ayer moved to go into non-public session at 8:33 p.m. per RSA 91 A: 3 II for land swap, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – ay, O'Brien – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Hatch moved to come out of non-public session at 9:20 p.m. and to seal the minutes for a year, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Chairman O'Brien went to tell any public waiting outside of the meeting room that the Board was going to take a vote.

Selectman Hatch moved to authorize Chairman O'Brien to sign the corrective deed changing the status of the lots from "unbuildable" as previously discussed, seconded by Selectman Ayer. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – abstained, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.