

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2017

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, June 12, 2017 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Bailey, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien and Clerk McNeil. Administrator Scruton was absent.

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

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing to consider accepting and expending up to \$8,000 of a Highway Safety Grant for replacement and upgrade of computers in the police cruisers at 6:33 p.m. The town match would come out of the police budget. Chief Williams will get a recommendation from the Computer Technology Committee as to the specific units. Chief Williams applied for this grant in the spring. This is for up to four computers at \$2,000 each. Chief Williams will come back to the Board for signatures when the grant is issued. The money would need to be spent before Sept. 1, 2017. Selectman Knapp moved to accept and expend this Highway Safety Grant for replacement and upgrade of computers in the police cruisers, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – abstained, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes. The public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Susan Frankel is interested in being a Library Trustee Alternate for one year. Selectman Hatch moved to appoint Susan Frankel as a Library Trustee Alternate for one year, seconded by Selectman Bailey. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Walker has been looking for a new pick-up truck. He asked that the Board waive the bid process and authorize him to spend up to a certain amount of money. Several dealers have 2016 models left on the lot at good prices. Selectman Ayer felt that the town should go out to bid. The state bid is on a Dodge. He would prefer a Ford or Chevrolet as that as what the town has purchased before. The Board suggested that the vehicle purchase be put out to bid.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – May 22, 2017 – Selectman Bailey moved to accept the minutes with one correction, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – abstained as he hadn't read the minutes, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

STAFF REPORT

1. Cemetery Trustee Walker explained the process of the stump removal job to expand the cemetery. Chairman O'Brien moved to request payment from the Trustees of Trust Funds for reimbursement of expenditure of \$2,200 from the Cemetery Trust Fund #48, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative

2. Two proposed contracts with Hoyle, Tanner Associates for Mallego Road Bridge and Green Hill Road Bridge were reviewed by the Board. At this time the Mallego Road Bridge is a much higher priority. Administrator Scruton recommends approving both contracts as there is money available. Selectman Ayer feels that Green Hill Road has more priority. Selectman Ayer felt that Mallego Bridge, a red listed bridge, could be closed down if necessary. Selectman Bailey moved to approve both agreements, authorize the chairman to sign, and send them to the state for NHDOT approval of the contract and further request payment from the Trustees of the Trust Fund from the Bridge Capital Reserve, #63 of up to \$266,988 for both contracts, seconded by Selectman Ayer. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer –aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – nay, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.
3. Chairman O'Brien noted that the discussion of the first 37 pages of the Personnel Policy would be between the Board only and not include the department heads. The Board noted that any action on the Policy will be taken at the end of the discussion on the complete Personnel Policy. The department heads can supply their comments to Administrator Scruton and there will be dialogue prior to the review of the next section of the Policy or before the public hearing. Administrator Scruton had made his recommendations for the Board's review. The Board reviewed through page 26. The Board will review pages 27 – 55 at the next meeting.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: appointment of Susan Frankel as a Library Trustee Alternate, Intent to Cut for Mendums Landing Assoc., vendor manifest dated 6/7/2017, payroll manifest dated 6/4/2017, Land Use Change Tax Warrant in the amount of \$26,270, Abatements #11 - #14 were signed in the office, Warrant for Unlicensed Dogs.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Electricity Bidding – Chairman O'Brien talked with Doug Langdon regarding updated bid prices for electricity. The two businesses with reasonable prices were Consultation Energy with an 18 month contract at .08110/kWh and Engie with an 18 month contract at .08204/kWh. Payment for Mr. Langdon will be included in the rate amount. Selectman Ayer moved to authorize Chairman O'Brien to contact Mr. Langdon and authorize Chairman O'Brien to sign an 18 month contract with the best price on the Tuesday market, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

NEW BUSINESS

Peter Cook noted that \$25,000 was included in his budget for the electrical upgrades at the Transfer Station and Recycling Center. Mr. Cook requested that the Board waive the bid process as he received a quote from Atlantic Recycling in the amount of \$13,400 to do the work. Atlantic Recycling is familiar with the equipment at the Transfer State and Recycling Center and can have the job completed in June or July. Selectman Bailey moved to waive the bid process and hire Atlantic Recycling at \$13,400, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. Chairman O'Brien asked

for a roll call, Ayer – nay, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye (reluctantly as she likes to go through the bid process), Knapp –aye, O’Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Knapp noted that he had received an email from Steven Jeffery regarding issuance of a building permit on “questionable lots” off Young Road. Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, John Huckins stated that this issue has “gone too far”. There is a subdivision plat for this property; the matter is clear in the RSAs and is supported in the publication “A Hard Road to Travel” through the Local Government Center. Mr. Jeffery is having a feud with his neighbor regarding access to property and possible building construction. Mr. Jeffery has previously complained about the job Mr. Huckins was doing and Mr. Huckins felt that the forum for this type of discussion was not at a Selectmen’s meeting and Selectman Knapp as a town officer should know better than to bring the issue up in public. Mr. Huckins feels that this is harassment on the part of Selectman Knapp. Mr. Huckins further stated that his two predecessors have been dealing with Mr. Jeffery’s complaints for 20 years and it is time to stop. Selectman Knapp stated that this is not a personal attack on Mr. Huckins. Mr. Huckins stated that he would be more than willing to meet with Selectman Knapp to discuss all of the issues. Mr. Huckins has already spoken to the other Selectmen. Selectman Ayer stated that he ran as the “voice of the people” and how should he address complaints.

Selectman Bailey asked that a letter be sent to John Wallace requesting a complete list of land under conservation easement and which ones have access for the public.

STAFF REPORT

Selectman Ayer commented on the proposed parking lot on Town Farm Road for the A Harlan Calef Reserve.

Selectman Bailey noted that he has a Library Trustees meeting on Tuesday and that he recently attended “Selectmen School”.

Selectman Hatch didn’t have any upcoming meetings this week.

Selectman Knapp stated that there was no school board meeting.

Chairman O’Brien spoke regarding an issue before the Planning Board. The Barrington PTA bought a sign that lights up and is to be placed on Route 125 by the elementary school. The sign does not meet town regulations. It is an LED electronic message display sign, the location is in the State’s right-of-way and there is already a sign on the property when only one is allowed. Several businesses requested a similar sign and they were turned down because of the town regulations. The town and the school district are exempt from their own regulations but still try to comply. The School Board would have to be the applicant as the PTA is not the owner of the property. Chief Walker noted that when signs were being placed at the Public Safety Building the Planning Board requested that the signs be changed to comply with the regulations and that was done. Selectman Ayer moved to send a letter to the School Board, Planning Board, ZBA and Code Enforcement Officer stating that the Board of Selectmen do not

support a sign that does not comply with town regulations. It is also an LED electronic message sign, it would be in the right-of-way and two signs are not allowed on the same property. The motion was seconded by Chairman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Hatch feels strongly going against town regulations.

Selectman Ayer moved to go into non-public session at 10:08 p.m. for personnel/reputation per RSA 91 A:3 II (c), seconded by Selectman Bailey. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Ayer moved to come out of non-public session at 10:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman Bailey. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Hatch moved to seal the minutes for six months as it could adversely affect the reputation of a person not a member of the Board (RSA 92-A:3 iii), seconded by Selectman Knapp. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.