

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2017

The Selectmen's meeting for Monday December 4, 2017 stated at 6:30 p.m. Present were Selectman Ayer, Selectman Bailey, Selectman Hatch, Selectman Knapp, Chairman O'Brien, Administrator Scruton and Clerk McNeil

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

Chairman O'Brien opened the public hearing on the reconstruction of the Mallego Bridge at 6:33 p.m. Sean James, engineer from Hoyle, Tanner Associates, spoke about the process. A draft of the engineering study had been sent to the Board. Aaron LaChance, project manager and senior engineer talked about the bridge being "red listed" and he and another representative from HTA met with Peter Cook at the site. HTA helped get the bridge into the state program for 2019 with an 80/20 match with the town paying 20%. They have a solid design and would like the Board's input before putting it before DOT. Jill Semprini, project engineer, spoke about the bridge replacement project summary. It is a deteriorated structure. The bridge needs to be 26' wide and must accommodate a 100 year flood event. With the construction of the bridge there will be better site distance at the intersection. The total project cost would be approximately \$1,259,070. The town's share would be \$251,814. The design would be completed in 2018 with bidding in the fall 2018 and the work being done in 2019. There will also be a detour when this project is in progress. The road closure could be up to six months. Selectman Hatch proposed a 3' extra to the shoulder for walkers/runners similar to the one at the Young Road culvert. Selectman Ayer asked about doing a box culvert as it might be cheaper. However, it would be hard to fabricate with the skew of the road. It would need to be a custom form which would be challenging and the width of the road would need to be changed. Selectman Knapp's concerns were the initial cost estimate and how that amount may increase as it did with the Young Road culvert. Chairman O'Brien asked about the dry hydrant and the Fire Chief stated that he does not need it there anymore. Chairman O'Brien moved to send the design to the State and include the extra width, seconded by Selectman Bailey. There was no public comment. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer - nay, Bailey - aye, Hatch - aye, Knapp - aye, O'Brien - aye. The motion passes. The public hearing closed at 6:55 p.m.

Aaron LaChance updated the Board on the Greenhill Bridge project.

APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

BUDGET PRESENTATION – Advisory Budget Committee - Peter Royce spoke for the committee. They recommended the following changes: remove \$10,000 from the executive incident fund and put it in welfare, remove \$10,000 from assessing contracts and add it to revaluation, reduce the legal line by \$5,000, support the addition of a new police officer, support the secretarial assistant for the fire department but keep options of who best to provide it open for discussion, cut the non-lapsing road warrant article to \$75,000. They reserved comment on the budget line for a deputy town administrator, the recreation budget and the addition to the public safety building until there is more detail. The ABC recommends using some of the surplus for tax reduction. Mr. Royce stated that the budget process went smoothly this year. He thanked the department heads for timely answers to questions and felt this process saved a lot of time and confusion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charter Weeks commented on the meeting two weeks ago regarding the discussion of the public safety building and an addition. He stated that the current public safety building was “cheapened” in order to pass and now we are back to address space needs. Cheap is never economical. The presentation by the Police Department demanded an urgent and emergency response. This budget request should be on this year’s warrant and he is prepared to present a petition article if needed. This needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Tara Barker stated that two firms replied to their RFP for strategic planning. The Recreation Commission will be interviewing at their December 18th meeting.

Chair O’Brien noted what a great turnout there was at the Barrington Soiree. Next year there will have to be better planning with traffic control. The food vendors sold out of food and kids had a great time. He thanked the businesses involved.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – November 20, 2017 – Selectman Knapp moved to accept the minutes with corrections, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Chairman O’Brien opened the public hearing on the issuance of a building permit at 54 Rosemary Lane – a private road for David Newhall at 7:13 p.m. Clerk McNeil stated that Mr. Newhall was going to demolish the existing house and build a new one. Selectman Ayer moved to approve the issuance of a building permit with the conditions stated in Mr. Cook’s memo regarding grading Rosemary Lane, seconded by Chairman O’Brien. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 7:15 p.m.

