

## **BARRINGTON SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017**

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, September 25, 2017 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Bailey, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil. Chairman O'Brien was absent.

Vice-Chairman Hatch opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m., welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Peter Cook – Transfer Station/Contracts – Peter Cook noted that our contract with Waste Management ends this year. He contacted NRRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) to review the transfer station area/procedures and our contract with Waste Management. The contract with Waste Management was reviewed by a committee and Pete LaChapelle from Waste Management. The town wanted an extended year contract. A contract grand total per ton and hauling at \$152,272.69 through 2026 was offered to the town. The town currently rents one machine and one tub. Mike Durfour, executive director, of NRRRA noted that the MSW (municipal solid waste) market is changing. He showed recent bid prices from a town nearby going out to bid. He noted that one of the sites in Massachusetts will be closing and a lot more trash will be coming to NH. This contract includes guaranteed capacity at the landfill and it is a good contract. Currently the town's operation is going very well and the vendor worked with the town for this nine year contract. Selectman Knapp noted the hauling rate and felt that it could be lower because Barrington is only three miles to the Rochester facility. Mr. Durfor noted that those fees are fair, they could be a lot more and the proximity was taken into consideration. Administrator Scruton feels that it is a great deal for the town and it has guarantees for future pricing. Paul Maustellar asked about putting the contract out to bid. Selectman Hatch usually supports going out to bid but in this case she supports staying with Waste Management. Rick Walker stated that negotiating contracts is part of their business. He trusts that the committee would negotiate what is beneficial to the town. Mr. Durfor stated that he has worked for NRRRA for 9 years but has worked with contracts for many years. He will be presenting his report on the transfer station/recycling center shortly but noted that he was very impressed with our facility and the employees that work there. Selectman Knapp feels that the contract has to be reviewed further and then reviewed by the town's attorney. Mr. Durfor feels that the town should not wait too long to sign the contract. The contract will be reviewed by the town's attorney and will be discussed at the next meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

John Wallace/Duane Hyde – Stonehouse Forest – John Wallace asked if the Board if they would turn over three pieces of town owned property to Southeast Land Trust to be included in the Stonehouse Forest acquisition. Selectman Knapp felt that the Board had already made a decision to retain the properties. Selectman Knapp reviewed the minutes on his computer. It was noted that the Board had decided to do nothing at this time.

Chief Williams introduced Eli Obrey who needs to complete a service project for Trail Life USA. Trail Life is a Christian outdoor adventure program. Chief William's idea for a project is to have Eli work with the middle school to design a logo for the DARE cruiser. Eli will also raise the funds for the project. Trail Life USA is a leadership organization across the nation. The Freedom Award is the highest award in the organization. This project will help him fulfill the need for the Freedom Award. He will be presenting his project to his executive liaison for approval. Selectman Bailey moved to support his proposal, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF MINUTES - September 11, 2017 – Selectman Knapp moved to accept the minutes with one correction, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Selectman Bailey abstained from the vote as he was not present at the meeting. The motion passes.

#### STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Administrator Scruton noted that at the next meeting he will be discussing the cable franchise transfer.
2. The Recreation Commission would like to meet with the Board and the dates that are recommended are Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: abatement #1, payroll manifest dated 9/17/2017, vendor manifest dated 9/20/2017 and Land Use Change Warrants totaling \$30,028.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Request to put lots out to bid to abutters – Administrator Scruton reviewed in an earlier discussion with Clerk McNeil and Chairman O'Brien and will have a recommendation for wording of the notice for the next meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

#### SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Ayer stated that the last Conservation Commission meeting was cancelled.

Selectman Bailey was on vacation.

Selectman Hatch attended the Recreation Commission meeting where they discussed the revolving fund budget, changes at the playground, the 2018 proposed budget and having a meeting with the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Knapp noted that the last school board meeting was cancelled. Selectman Knapp asked about the status of the transfer station switch and Mr. Cook noted that it had been installed and was working this weekend.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Mausteller asked why are only the abutters being notified of town owned lots being sold by sealed bids. The process will be reviewed for the next meeting. Mr. Mausteller also asked about the bid for the new highway building floor and heating system. Selectman Ayer stepped down from the Board as he was the low bidder on the project. The bid was advertised in the Dodge Report and in the Fosters. Dan Ayer, who is doing some of the work, stated that all these issues were addressed in his bid and it was \$14,000 lower than the other bid. John Huckins, building inspector, stated that he reviewed all the paperwork from an engineer for that design.

Peter Cook noted that the Highway Department open house was held this weekend was very well attended with over 300 people attending. There were a variety of raffle prizes, food and games supplied by volunteers including town employees and local businesses.

Chief Walker answered Paul Mausteller's concern with radiant heating and opening the big doors at the new highway facility. Chief Walker noted from experience with the public safety building that heat recovers very quickly after the big garage doors are opened and then closed.

Selectman Ayer moved to go into non-public session at 7:29 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss personnel, seconded by Selectman Knapp. Selectman Hatch asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Knapp – aye, Hatch – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Ayer moved to exit non-public session at 8:05 p.m., seconded by Selectman Knapp. Selectman Hatch asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Knapp – aye, Hatch – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Ayer moved to seal the minutes indefinitely to avoid adversely affecting the reputation of a person not a member of the Board, seconded by Selectman Bailey. The motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.