

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

The Selectmen's meeting for Wednesday, September 7, 2016 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil.

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

APPOINTMENTS

Chief Williams introduced Barrington's new police officer, Michelle Cloutier. Chief Williams thanked the Board for allowing the swearing in at a Selectmen's meeting so that the community is involved. This fills the last vacancy in the Department. This is Ms. Cloutier's first police job and she was the finalist of 50 applicants. She graduated from UNH with a dual major and has lived in town all her life. Town Clerk, Kim Kerekas swore in our new police officer while Ms. Cloutier's mother pinned the badge on her chest.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on the issuance of a building permit at 6:32 p.m. on a right-of-way off Young Road listed as Map 116 Lot 0017 for Alan and Alice Brown. There is already a camp on this lot. A new home will be built and the existing camp removed. The building permit has the support of the Planning Board. The road agent was concerned with the site distance on to Young Road and asked an abutter permission to cut a large pine tree. There is also brush that needs to be cut and maintained. The abutting property owner has given the town permission to cut the big pine tree. Selectman Knapp moved to approve and sign the Class VI/Private Road Agreement, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. It was suggested to send a confirmation letter to the abutter thanking them for permission to have the tree removed. The public hearing closed at 6:34 p.m.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on accepting the donation of a power stretcher from the Exeter Fire Department at 6:36 p.m. Chief Walker stated that the power stretcher is between eight and ten years old and has been serviced annually. It is worth between \$4,000 - \$5,000. There was no public comment. Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the donation, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative

PUBLIC COMMENTS – There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – August 22, 2016 –Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of August 22, 2016, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT – Administrator Scruton, Clerk McNeil – Signatures
Administrator Scruton

1. Chairman O'Brien moved to adopt the updated Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Selectman Ayer. Selectman Knapp abstained as he hadn't finished reading it. The motion passes.
2. Transfer and Development Agreement with Liberty Truck – tabled to give the Board more time to study the Agreement.
3. The Conservation Commission would like to move forward with applying for grants to help with the purchase of the Barr property conservation easement that is near the Isinglass River. Selectman Gaudiello moved to approve the application by the Conservation Commission for any appropriate grants to fund the purchase of Barr property easement, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
4. There are seven additional suggestions for legislative policy for NHMA. Administrator Scruton noted that Portsmouth has a valid concern on one of the policies regarding short term rentals of accessory dwelling units both for the zoning and inspection. Chairman O'Brien moved to leave the decision to the Board's representative, Selectman Gaudiello, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
5. The software RPF included a mandatory pre-bid meeting. One vendor wanted that feature waived as they would be unable to attend. Selectman Gaudiello moved to waive the requirement of appearance but to require that all vendors indicate any interest in writing before the meeting so all vendors have the same information, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
6. Chairman O'Brien moved to unmerge two lots on Route 9, currently listed as Map 238 Lot 0035 that were merged many years ago, seconded by Selectman Ayer. The action was requested by the current owners Richard and Victoria Spinale. There was no evidence that the merger was

voluntary. Selectman Gaudiello abstained from the vote as she is an abutter. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

7. Chief Williams noted that his fax machine is not working properly. He would like to upgrade their copier to a new combined copier/fax unit on a 5 year non-appropriation clause lease with a higher number of annual copies. The Board wanted more information comparing buying versus leasing and with input from the technology committee.
8. Administrator Scruton presented the proposed Selectmen meeting schedule through March which also includes budget meetings with department heads and public hearings.
9. Administrator Scruton noted that the town recently prevailed in another BTLA decision.
10. Administrator Scruton stated that the preliminary estimates for the Young Road culvert have come in higher than originally anticipated. The plan will go out to bid this fall to have a firm figure for the 2017 proposed budget.
11. The town has been recognized for a tree enrolled in the champion Big Tree program for NH. It is a crack willow located off of Tolend Road.
12. The Board supported the engineering committee interviewing and reviewing references for the three selected companies.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil noted that Barrington Fire and Rescue is offering free CPR Certification to town employees and to the Selectmen.

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: two Intent to Cut forms, vendor manifests dated 8/24 & 8/31, and payroll manifests dated 8/21, 8/28 & 9/4.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Mausteller asked about the work being done at the dam at Richardson Pond. He stated that there may be grant money available from New Hampshire Energy and Planning.

Chairman O'Brien asked about work at the cemetery removing the stumps. Rick Walker will follow-up.

Selectman Hatch stated that there are animals in the road on Orchard Hill Road. It was suggested that the police be contacted as there is an ordinance in place for

animals running loose. Chief Williams and John Huckins will look into the situation.

Justin Purpora asked about upgrades to Orchard Hill Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Walker stated that the Fire Department has been washing fire gear in a regular residential washing machine. The gear should be washed in a commercial machine for the protection of the fire fighters to wash away carcinogens. A new commercial machine costs \$13,000. The department has the opportunity to purchase a second hand commercial washer. Yankee Equipment has looked at it and feels the worst case scenario would be putting \$1,200 to \$4,000 into the machine. However, we won't know if anything is wrong with it until it is hooked up. The purchase will come out of the equipment line. The Board supports the idea but they need to know all of the costs up front including the cost of the pad if needed and electrical work.

It was noted that a culvert needs to be installed at the A Harlan Calef Preserve. To get to the location to install the culvert gravel needs to be added for the access. The surveyor needs to mark the area so the contractors know the boundaries. The Board wants all rocks and gravel added to the road between the barn and the cemetery removed when the work is done and have the area restored so it doesn't look like there is an improved road to the property. The work will be done under the supervision of the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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Selectman Gaudiello noted that she had attended a recent Conservation Commission meeting.

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

Selectman Ayer attended a Planning Board meeting Tuesday, two cases were continued and the next meeting will be on September 19th.

Selectman Knapp has not attended a School Board meeting as they haven't met.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Walker noted that Wendy Rowe, Barrington Children's Librarian challenged her summer reading children if they read a certain number of books they could throw a pie in the face of the fire chief. The children surpassed the goal!!!!

Selectman Knapp moved to go into non-public session at 8:05 p.m., per RSA 91 A:3 II a & c for reputation and personnel, seconded by Selectman Hatch.

Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call. Ayer – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Ayer moved, Selectman Gaudiello seconded to exit non-public session at 9:25 p.m. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call. Ayer – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Knapp moved, Selectman Ayer seconded to seal the minutes indefinitely because it was determined that divulgence of the information in the non-public session likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call. Ayer – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

It was noted in public session that during non-public session the bookkeeper, Lynne Murphy, had been promoted to Deputy Finance Director.

Selectman Knapp moved, Selectman Hatch seconded to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. The motion passes.