

BARRINGTON SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2016

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, June 13, 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 welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on an amendment to the Noise Ordinance at 6:33 p.m. The proposed amendment to the Ordinance was sent to the attorney's office for review and he had several recommendations. It was suggested to remove section #4 – "music or sounds". Selectman Knapp felt that section was overly vague and ambiguous. There was no public comment. Selectman Knapp moved to amend the Noise Ordinance by removing section #4, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

James Shaw – He would like to increase the amount of the veteran's credit from \$450 to \$500. He will try to put together a petition for the March warrant. Selectman Ayer asked if he had spoken to the American Legion. He feels veterans are entitled to the full credit of \$500 that is allowed by the State of New Hampshire.

Peter Cook was present to review the proposed list of roads to be paved. Mr. Cook noted how the process started seven years ago with hiring an engineer who presented a report. The engineer felt that 7 to 10 miles of road should be done every year. The engineering firm of DuBois and King will be upgrading the list for 2016. Selectman Ayer feels that some of the proposed paving is a "band-aid" approach. Mr. Cook stated that he has followed the engineer's report on roadwork as he was instructed to do by the Board of Selectmen. John Huckins noted that shim and overlay is a "band-aid" approach. However, to rebuild one mile of road will cost the town \$1,000,000. The town can't afford that kind of work. Marcia Gasses gave an example of the cost to rebuild Green Hill Road to the then proposed gravel pit and to dig down four feet would be \$500,000. The paving line also included stripping, rental of equipment. Maybe those items should be in a separate line and just keep paving in the paving line. ABC member, Steve Saunders suggested creating a brand new line for these various items. Selectman Knapp questioned the purchase of the screener from the information he learned at the Selectmen's Workshop. Chief Walker stated that there are numerous times during the budget process for the public to express their opinions on proposed road work. Chief Walker had concerns of Selectman Ayer overstepping and not giving the road agent the opportunity to defend his practice. Mr. Cook suggested that Corbett Road, Chrissy Circle and Waterhouse Road be taken off of the paving list this year. Selectman Ayer moved to approve the list of road paving with the exception of three roads and Merry Hill Road, seconded by Selectman Knapp. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien -nay. The motion passes. Selectman Ayer moved to get pricing for reclaiming, grinding and injection on Merry Hill Road. Mr. Cook said test borings will be necessary along with blasting ledge. There was no second. Selectman Knapp moved to add Chrissy Circle to the list instead of Merry Hill Road, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The following is a list of roads to be paved: Amy's Lane, Beauty Hill Road. (9,350'), Brooks Road, Chrissy Circle, Greenhill

Road (7,914'), Hearthside Dr., Juniper Lane, Lily Pond Road., Mahala Way, Scruton Pond Road. (10,231'), Smoke Street (2,788'), Stagecoach Road and Young Road (6,120')

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Walker apologized to the Board and the public for his comment of the Board being disrespectful to the road agent.

The Local Emergency Operations Plan has been completed. The Selectmen will review the Plan at the next meeting.

Margaret Mausteller stated that she supports Mr. Shaw and increasing the amount of the veteran's credit to \$500.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – May 23, 2016 – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of May 23, 2016 as written, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Administrator Scruton was approached by Town Hall Streams that will provide the town with a system that will provide real time and on demand playback of any meetings that are broadcast on the local cable channel. The cost is \$200 per month and that includes the equipment. Selectman Knapp felt this would be an issue for the technology committee once it is formed and it was referred to them.
2. Selectman Knapp moved to sign the contract and authorize spending the additional money for the "whorled pogonia" study that affects the Young Road Culvert Replacement Project, with money coming from the trust fund or the FEMA grant, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. The Planning Board and the Conservation Commission have commented on the Liberty Truck land swap with the town. Selectman Knapp moved to set a schedule for the public hearings on June 27th, July 11th and a vote on July 25th, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The abutters will be notified of the hearings.
4. Selectman Hatch moved to reappoint Marcia Gasses to the Strafford Metropolitan Planning Organization Technical Advisory Committee, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. John Huckins was suggested as an alternate but no action was taken.
5. PRIMEX was asked about town employees using town facilities, supplies and premises for personal use. Chairman O'Brien noted that would mean, he as a plowing contractor for the town, couldn't use the town shed to wash down his truck of sand and salt. He recused himself from the vote as he is a contractor for the town. Administrator Scruton stated that there is no mention of contractors in the proposal. It was suggested that this be part of the Personnel Handbook. This will also be addressed through audit. Peter Cook noted that it has been a practice of sharpening cutting edges, fixing a problem with a truck during a storm, helping people at the dump locked out of cars, or fixing flat tires. This policy would not allow for any of the above. Mr. Cook stated that he would take care of the issue. Administrator Scruton said that the proposal would not impact helping the public. The issue was sent back for further study.
6. Selectman Knapp moved to accept a recommendation for the "Procedures for the Board of Selectmen" regarding public comment as follows: "each speaker must first be recognized by

