

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, November 28, 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.

APPOINTMENTS

Police Sergeant Candidates Test Presentation – There are three candidates for the position of Sergeant. Chief Williams stated that all three are well qualified individuals. This is the third and final step for the selection process. Chief Williams selected the topic - Community Policing: Warrior vs. Guardian - which method should Barrington adopt. Chief Williams also stated that he is proud and honored to work with all three. Adam Winkler spoke first – he supported the Guardian method on the forefront and the Warrior method when necessary. The next candidate was Cory Blancato – the Guardian style of policing is the right policing for the modern era and for Barrington. He shared his positive ideas for the community through guardian policing – there is a time and place for both but should not lose the warrior mentality. The last candidate was Kathleen O'Brien – many of the Barrington's officers already practice the Guardian method however; the Warrior method does not have to go away.

Land Sale Bid Openings – Selectman Ayer recused himself and sat in the audience as he had submitted a bid. Chairman O'Brien opened the bids for all three lots. The following were the bids received: Map 121 Lot 0030 Land Only, Yesterday Construction - \$3,500, Townsend Building - \$26,500 and David Newhall - \$10,000; Map 102 Lot 0003 Land and Mobile Home, Greg Swett - \$500, Christina Cullen – \$20,330, Kevin Poitras - \$30,000 and Map 104 Lot 0012 Land Only, Michael Seale - \$4,200, Jeffrey Estes - \$3,256, Mary & Joseph Downing - \$5,000, Christina Cullen – \$3,500. Selectman Hatch moved to award Map 121 Lot 0030 to Townsend Building, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Knapp moved to award Map 102 Lot 0003 to Kevin Poitras, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Chairman O'Brien moved to award Map 104 Lot 0012 to Mary & Joseph Downing with clarification that the \$500 check is for a \$5,000 bid, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Clerk McNeil will send out letters to the high bidders.

Chairman O'Brien opened the Public Hearing on the Changes to the Building Permit Fee Structure at 7:37 p.m. John Huckins is recommending the building permit fee change from \$6.00/\$1000 to \$7.50/\$1,000 of value. Mr. Huckins would like clarification on the minimum fee for commercial projects. Chairman O'Brien opened the hearing up to public comment. Paul Maustellar noted that this is revenue and he would like to know where the money actually goes. Administrator Scruton pointed out where the information is in the Town Report and the revenue reports. Selectman Hatch supported John Huckin's recommendation for the increase. Chairman O'Brien moved to increase the fee from \$6.00 to \$7.50/\$1000 of value and for the commercial projects the minimum fee for over \$1,000 would increase to \$100, seconded by Selectman Knapp. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. This will be effective January 1, 2017. The change in fees will be advertised. The hearing closed at 7:46 p.m.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Government Buildings & Non-DPW Warrant Articles – Paul Sanders was unable to present this budget. Administrator Scruton presented the budget. This budget has increased by 3%. The following lines have increases: rental/lease, contracts, and building maintenance. Proposed projects for 2017 include the following: public safety building additional workspace, LED light conversion for the library/recreation building, septic pumping, police access control for security and balance of remaining repairs. Chief Walker commented on his use of diesel and gas. Gas is used in the pick-up truck and he will keep a record of his gasoline usage. Peter Royce feels that some of the lines in the proposed Government Buildings budget are over budgeted.

Non-DPW Warrant Articles –

Public safety building paving is \$81,000. This will be a complete reconstruction of the parking lot.

Paving at the transfer station is \$41,000. The area will be reconstructed.

Bridge Capital Reserve - \$50,000

Cemetery Expansion Capital Reserve - \$4,000 or more if additional revenue comes in for sale of cemetery lots.

Non-lapsing Roads Warrant Article - \$125,000

Fire Station Storage Building - \$15,000 – Chief Walker explained that he needs a 30' x 30' building (cold storage) to free up space in the public safety building. Selectman Ayer felt the price was too low and it will be investigated.

Young Road Culvert – \$147,000 - still working on numbers.

Software Financial - \$70,000 – still working on numbers.

Library Technology Upgrade - \$3,000

Winter/Road Emergency - \$50,000

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter Royce suggested that the Selectmen become the agents to expend money in the Swains Lake Capital Reserve Account held by the Trustees of the Trust Funds. This will need to be a warrant article.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – November 21, 2016 – Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of November 21, 2016, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

1. Chief Walker noted that he would like to see a different wage schedule for fire and rescue members as there is a gap for FEMA reimbursement and he needs the proposed change when hiring part-time people to fill various shifts. This will have a minimal effect on the budget. Selectman Knapp wants to see a different way of doing the rate scale for the

different positions. It was recommended that the structure of the scale be redone for review at the next meeting.

2. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Chairman O'Brien moved to participate in the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in Rochester at a cost of \$1,450, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
3. Selectman Knapp moved to increase the reimbursement rate for helping the indigent with funerals to \$1,000, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.
4. Administrator Scruton presented a draft of the of default budget.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: abatement #33, a Corrective Quit Claim Deed, Payroll Manifest dated 11/20 and Vendor Manifest dated 11/22.

OLD BUSINESS

Request to Acquire Map 223 Lot 0022 by Joseph Falzone – it was agreed to put the lot out to bid. The lot is owned by the town and is located at the intersection of Route 125 and Old Green Hill Road. Paul Mausteller a member of the Planning Board said that Mr. Falzone told the Planning Board that he would upgrade the intersection. Chief Walker noted that Selectman Ayer has a conflict of interest as he does work for Mr. Falzone. If he has an opinion, not as a Board member, he must step down during the discussion. Selectman Ayer went to sit in the audience. The lot will go out to bid and Administrator Scruton will also advertise the hearing process.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Clerk, Kim Kerekes sent a memo noting that the filing period for town offices is from Wednesday, January 25, 2017 through Friday, February 3, 2017. She also noted the elected and appointed positions that are open.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Ayer stated that the Planning Board meets on Tuesday where they will be discussing zoning changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Walker noted that the Department needs to know where the next generation of firefighters is coming from. He would like to start a Boy Scout Explorer Program. The Charter membership is \$40 a year which includes an insurance policy and a fee of \$26 per member. Chairman O'Brien supports the Boy Scout Explorer program. Dover High School through its technical school offers a firefighter I program along with an EMT program. The Explorer staff would be volunteer with a four member Board of Directors. The Boy Scouts sponsor the program but anyone can be involved. Selectman Hatch moved to support Chief Walker's request, seconded by Selectman Ayer. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Chief Walker further stated that this will go a long way in boosting my call force.

Paul Mausteller asked for an update on the finance director position. Administrator Scruton stated the department was restructured with a new part-time hire at the receptionist position.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.