

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.
ECLC – EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER
77 RAMSDELL LANE, BARRINGTON, NH

Chairman Casey O'Brien called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Selectmen Casey O'Brien, Andy Knapp, Dawn Hatch, George Bailey, and Dan Ayer; Town Administrator John Scruton.

Chairman O'Brien opened a public hearing Public hearing on the following warrant article: "To see if the Town will vote to allow the operation of KENO Games within the Town". Selectman Ayer indicated revenues are good state-wide. John Wallace asked if other towns get any special revenue in addition to regular state-wide distribution. The answer was no. CHAIRMAN CASEY O'BRIEN closed public hearing 6:33 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS – max 3 minutes. Steve Saunders did not see reports for Town Administrator and would like them posted. Rick Walker indicated March 24, 25 the Fire Association like permission to use public safety building to hold a pancake breakfast. **Selectman Ayer moved Selectman Bailey second to approve. Voted 5-0**

John Wallace brought up the Memorandum of Agreement and management of forest land. The initial Town Meeting put Conservation Commission in charge of the Town Forest on Swain Road. Discussion occurred on having a forest committee to look at the rest of the properties. Conservation Commission will review applicants and bring forward suggestions for such an advisory committee. Charlie Tatham would be on the committee. John Wallace will check about a broader advisory committee charged with all the forest land, other than the town forest, owned by town and conservation commission.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – February 12, 2018 Selectman **Bailey moved, Selectman Hatch seconded to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes. Approved 5-0.**

STAFF REPORT – Administrator Scruton brought up the following issues:

1. **MOU Recreation Commission:** The draft has circulated and there was general agreement on it at the last meeting. Selectman Bailey wanted to postpone a decision until after the election for the new Selectmen at the March Town Meeting so whoever is elected would participate. Chairman Casey O'Brien indicated this board had worked on the agreement and should proceed. **Selectman Knapp moved Selectman Hatch second to sign the Memorandum of Agreement with the Recreation Commission. Passed 5-0.**
2. **MOU Conservation Commission:** Selectman Bailey raised the issue of waiting until a new Selectmen elected. There was one further change made so that # 5 read "municipal legal costs for conservation". The Board would like it on the agenda for the next meeting.

3. Haley Property Conservation Easement with the right of way: Tax maps will be corrected regarding the location of the Right of Way. Steve Pannish has offered a right of way to move the access away from a neighbor's side yard. John Wallace will ask if Conservation Commission will agree to build a parking area for 5 or 6 cars if it is acquired. **Selectman Ayer moved to approve the Conservation Commission acquiring the Haley Property provided there will be an additional parking area and a right of way.** If the CC can't get some agreement in writing, the matter will come back to the BOS. The option of SouthEast Land Trust taking it and then transferring to the town if everything was worked out was discussed favorably. Selectman Hatch wanted to know how the Conservation Commission felt about these conditions. **Selectman Knapp seconded Selectman Ayer's motion. Ayer-aye, Bailey no, Hatch aye, Knapp-aye, O'Brien-aye. Passed 4-1**
4. **All Boards Meeting:** The Conservation Commission had noted in its discussion of goals the desire to improve communications with other town boards especially Planning Board and Board of Selectmen. It was noted that several years ago, once or twice a year, the town would have an All Boards Meeting, where there could be brief presentations from each of the boards including what it was doing, what questions it had for others, etc. There was time for back and forth. The Conservation Commission would like to know if there's any chance those meetings could be revived. Selectman Hatch noted it worked well. John Wallace will check to see if the first two weeks of May could work. The other Boards will be asked including, Library Trustees, Planning Board, and Zoning Board. Selectman Hatch wanted to be sure Department Heads were included.

Items for Signature since last meeting:

1. Reappointment Peter Royce as Treasurer 1 year
2. Reappointment Linda Markiewicz as Tax Collector 1 year
3. Land use Change Tax Warrant \$5,700 Map 267 Lot 46 and Form A-5
4. Property Tax Abatement appeals granted: Map 226 Lot 0016; Map 106 lot 30
5. Payroll Manifest 2/13/18 & 2/20/18
6. Accounts Payable February 22, 2018
7. Deed for return to owner of tax deeded property (back taxes have been paid) Map 19 Lot 89, Emerald Acres.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Casey O'Brien noted going forward the Town needs to look at the roads that will be bringing traffic into the conservation areas. The gravel roads in particular can be stressed at times. He would like the Road Agent to comment in the future on acquiring additional conservation land. Selectman Ayer noted access to one project went through a brook. Other lots should be carefully considered to allow public access. The Town Forest on Swain Road, a class VI section, is a burden on the residents who maintain the Road. The road network was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS Selectman Bailey noted he would like all agendas and meeting dates posted on the town web site. He mentioned cemetery and library.

Selectman Bailey asked about videos and retention of the audio recording from meetings. The Town Administrator explained the law reads "As soon as minutes are approved, either reuse the tape or dispose of the tape." RSA 33-A:2-a LXXX. It was suggested this be taken up with the Planning Board at the All Board's Meeting. The Town Administrator explained that because of space needs on the server the videos of Selectmen meeting are not kept on the server but in a

separate hard drive that is not backed up. The recorded videos of Selectmen meetings go back to April 2015.

Selectman Knapp would like the Request for Proposal for the Safety Complex Boiler to include attached details where it says “see attached”.

SELECTMEN’S REPORT

Selectman Ayer no report

Selectman Bailey went to Library meeting. There are upcoming events.

Selectman Hatch noted the ZBA discussed Orchard Hill and granted the right of way matter for designing a plan to come to the Board of Selectmen by Norway Plains on the Brown property.

Selectman Knapp noted the School Board meets Tuesday.

Chairman O’Brien no report

PUBLIC COMMENTS Chairman Casey O’Brien congratulated Peter Cook for the Highway Department’s work on keeping Gravel Roads passable as it is a difficult time.

Tracy Hadekopf had a question as to whether the town was purchasing the LP gas storage tanks or renting them, noting cost savings when the town owns the tanks. She also noted that from her experience when an organization brings in a new manager to be trained by an existing but departing manager, it is recommended that it not go longer than 12-16 weeks.

Selectman Ayer had a citizen suggest that police station put a substation in the school.

Chairman Casey O’Brien noted the Board might make an announcement when it comes out of nonpublic.

Selectman Hatch moved, Chairman O’Brien seconded to enter nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3 II a (personnel) at 7:55 PM. Selectman Ayer-aye, Selectman Bailey-aye, Selectman Hatch-aye, Selectman Knapp-aye, Chairman O’Brien-aye. Passed 5-0.

Chairman Casey O’Brien moved, Selectman Bailey seconded to approve the Nonpublic Minutes from January 22, 2018. Passed 5-0.

The Board discussed the Deputy Town Administrator position. The consensus was to wait to advertise in June and then list the salary range for a full-time position with a goal of having the person hired by end of September. The newly elected Selectboard member will then be able participate.

Board asked to review department head personnel reviews at a future nonpublic.

Selectman Knapp moved, Selectman Hatch seconded to exit nonpublic session at 8:05 Selectman Ayer-aye, Selectman Bailey-aye, Selectman Hatch-aye, Selectman Knapp-aye, Chairman O’Brien-aye. Passed 5-0.

Chairman O’Brien moved, Selectman Hatch seconded to adjourn at 8:05 PM

Minutes taken by Town Administrator Scruton.