

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, February 12, 2018 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Bailey, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien and Clerk McNeil. Administrator Scruton was absent.

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

Selectman Bailey would like to add to the agenda a discussion regarding Deliberative Session. It will be discussed under New Business.

APPOINTMENTS

Recreation Commission MOU – Tara Barker and the Recreation Commission were present to review their MOU. Selectman Knapp and Tara Barker had reviewed the old MOU. The Recreation Commission had also reviewed the MOU and made comments and edits. The Board reviewed each paragraph with the Recreation Commission and noted the changes. Any recreation questions would be asked and answered at the end of the review of the MOU. Selectman Bailey asked to revisit #4 and #7. Selectman Bailey was the only Selectman with concerns so #4 does not change. In #7 Selectman Bailey had concerns and two words were changed. The town's attorney has reviewed the document. The updated MOU will be emailed to the Board and Administrator Scruton. Administrator Scruton will review and the MOU ready for signatures at the following meeting. The Appendix will also be attached.

Mrs. Barker noted that the RFP for the playground was reviewed by Selectman Bailey with several comments. The RFP should be out this week.

Conservation Commission MOU – Members of the Conservation Commission were present to review their Memorandum of Agreement. The Agreement had not been reviewed since 1999. A lot of the MOU is dictated by the RSAs. Selectman Knapp brought up a legal bill that should have been paid by the Conservation Comm. Selectman Knapp wanted legal fees added as #5. Selectman Knapp was concerned about accessibility to some of the land that is conserved. He also made a couple of recommendations for their website. Marika Wilde stated that she will be stepping down from the Conservation Commission. The acquisition of land has just exploded and it is wonderful to see such interest. Clerk McNeil will type up the Memorandum with recommended changes and send to both Boards.

The Haley family is working towards conserving Map 240 Lot 0007 and Map 249 Lot 0018 which abuts the Goodwill Conservation Area. The Haley's would be donating this property to the Town. Management would be added to the already conserved Goodwill Conservation Area. John Wallace asked the Board if they would be willing to accept title to this property. The issue will be put on the agenda. There was also discussion of a right-of-way/easement from Ross Road.

The Conservation Commission is in the process of forming a Forestry Committee to administer the town forest. They have recommendations for members of the committee. Their Appointment to Office forms will be turned into Clerk McNeil and then forwarded to the Selectmen.

RFP for Town Farm Road – Chairman O'Brien would like to read the RFP before it is sent out. The Conservation Commission will open the RFPs and make their recommendation. Clerk McNeil will forward the Town Purchasing Policy to Pam Failing.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

REVIEW OF MINUTES – January 22, 2018 and February 3, 2018 – Selectman Bailey moved to accept the minutes of January 22, 2018, seconded by Chairman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman Hatch moved to accept the minutes of February 3, 2018, seconded by Selectman Bailey. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORT

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: Abatement #2, Payroll Manifest Dated 2/4/2018 and Vendor Manifests dated 2/7/2018 and 2/7/2018A.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk McNeil will send out correct email address for the Board of Selectmen

Deliberative Session – Selectman Bailey had the following concerns regarding Deliberative Session: questions weren't answered properly - the Board should look at and address as the time comes, a building needs committee should be formed with a representative from the library and the Police Department. It was noted that the Planning Board is working on space needs through the Capital Improvement Program.

Selectman Knapp had a concern from a taxpayer regarding deleting tapes after minutes were approved. Clerk noted that under the RSAs tape recordings are kept until written record is approved at a meeting. As soon as the minutes are approved either reuse the tape or dispose of the tape. The issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Ayer stated that his report from a Conservation Commission was previously discussed.

Selectman Bailey noted that a new Library Director has been hired.

Selectman Hatch had no meetings to attend.

Selectman Knapp attended a recent School Board meeting where they discussed the following: Oyster River Lottery, I-Ready scores improvement, Deliberative Session, disposing of capital assets. Selectman Knapp attended the Technology Committee meeting and noted that the town will be having Barrington.gov email addresses shortly.

Chairman O'Brien attended the recent Planning Board meeting where there was discussion of one site review and a discussion of Orchard Hill Road which will be coming back to the Board of Selectmen. He noted his disappointment in the town's people for not attending the School Deliberative Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Williams noted that his department recently helped out with a Hubbington's Furniture commercial! He has a vacancy in his department and is actively recruiting. With money from the current vacancy, Chief Williams would like to hire a temporary person to help with a CALEA Assessment. This person would help updating, reviewing and making recommendations to the policy book and if time allows, doing an audit of the front office. The Board supports Chief William's request.

Selectman Ayer stated that the Planning Board needs members and asked if Chairman O'Brien would be willing to stay on the Planning Board after his term as Selectmen ends. He noted that he will consider the request.

Ron St. Jean reported that there is an opening for a Library Trustee Alternate. The candidate forum is Thursday, February 15th at the Middle School at 7:00 p.m. and the Meet and Greet is at the Library on Saturday, February 17th from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14.