Chairman O’Brien opened the public hearing to accept and expend money from a GBRPP Grant (\$1750) towards an appraisal on the Wilson property on Mendum’s Pond at 7:20 p.m. This appraisal will determine value of the property and if the property owner wants to put the land in conservation easement. The total cost of the appraisal would be \$7,000 with \$3500 coming from SELT, \$1750 from the conservation fund and \$1750 from the grant. There has been a court case regarding access to the property however this may be appealed. The legal case could impact the value. Selectman Ayer moved to accept the grant, seconded by Chairman O’Brien. There was no public comment. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative. The public hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

STAFF REPORT

Administrator Scruton

1. Property owner, Peter Frechette has a well that is located within the right-of-way but away from the traveled way of a Class VI road. Peter Cook viewed the location and saw no problem with allowing the well to stay contingent upon several requirements. Selectman Knapp moved to allow the well to stay until such time that the well fails or the town wants it moved – if movement of the well is required it would be at the expense of the property owner, seconded by Selectman Hatch. It was unanimously voted in the affirmative.

Clerk McNeil

1. Clerk McNeil requested signatures on the following: one deed returning the property back to a prior owner, eviction notices, vendor manifest dated 11/28/2017, payroll manifests dated 11/19/2017 & 11/26/2017, Intent to Cut, LUCT Warrant in the amount of \$8,447, a supplemental property tax warrant in the amount of \$70 and the easement deed and baseline documentation for Stonehouse Forest.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board will be finalizing the 2018 proposed budget on December 18

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Ayer recently attended a Conservation Commission meeting where they discussed the parking lot on Town Farm Road, the Wilson property on Mendum's Pond and the upcoming hikes.

Selectman Bailey had nothing to report.

Selectman Hatch attended a ZBA meeting where the cases were continued.

Selectman Knapp recently attended the School Board meeting where the following were discussed: Dancing with the Stars, goal setting, student services, district wide SPED, a drop in the tuition for Coe-Brown to \$16,177 and their proposed 2018 budget shows and increase of 3.8. Selectman Knapp reported on a recent Technology Meeting where they discussed the following: local emails for all employees with ".Gov", record storage, and they made progress on little items. The new website will go live next week.

Chairman O'Brien will be attending the Planning Board meeting on Tuesday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Selectman Knapp noted that the Soiree traffic was bad. The portable lite sign boards would have helped and could have been used.

Peter Cook stated that the cost of the paving mix went down and the town received a refund check from R & D Paving.

Selectman Knapp noted that the graphic design on the new Fire Department pick-up truck looks good.

Chief Walker stated that radios will be installed in the new pick-up truck and the lights and other equipment will be installed piecemeal. He noted that his Vehicle Maintenance line will be over budget because of money being put into ambulance earlier in the year and now it needs new tires. Chief Walker asked to overspend the equipment line to purchase equipment out of this year's budget for the new ambulance that will be purchased in 2018. It was asked whether the money could come out of the Ambulance Revolving Fund instead of this year's budget. He is also looking at purchasing a four-wheel drive ambulance. Selectman Ayer felt that he may get a lot better deal on equipment at the end of the

year and he supports Chief Walker request to overspend his equipment line. The Board consensus was that the money is to come from the Ambulance Revolving Fund.

Selectman Knapp moved to go into non-public session at 7:45 p.m. per RSA 91-A:3 II for personnel, seconded by Selectman Ayer. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Knapp moved to exit non-public session at 9:07 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ayer. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, O'Brien – aye, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye. The motion passes.

Selectman Knapp moved to seal the minutes one year as it could adversely affect the reputation of a person not a member of the Board (RSA 92-A:3 iii), seconded by Selectman Hatch. Chairman O'Brien asked for a roll call, Ayer – aye, Bailey – aye, Hatch – aye, Knapp – aye, O'Brien – aye. The motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.