

## SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, MAY 2, 2016

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, May 2, 2016 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen Ayer, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil. Selectman Gaudiello was absent.

Chairman O'Brien welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on the issuance of a building permit for Map 110 Lot 0004 on Golf Course Lane, a private road, at 6:34 p.m. There is a camp currently on the lot that is going to be demolished and a 24' x 24' camp built in its place. The Road Agent and Planning Board have both reviewed the file. The Road Agent is recommending that after construction the road be graded from Stagecoach Road to the driveway. Selectmen Ayer moved to sign the Private Road Agreement with conditions, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m. to accept two dispensers and two cases of sunscreen from the Melanoma Foundation of New England to the Recreation Department in the amount of \$800. Selectman Hatch moved to accept the donation, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:36 p.m.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on an amendment to the Noise Ordinance at 6:37 p.m. Administrator Scruton noted that Chief Williams has worked on putting together the amendment noting uses and activities that would receive an automatic waiver from the noise level regulations by this Ordinance. The amendment is "common sense" to the ordinance. This would take effect upon approval of the amendment. Selectman Knapp asked about the music section and fireworks section and "reasonable hours". Chief Williams noted that reasonable hours is vague. Chief Williams stated that the concern is whether the noise continues late at night and early in the morning that is the problem. Music is vague and it may depend on location - if the area is heavily congested or a parcel that has 50 acres of land. Chief Williams also noted that more changes can be made if there are further concerns. Selectman Hatch felt this is a good place to start and if changes are needed there can be further amendments. Selectman O'Brien asked for public comment. Peter Royce asked if there was anything about logging operations. Logging operations have to work within the current noise ordinance. Rick Walker feels a time should be included that is reasonable regarding music. An example is a band that plays at one of the camp grounds. The music has to end at 9:00 p.m. or they need a waiver. Selectman Knapp and Chief Williams will review the amendment further, presenting something at the next meeting. The public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

### APPOINTMENTS

Chief Williams introduced Barrington's newest police officer, Katie O'Brien. Mrs. O'Brien worked with North Hampton and then the Strafford County Sheriff's office. Her husband is also a police officer in Newmarket and they live in Strafford. Chief Williams administered the Oath of Office.

Chairman O'Brien asked Peter Cook and Erin Paradis to come forward and he read the Proclamation for Public Works Week – May 15 – 21, 2016. Peter Cook thanked the Board and stated that he couldn't do the job without the help of his staff.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Stephanie Dimke needs a signature from the Board requesting permission to attach flags to the poles for Memorial Day. Selectman Ayer moved to authorize Selectman Hatch to sign the application, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – April 11, 2016 – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of April 11, 2016, seconded by Selectman Ayer. Selectman Knapp abstained from the vote. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

#### STAFF REPORT

1. Selectman Ayer moved to approve the revision of the Legal Services Agreement with NHMA which changes the names of the office holders authorized to contact NHMA for legal opinions, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. Selectman Knapp moved to dismiss a welfare lien that was placed on a 1972 mobile home that has since been moved out of a mobile home park because it was in poor condition, seconded Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. Selectman Ayer would like to see the speed limit reduced on Route 125 to 35 mph from Commerce Way towards the lights at the Route 125/9 intersection. Selectman Ayers feels there are a lot of accidents at the intersection of Route 125/Mallego/Province Road. Lowering the speed limit would give more breathing room for cars coming onto Route 125. Chief Williams noted that Selectman Ayer brings up good points. Chief William feels a traffic study should be done and he needs to look at the data at his office. Marcia Gasses noted that she talked with Strafford Regional Planning and a letter would need to come from the Board to request a study for intersection design and turning movement. Administrator Scruton will draw up a letter for the Board's review at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. The Harlan Calef Conservation Easement parking area and Town Farm Road have been discussed a previous meeting. One of the discussion centers around the proposed turn-a-round for plow trucks on that Class V road. Selectman Ayer feels that the Board needs to move forward as there is a Grant involved and stipulations in that Grant. The parking area would be created at the beginning of the easement before Mr. Kelsall's property. Selectman Ayer had provided Mr. Kelsall with a driveway permit application. Selectman Ayer moved that as long as a driveway permit was approved, there will be a turn-a-round for use by the town plow trucks and the parking lot would be at the beginning of the easement on Town Farm Road, seconded by Selectman Knapp. Selectman Hatch abstained from the vote. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

#### Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: Four Intent to Cuts, Four Intent to Excavate, Abatement #25, 2015-2016 Excavation Warrant in the amount of \$3,156.33, Four Current Use Applications, Payroll Manifests dated 4/10, 4/17 & 4/24 and Vendor Manifests dated 4/14, 4/21 (2) and 4/27.

Peter Cook noted that there is a logging job going on at Holly Lane. The private road has been maintained by a property owner on Holly Lane. One of the logging trucks broke a culvert. A letter will be sent to the property owner of the logging operation as they are ultimately responsible for the damage. It was suggested that something be attached to the "Intent to Cut" forms regarding damage to roadways. It was also suggested that pictures be taken of the road before the operation starts and after it is finished.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Selectman Knapp would like to see the following on a "rolling action list": welcome wagon packet for new employees, monthly meetings with department heads, Stephen Jeffery complaints, new email address, punch clock. Selectman Knapp will forward a complete list to the Board.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Route 125/Mallego/Province. – Ken Grant felt that sight distance is a problem in that area. You need to pull out onto Route 125 to see. He suggested sight distance improvements and turn lanes.

James Jennison stated that those roads are "cut through" roads and suggested a sign that said "no through traffic".

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Hatch stated that she didn't have any meetings last week.

Selectman Ayer went to a Conservation Commission meeting as a member of the public and the Planning Board had a workshop.

Selectman Knapp tried to attend a School Board meeting but it was a closed workshop that he couldn't attend.

Chairman O'Brien hasn't been able to attend Rec. Commission meetings as they meet the same time as the Selectmen. But, he understands that summer camp is  $\frac{3}{4}$  full and before and after school programs are filling up fast.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Cook stated that he and his crew worked at the old town office site. The property has been filled in, loam placed along with grass seed.

His contract for winter sand will sell the sand at last year's price.

UNH T2 Center will be putting on a pavement management class at our Highway Department facility on May 17th. This entitles three town employees to attend the week long course in Durham for free.

Selectman Ayer thanked Peter Cook and his crew for work at old town hall.

Chief Walker noted that the air packs came in last week. The firefighters are currently training on them and they should be in service shortly.

Chief Walker stated that the Local Emergency Operation Plan is nearing completion. The final copies will be sent out shortly. The entire Board should review the Plan before it is signed by the Chairman.

Selectman Knapp apologized that he hasn't been able to meet with the department heads yet.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.