

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Chairman O'Brien opened up the meeting for Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien, and Clerk McNeil. Administrator Scruton and Selectman Bailey were absent.

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

Chairman O'Brien opened the first public hearing on the issuance of a building permit for Bruce and Pamela Trefethan, Map 122 Lot 0018, Stadig Road – a private road at 6:33 p.m. Clerk McNeil stated that the Trefethans would like to build a new house on Stadig Road. Their case has been before the Planning Board and they had no objection. Road Agent, Peter Cook has viewed the road and recommends that after completion of the project that the road is graded from Hall Road to the end of the Trefethan's property. All the paperwork has been submitted and is ready for the Board's approval. There were no public comments. Selectman Ayer moved to approve the issuance of the building permit to include the recommendations from the road agent, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Hearing closed at 6:34 p.m.

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing at 6:35 to vote to approve borrowing and expending \$230,000 to acquire Stonehouse Forest rights and approve the Resolution of the Board of Selectmen for bonding. Chairman O'Brien read the Resolution on Conservation Land Bond. There are several options for acquiring the \$230,000. It was suggested that Administrator Scruton or Peter Royce talk with a local lending institution. Selectman Knapp suggested using money that is in fund balance. Public Comment – Peter Royce supported using the general fund if possible. If we don't borrow per the article would that negate any further borrowing? The bond bank charges a lot of fees to borrow money. Selectman Ayer moved to approve the reimbursement resolution on the conservation bond, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Chairman O'Brien moved to approve the borrowing and expending the money towards the purchase of Stonehouse Forest by SELT, seconded by Selectman Ayer. Sam Boduch asked about paying back fund balance. John Wallace noted that an additional \$220,000 will be coming from the Conservation Commission LUCT. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 6:46 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman O'Brien noted that two employees at the highway department were recently recognized for the length of service - Jere Calef for 30 years and Jim Chase for 25 years. The Board thanked Jere and Jim for the time they have put in with the town.

John Wallace – He recently monitored Lakeview Estates on Liberty Lane and found a pile of cut small trees near the waterfront which is a clear violation of the easement. They would have needed permission from the Conservation Commission if any trees are to be cut. It was recommended that there be communication with the property owners of the violation. Selectman Knapp asked what we have done in the past with a violation - several times the attorney has written a letter. It was suggested to notify the homeowner with input from John Huckins who has dealt with various types of violations in the past. Selectman Ayer moved to direct the Conservation Commission to contact and review the violation and assign corrective action to the developer and homeowner. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Wallace recently met with Norway Plains regarding the parking lot and driveway access at the Goodwill Conservation Easement. Norway Plains will come up with a plan for a parking area – their estimate was approximately \$25,000.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – August 14, 2017 and August 28, 2017 – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of August 14, 2017, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Knapp moved to accept the minutes of August 28, 2017, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Chairman O'Brien presented Administrator Scruton's report.

1. Chairman O'Brien and Selectman Ayer stepped down from the Board. Selectman Knapp moved to accept the bid and waive the requirement to use the form required in the bid and allow it to be signed after the fact, seconded by Selectman Hatch. The motion passed. Selectman Knapp asked if the size of the tubing had been chosen for the radiant heat. Mr. O'Brien's engineer will spec it out to see what size is best to use. Selectman Knapp moved to award the project to D.E. Ayer Industrial and KCOB as the subcontractor, seconded by Selectman Hatch. The motion passes. Selectman Hatch noted that the original purpose was for a cold storage building for the trucks. Dan Ayer spoke as a taxpayer – he feels a floor needs to be put in that building. Selectman Hatch asked if there is something that we can hold off buying because this project is over budget. Marcia Gasses noted that in the 10 year old CIP a larger building was to be proposed. Peter Cook gave the history of this project. Selectman Knapp asked about the estimated heating cost – was unknown. Selectman Knapp moved to support the alternate of installing the furnace at this time, seconded reluctantly by Selectman Hatch. The motion passes. Selectman Ayer and Chairman O'Brien returned to the Board.
2. Paul Sanders has received three quotes for the installation of the water system at the public safety building. He recommends Second Wind Water out of Manchester at \$5,911, annual service at \$175 and media replacement 10 years at \$2,350. Chairman O'Brien moved to support Second Wind Water as recommended by Paul Sanders, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. Selectman Ayer stepped down from the Board. There has been a request from a resident to acquire town owned lots on Castle Rock Road. Chairman O'Brien noted that

one of our Selectmen bought a lot and has offered to help upgrade the road. Chief Walker noted that the road has a significant grade that can be dangerous in the winter. The road has to be engineered to make grades acceptable and the width has to be acceptable to private/Class VI standards. He also wants a spot adequate for a turnaround for emergency vehicles that is deeded to the town. Selectman Knapp suggested putting the individual lots out to bid and partner the shared responsibility of the total cost and upgrade. Mr. Ayer noted that the road needs to move over onto a lot that he currently owns. He has talked with the association and they are on board with his plan. This is a 2 or 3 year project. Selectman Knapp would like to get the language crafted before the notice goes out to the abutters and the acceptance of seal bids. John Wallace wanted it noted that the Conservation Commission would like to see what lands are being offered for sale before there are put up for bid.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: Vendor manifest dated 9/6/2017, Payroll manifest dated 9/3/2017, appointment to office for Donna Massucci as a three year member of the Planning Board and the Settlement Agreement between the Town and River's Edge. Money was set aside for the town to pave Cedar Creek this year. Selectman Ayer moved to sign the Settlement Agreement, and receive the deed, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. The motion passes. Selectman Ayer moved to pave the road this fall after signature is received by Ralph Santoro, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Ayer moved to authorize Chairman O'Brien to sign the Agreement, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Ayer stated that he missed the last Conservation Commission meeting.

Selectman Hatch did not have any meetings scheduled.

Selectman Knapp attended the last School Board meeting where they discussed the following: raising reading scores for third and fourth grade by 10%, good retention of data for students with their improvement, paving project has been completed at the elementary school.

Chairman O'Brien attended the recent Planning Board meeting where they reviewed lot line adjustments, a subdivision and two private road recommendations. He also attended two events in Barrington on Saturday – the 60th anniversary of Joel Sherburne working at Calef's and the First Barrington Congregational Awareness Day.

He recently received an email from Paul Sanders regarding his CIP noting that one of the boilers at the public safety building is cracked. The estimated costs for engineering/design/sizing would be \$3,000. This would also be a change from oil to propane. Selectman Knapp moved to go forward with the study for budget purposes for an upgrade of the boilers, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sam Boduch, President of the Library Trustees reminded the Board of their invitation to attend their meeting on September 26th. Mr. Boduch also thanked the public service members for all they do in memory of 9/11

Selectman Ayer moved to go into non-public session at 8:09 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 II for personnel and reputation, seconded by Selectman Knapp. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Ayer moved to come out of non-public session at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Selectman Knapp. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.