

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2016

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday, February 15, 2016 started at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Bussiere, Selectman Gaudiello, Selectman O'Brien, Chairman Clark, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil. Selectman Hatch was absent.

Chairman Clark welcomed everyone and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

Chief Robert Williams recognized Barrington's newest police officer, Corey Blancato. Mr. Blancato came from the Raymond Police Department and also served in Iraq. Chief Williams acknowledged Troy Pickering who is leaving after 10 years in Barrington. He is going to the Strafford County Sheriff's office. Officer Winkler commented on Officer Pickering's accomplishments in Barrington and presented him a plaque with his Barrington badge.

Selectman O'Brien moved to go into non-public session at 6:37 p.m. per RSA 91 A:3II for reputation and personnel, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, O'Brien – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The Board discussed a tax deeded buy back situation as to hardship, a discipline issue and a bidding/vendor situation.

Selectman Gaudiello moved to come out of non-public session at 7:08 p.m., seconded by Selectman Bussiere. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Wallace wanted to revisit the issue of the town taking ownership of the easement on the Chestnut Forest Subdivision. The deed language included a provision for a public water supply. Selectman Bussiere moved to accept the property with the restrictions as stated, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, Clark – aye, O'Brien – nay. The motion passes.

John Wallace spoke of the policy for public use of town-owned conservation lands that was put together by Alison Desmarais. The Conservation Commission recommends the policy. Selectman Gaudiello moved to approve the policy as recommended seconded by Selectman Bussiere. Selectman O'Brien feels this should

be a warrant article for the people to vote on. It was recommended that there be a posting at the various parking lots showing what is allowed on the property and what is not allowed. Mrs. Desmarais noted that it will be on their web-site where the maps of the properties are located. John Wallace stated that the policy could be changed or updated if necessary. This is easier with a policy between the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission. A town vote would require a town meeting and a town vote to amend. Paul Mausteller suggested adding kayaks and canoeing portage. It was felt that this comes under passive recreation. Chairman Clark called for a vote, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, O'Brien – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Conservation Commission member, Pam Failing, sent a memo regarding the parking area at the Calef Conservation Easement. There was a question of the area needed to turn around a fire truck. The Conservation Commission will revise the bid proposal. There was discussion as to who will pay what for the parking area. The Conservation Commission had voted to authorize up to \$15,000 to complete this project. Peter Cook doesn't want the balance of any extra costs coming out of his budget. If the parking lot is moved to a different location a new trail would need to be cut to the easement property and it would need a turn-a-round for highway and fire vehicles.

Margaret Mausteller stated her concern about the heating system at the new town hall as it is only good to -20 degrees. It was noted that it would work but wouldn't be as efficient.

James Jennison introduced himself as he has requested an appointment to the Planning Board.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – January 25th and January 30th. Selectman Gaudiello moved to accept the minutes of January 25, 2016, seconded by Selectman O'Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. Selectman O'Brien moved to accept the minutes of January 30, 2016, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Administrator Scruton noted that he is putting together an informational flier for town meeting and had a copy for the Board's review. Selectman Gaudiello felt there should be more information on the proposed town hall and where can people get additional information. It was suggested that the pictures show the building and the inside layout. Selectman O'Brien suggested adding the square footage of the project. It was agreed to mail the flier separate from the school.

2. The bill has been received from S & R Construction for the demolition and clean-up of the old town office. Chairman Clark has been talking with the company owner regarding reducing the amount of the bill because there was less tonnage than the original estimate. This discussion is ongoing. The town administrator was instructed to not pay the bill until Chairman Clark hears back from S & R Construction.
3. The Trustees of the Trust Funds would like a clear motion by the Board for the loader and the fire repeater tower. Selectman Bussiere moved to request that the Trustees of Trust Funds take \$122,000 for the loader out of the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve and \$34,999 from the Emergency Communications Capital Reserve for the fire repeater tower, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Selectman Gaudiello would like better clarification on future motions. All in favor.
4. The Town of Lee would like to close a section of Tibbetts Road in Lee that goes into the Town of Barrington. In a conversation with the Town of Lee, Administrator Scruton requested damages from the Town of Lee if this article passes at town meeting. Selectman Gaudiello noted there should be a dollar value to the town. The issue will be taken up at a later meeting.

Clerk McNeil

Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: one pole permit, abatement #6, payroll manifest dated 1/24, 1/31 and 2/7, vendor manifest dated 1/28, 2/4 and 2/11.

Clerk McNeil noted a request from the Barrington Youth Association to hold a car wash fundraiser at the Highway Department/Recycling Center in May. Peter Cook had no problem with the request but stated that the final decision is up to the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Bussiere moved to support the BYA conditional upon receipt of a Certificate of Insurance, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

OLD BUSINESS

Paul Mausteller asked if there had been any progress with payments of taxes with a credit card as is done in other towns. Administrator Scruton stated that there is an issue that has to do with liability and security on the town's part. The issue will be looked at it again.

Dan Ayer asked for an update on the Leach property and the clean-up. Selectman Bussiere was not happy with some of the information in the purchase and sale agreement and felt that language should be incorporated in the deed. Administrator Scruton will talk further with the town's attorney.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Gaudeillo went to the candidate forum and said that it was very well attended. The library is holding a "meet and greet" the candidates on Feb. 27th.

Selectman Bussiere stated there is a full agenda for the Planning Board on Tuesday including discussion on impact fees.

Selectman O'Brien stated that he has been unable to attend the Recreation Commission meetings. Last Friday was food distribution day that takes place in Barrington. Local communities come to pick up food for their pantry's. Several town employees help with this distribution.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rick Walker stated that he is not happy with the way the Conservation Commission is operating. If they want to do a project they need to budget the money for the whole project and not have the balance come from some other department head's budget.

Margaret Mausteller stated that she and Paul went on the walk at the proposed SELT property and she said the property is "spectacular".

Selectman Bussiere moved to go into non-public session at 8:28 for reputation and personnel per RSA 91 A: 3II a, c, d, or e, seconded by Selectman Gaudiello. Chairman Clark asked for a roll call, Bussiere – aye, Gaudiello – aye, O'Brien – aye, Clark – aye. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

The Board discussed an employee's evaluation and a request to reduce interest on back taxes in a unique situation.

Selectman Bussiere moved to come out of non-public session at 9:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman Gaudeillo. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.