

Selectmen's Minutes October 24, 2016

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, October 24, 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

There were no appointments

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Public Works – Highway, Transfer Station, Dams and related Warrant Articles – Peter Cook and Erin Paradis presented these budgets.

Highway - There is a 1% increase in this budget. Biggest changes in this budget are the following: decrease of 71% in part-time hourly wages, increase in full-time hourly wages is 2% to make the Administrative Assistant full-time, earned time buyout has a more accurate figure down 33%, increase in employee benefits of 5% for Administrative Assistant going to full-time, equipment rental is up as all equipment rental is included in this line instead of spread out in different lines. All other lines remain the same. Mallego Bridge has been "red listed" by the State and any immediate work that needs to be done the money would have to come out of the paving line. There are other culverts/bridges that may need immediate repair such as Old Settlers culvert. Warrant Articles - \$50,000 emergency winter, \$60,000 highway equipment to go towards a new backhoe for purchase next year, pavement and reconstruction \$125,000, and bridge work at \$50,000.

Transfer Station – Erin presented this budget. There is a 10% increase in this budget. Full-time hourly for COLA and Merit up 3%, increase in part-time hourly wage is up 43% - this is for additional help the days the transfer station is open, recycling is up 50% as this line is currently over, 3% increase in tonnage/contract with Waste Management, 15% increase in bulky waste disposal. Two warrant articles - \$25,000 to allow two compactors to run at the same time, and \$41,000 for paving/reconstruction the transfer station parking lot. Peter Cook added that the increase in the budget if the town did away with the fee structure would be \$650,000 and if the town went to curb-side pick-up it would be \$1,500,000.

Dams – no increase in this line. Mr. Cook would like to stain the building at Swain's Dam but it may be too late in the season.

ABC member Dale Sylvia asked about the trade in value of backhoe – roughly \$15,000 - \$17,000. He also asked if there was enough budgeted for Merit/COLA in the highway salary line. Administrator Scruton will double check the amounts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Walker updated the Board on the commercial gear washer and installation. Yankee Equipment's price to install and start up the machine - \$1,050, electrical \$500, plumbing \$250, soap dispenser \$280 and 5 gallon soap \$120, and purchase of the washer at \$1,300 for a total of \$3,500. A new machine without installation is \$9,000. The money could come from equipment capital reserve fund or out of the Fire Department operating budget. Chief Walker is also looking at a new dryer at a cost of \$719.00. Selectman Gaudiello moved to approve the purchase of a second hand

commercial washer and installation, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Sam Boduch asked that the Board be respectful when talking with town employees and maybe members of the Board should use better management skills as he would hate to see another town employee leave.

Chief Williams noted that the officers have raised almost \$700 for the food pantry growing beards. He further noted that Strafford County needs a car as one of theirs was in an accident. Barrington has a 2010 Ford Explorer, which is used sparingly, could be transferred to the County and this would help offset money owed to the County for prosecution next year. Selectman Hatch moved to support Chief William's request, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Chief Williams also noted that a police officer will be present on Election Day at the intersection of Haley Drive and Route 9 during the busy times of the day. However, expect delays!

REVIEW OF MINUTES – October 3, 2016, October 17, 2016 – Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of October 3, 2016, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of October 17, 2016 as amended, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORTS –

Administrator Scruton

1. Selectman Hatch moved appoint Traci Bisson from alternate to full member of the Library Trustees to replace Althea Sheaff who is moving from Barrington, seconded by Selectman Ayer. Selectman Hatch stated that Ms. Sheaff will be missed and was a valuable asset as a Trustee and very active with Friends of the Library. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
2. Administrator Scruton noted that the legal dispute regarding Rosemary Lane has been settled. He asked the Board if they wanted to sell the town owned piece of property at the corner of Rosemary Lane and Hall Road. Selectman Ayer moved to add this to the list of properties that are going to be sold through the sealed bid process, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. The 2016 tax rate has been set at \$26.04 up .82 from \$25.22. The county portion went down to \$2.75, the town portion down to \$4.59, the State school up to \$2.33 and town school up to \$16.37.
4. Administrator Scruton clarified his contracts line from his budget presentation at the last meeting and the history of what line CAI had been budgeted in.
5. The Board tabled any discussion regarding the Veteran's credit until the end of the budget process. Selectman Ayer stated that he supports all service members.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: one LUCT warrant - \$55,500, second half property tax warrant - \$12,087,156, timber tax warrant - \$9,173.80, notice of Intent to Cut for Carolyn Bedford and Donald Smith, corrected application for current use, payroll manifest dated 10/20 and vendor manifest dated 10/16.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudiello was unable to attend the last Conservation Commission meeting.

Selectman Ayer attended the Conservation Commission meeting - the "turtle crossing" signs will be taken down for the season, they talked about future applications and dredge and fill applications. The Planning Board has been working on the sign ordinance and ADU. There are three hearings scheduled for November.

Selectman Hatch noted that the Library Trustees are working on the "Library Foundation" to raise money towards a new library. There will not be a request for a new library on the March ballot. At the recent ZBA meeting one application was withdrawn as no one was present and one was approve.

Selectman Knapp attended the recent School Board meeting. Their proposed 2017-2018 budget is up \$726,000 or 3.20. Several increases in the budget are 8% for tuition to Dover High School and 10% to Oyster River High School, supplies, tractor replacement, paving school parking lots, engineering studies, and 3 warrant articles.

Chairman O'Brien noted that "Trunk or Treat" was this weekend. It was cold and rainy but a great turnout. He made note to the Barrington taxpayers that the increase in property taxes is not due to the Board of Selectmen budget. He encouraged people to attend the School Board meetings to see where their tax dollars are being spent.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to go into non-public session at 8:39 p.m. per RSA 91 A: 3 II for personnel and reputation, seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien. The motion passes.

The Board discussed economic development projects in which town land is potentially involved. The Board discussed a property adjacent to a road project that may involve further action. The Board discussed a rumor and how it was handled as a personnel matter. The Board requested the next non-public session there be copies for a vote on non-public minutes from prior meetings which have occurred since last vote on non-public minutes.

Chairman O'Brien moved to exit non-public session at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ayer. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

The minutes were not sealed.

Selectman Ayer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m., seconded by Selectman Knapp. The motion passes.