the President Officer, shall identify himself or herself by name and address, and shall speak from the podium. Each speaker shall be limited to three minutes. The total time allotted for a public comment period shall be a maximum of 15 minutes”, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative

7. Selectman Knapp would like to wait on the questions from the auditor related to internal controls until the next meeting.
8. Selectman Knapp would like to work on the Board’s goals to make them more manageable and bring them back at the next meeting.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: CAI tax mapping maintenance contract, James & Priscilla Shaw abatement #26, Payroll Manifests dated 5/22, 5/29 and 6/5, Vendor Manifests dated 5/26, 6/3 and 6/8, Civil Forfeiture Warrant for delinquent dog owners, a timber tax warrant in the amount of \$6,721.19 and a contract from Stone Hill Municipal Solutions for technical expertise.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman O’Brien asked about the town’s timber cut. Administrator Scruton noted that the operation just started.

NEW BUSINESS

Paul Mausteller would like to be on the Technology Committee. He has concerns of money spent at Rec. Dept. on computers and the cost of software for the town clerk and finance office.

Peter Cook would like to purchase sand at last year’s price. The price is \$9.45 a yard and we need 2000 yards. Selectman Hatch moved to support Mr. Cook’s request at \$9.45 a yard, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The Richardson Conservation Easement has a dam and the state dam inspector stated that the dam needs work. The Conservation Commission is discussing the issue. Who will pay – the town budget or conservation fund? Fourteen trees need to be cut, stumps ground, work on the sluiceway and beaver trapped. Along with an engineer reporting for the 100 year flood study. Mr. Cook feels it would cost around \$10,000. Chief Walker feels that some sort of funding should be in place when we have to do work on the conservation lands. Marcia Gasses suggested contacting NH Fish and Game regarding taking out the dam.

Selectman Knapp requested that the Board rescind Josh Bouchard’s appointment on the Planning Board as he has not been able to attend Planning Board meetings. Marcia Gasses stated that he is an asset to the Board and they still do not have full membership on that Board. We have lost several good members with the problems from last year which took a toll on members and their families.

Selectman Knapp also commented on several things that he learned at the Selectmen’s workshop.

SELECTMEN’S REPORT

Selectman Hatch recognized the passing of George Musler and the service that he gave the Town of Barrington for many years.

Selectman Ayer noted that he attended the recent Planning Board Meeting

Selectman Knapp attended the recent School Board meeting where they discussed the new livestreaming and on demand meetings. Amy Perry was named teacher of year. The School Board discussed the grant for the cameras that came in under budget. The 8th grade celebration is on June 16th and the last day of school is June 17th.

Chairman O'Brien noted that the Barrington Youth Association had a successful year. A lot of tournaments will be held at the fields during the summer. Approximately 15 families attended the camp out sponsored by the Rec. Department.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Walker noted a new War Dog Memorial sign at the cemetery done by Renaissance Sign.

Selectman Knapp moved to go into non-public session at 8:40 p.m. per RSA 91 A:3 II (a) to discuss personnel, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye.

Selectman Hatch moved to come out of nonpublic session at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ayer. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Selectman Hatch moved to seal the minutes indefinitely because the discussion would affect adversely the reputation of a person not a member of the Board, seconded by Selectman Ayer. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

It was announced in public session that Jolyn Janelle had been appointed deputy tax collector.

Selectman Hatch moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Selectman Knapp. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – abstained, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.