



BARRINGTON, NH SELECT BOARD MINUTES

MONDAY, January 27th, 2020

The Select Board meeting for Monday, January 27th, 2020 began at 6:30 p.m. Present at the table were Chairperson Knapp, Selectperson Hardekopf, Selectperson Bailey, Selectperson Ayer, Town Administrator Maclver, and Municipal Office Administrator Caudle.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Knapp. Chairperson Knapp welcomed all in attendance, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and requested all in attendance silence their cell phones.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings scheduled.

APPOINTMENTS

Deliberative Session Preparation

6:31pm. Town Administrator Maclver explained changes to the Deliberative Session process, including the introduction of each article. The Library will be presented by individuals from the Library community and Administrator Maclver will present the operating budget.

Selectperson Hardekopf requested a breakdown of when the bond for the middle school will be paid off as well as the final balance.

The final payment for the bond will be in the fall of 2022. The impact to taxpayers for that final payment will be spread out over two years as there is only one payment due in fiscal year 2022.

Town Clerk Kimberly Kerekes requested that all speakers are reminded to state their names clearly.

Town Moderator Ron St. Jean asked for information about the two Service-Connected Disability Credit adjustment warrant articles (Articles 17 & 19). In a previous meeting, the [Select Board voted to change the order of the articles](#) as the later article passed becomes the effective decision. The articles can also each be adjusted at Deliberative Session. Mr. St. Jean also requested assistance from the Select Board during the primary election.

Transfer Station and Recycling Center Review Committee

6:41pm. Five applications were received for consideration: Peter Royce, Bob Lenzi, Richard Spinale, Doug Winter, and Michael Amenti. Two staff members, Erin Paradis and Darlene Harris, will also participate. A member of the Select Board may join the committee, pending the meeting schedule.

Motion to appoint all five applicants as named to the Transfer Station and Recycling Center Review Committee by Selectperson Bailey, seconded by Chairperson Knapp. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Planning Board

6:42pm. Robert Pimpus has resigned from the Planning Board. Rondi Boyer, currently an alternate, has been recommended by the Town Planner and Planning Board as a full member.

Motion to appoint Rondi Boyer as a full member of the Planning Board by Selectperson Bailey, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Conservation Commission

6:43pm. Thomas Smith has applied for appointment to the Conservation Commission. Selectperson Ayer stated he believes this individual would be an asset to the Commission.

Motion to appoint Thomas Smith as a full member of the Conservation Commission by Selectperson Bailey, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

PUBLIC COMMENT

6:43pm. Peter Royce, 31 Carr Drive, asked how the Transfer Station and Recycling Center Committee will be initiated. Erin Paradis, Highway and Transfer Station Support Assistant, will reach out to all appointees to create a meeting schedule.

Casey O'Brien, 24 Hall Road, spoke to concerns raised by Selectperson Bailey regarding a project on Church Street. Selectperson Bailey stated he had a conversation as an individual and has not acted upon his concerns as a Select Board member since the previous discussion. Selectperson Hardekopf spoke to all members of the Board serving in a volunteer leadership role, and encouraged each member to exercise restraint, even when acting as individual residents.

There were no additional public comments. Public comment closed at 6:49pm.

REVIEW OF MINUTES – 1/6/2020

6:49pm. Motion to accept the minutes for the January 6th, 2020 meeting by Selectperson Hardekopf, seconded by Chairperson Knapp. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

REVIEW OF MINUTES – 1/16/2020

6:50pm. These minutes were amended from the posted version to change the day of the week to Thursday from Monday.

Motion to accept the minutes with amendment for the January 16th, 2020 meeting by Selectperson Bailey, seconded by Chairperson Knapp. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

STAFF REPORTS

Municipal Office Administrator Caudle requested signatures for:

6:51pm.

- Two payroll manifests for check date 1/23/2020
- A/P Summary check register for check date 01/23/2020
- One land use change tax warrant (LUCT) for a property on Merry Hill Road for \$200
- One oath of office for Deputy Police Chief Daniel Brooks

OLD BUSINESS

Goodwill Expansion Project

6:52pm. The Select Board was asked to consider authorizing the expenditure of \$53,035 from the Conservation Fund to cover expenses to Southeast Land Trust for updating the conservation easement deed for the Goodwill Project.

Chairperson Knapp requested Administrator MacIver draft a letter to the Conservation Commission listing all required information that must be provided to and requested from the Town Treasurer.

Chairperson Knapp recognized a concern brought to him by a resident about maintenance to SELT maintained lands which are owned by the Town. The Town does not maintain lots during the winter, and SELT volunteers plow when able if more than three inches of snow have fallen. If the Town is asked to maintain any conserved properties, the Conservation Commission would be responsible for payment following a quote and price collection.

Grant funds are expected from a variety of sources, with *up to* \$190k anticipated from a [New Hampshire DES Water Supply Land Protection Grant](#) to be reimbursed following the completion of the purchase. Concerns were raised regarding the balance to be left in the Conservation Fund following this purchase.

Motion to table the approval of the additional requested funds until a detailed invoice with variance is received by the Select Board by Selectperson Bailey, seconded by Chairperson Knapp. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Compensation Study Results

7:25pm. In April of 2019 the Select Board began the process of completing a compensation study in order to review Town employee wages and benefits. The [Compensation Study](#) by Municipal Resources Inc. (MRI) has been completed. Various adjustments to wages and benefits have been suggested, with the Compensation Study Task Force recommending adoption of the changes as well as some additional adjustments. No employees will see their wages reduced.

Motion to accept the proposed changes to wages and benefits as outlined in the MRI report and approved by the Compensation Study Task Force by Selectperson

Hardekopf, seconded by Selectperson Ayer. Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Administrator MacIver thanked the Select Board for approving the study as well as implementing the suggestions following the results.

Goodwill Expansion Project

7:35pm. Selectperson Bailey requested the Memorandum of Understanding with the Conservation Commission be considered at the same time the letter discussed earlier in this meeting is drafted. A joint meeting is being planned with a tentative date of March 23rd.

Election Information

7:37pm. Administrator MacIver reminded all that sign-ups for open elected positions will be accepted until Friday, January 31st. Also, those who work at the polls on election day are paid \$10 per hour tax-free. It is an 11-hour workday.

NEW BUSINESS

Recreation Building Addition

7:38pm. The Recreation Commission is considering an addition to the Recreation building to remedy space constraints. The Select Board was asked if they would be willing to consider an addition as an option. The project would be funded by the Recreation Revolving Fund. The RFQ for a design/build is expected to be prepared prior to the March 10th vote. The buildout could potentially increase energy efficiency and solve the water/snow shed patterns off the building.

The Select Board agreed by consensus to support considering an addition.

Madbury Cooperative Services Committee

7:46pm. Madbury has reached out to Barrington to discuss a cooperative services extension between the towns. More information is expected to be provided at a later date.

SELECT PERSONS REPORT

7:48pm.

Selectperson Ayer shared that the Town Lands committee walked tax deeded properties to assist with making recommendations to the Select Board on how to proceed with those properties.

Selectperson Bailey shared that there will be a Library meeting on February 11th, a sponsored candidate forum is February 20th, [Books in Bloom](#) will be in March, and April 21st is Library Workers' Day.

Selectperson Hardekopf shared that at the meeting on January 13th, the Recreation Commission discussed the expansion, the new lottery system for before/after school care, the use of the Recreation Revolving Fund, and that Erin O'Dea has been hired as the new Administrative Assistant.

Chairperson Knapp did not attend the Planning Board meeting on January 21st, as the sole review on the agenda was related to TURBOCAM, and he chose not to attend to avoid a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT

7:53pm. Peter Royce, Town Treasurer shared that he will be meeting with Ken Grossman of the Conservation Commission on Wednesday, January 29th. If the Board would like anything to be discussed at that meeting, he asked they contact him. He shared that he is optimistic that the discussion will increase effective communication.

Fire Chief Rick Walker thanked the Board for supporting the Compensation Study and sees it as a win-win for the Town as well as employees. He shared that he appreciates that Fire and Rescue will now be competitive with other Towns, and he hopes that future Select Boards will continue with the recommendations.

Selectperson Hardekopf encouraged the Select Board to submit an entry to the Library's [Books in Bloom](#) event, and offered to utilize resources available to her to make that happen. ***The Select Board agreed by consensus to submit an entry.***

Chairperson Knapp thanked the Board, Administrator MacIver, and the Department Heads for all their hard work.

There were no additional public comments. Public comment closed at 8:01pm.

NONPUBLIC

8:01pm. Motion to enter nonpublic session for reasons of personnel, reputation, and legal by Selectperson Bailey, seconded by Chairperson Knapp. Ayer – Present, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

8:43pm. Motion to close non-public by Chairperson Knapp, seconded by Selectperson Hardekopf. Roll Call Vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

8:44pm. Motion to seal non-public minutes indefinitely by Chairperson Knapp, seconded by Selectperson Bailey. Roll Call Vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

ADJOURNMENT

8:44pm. Motion to adjourn by Chairperson Knapp, seconded by Selectperson Bailey. Roll Call Vote: Ayer – Aye, Bailey – Aye, Hardekopf – Aye, Knapp – Aye. ***The motion passed.***

Chairperson A. Knapp

Selectperson G. Bailey

Vice-Chairperson T. Hardekopf

Selectperson D. Ayer

NOT PRESENT
Selectperson D. Hatch

Date Minutes Were Approved

Meeting minutes for the January 27th, 2020 Select Board meeting were approved at the February 10th, 2020 Meeting. A signed copy of the minutes is available at the Barrington Town Offices.