

Minutes
Select Board & Budget Committee Meeting
May 14th, 2018

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding; Gary McGrane; Judy Diaz; Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager

Guests: Donna Perry, Sun Journal; Ben Hanstein, Daily Bulldog; Keith Cornelio; Cindy Bennet; Delance White; Mike Fournier; Yoland Gauvin; Ronda Palmer, Code Officer; Mark Holt, Sewer Supt.; Robert Richmond; Scott Greenleaf, Livermore Falls Water Dist.; Rob Taylor, Spruce Mt. High School; Maurice Melanson

1. Pledge of Allegiance: 6:00 p.m.

2. Public Hearing:

Special Entertainment Permit Renewal for VFW – Terry opened the Public Hearing on Special Entertainment Permit Renewal for VFW at 6:02 p.m. M/M/S Judy/Tom to approve the Permit Renewal. Vote: 5-0-0. Closed Public Hearing at 6:04p.m.

Set Sewer Fees for 2018-2019: Terry opened the Public Hearing to set Sewer Fees for 2018-2019 at 6:04 p.m. M/M/S Judy/Tom to keep the 2018-2019 Sewer rate at Option #1, which will keep the same rate as last year: \$315 for 0-3,200 ft³ of usage, plus \$0.09 per ft³ of usage over the 3,200 ft³ for approximately \$476,500 of revenue. Vote: 5-0-0. Closed Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles: Terry opened the Public Hearing on Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles at 6:05p.m. The Board reviewed the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on June 12th, 2018. Voting on the 12th will be held by secret ballot with no discussion. No further discussion. Closed Public Hearing at 6:07p.m.

3. Minutes: April 23rd and April 30th – M/M/S Gary/Judy to accept the minutes of April 23rd as written. Vote: 4-0-1. (Tom Abstained). M/M/S Judy/Tom to accept the minutes of April 30th with the following correction: Tim Demillo for Vice Chair (remove Tom Goding). Vote: 5-0-0.

4. Old Business: Judy asked if the new truck has arrived. Shiloh stated that the truck has not arrived, and she will check on the status.

Cindy Bennet asked about the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Shiloh stated that the proposed changes to the ordinance will be on the June 12th ballot. The Ordinance has recently been updated to be in line with the DEP's regulations.

5. Treasurer's Disbursement Policy: Gary was opposed to a policy allowing one member to sign a payroll warrant for wages and benefits. It was explained that the Policy was to allow paychecks to be disbursed in a timely manner and it does not give one member the power to set or negotiate wages

and/or benefits. The Policy only allows the release of checks that have been processed for weekly and biweekly payrolls each Wednesday. M/M/S Judy/Terry to accept the Policy. Vote: 4-1-0 (Gary)

6. Safety Mission Statement: Annual renewal. M/M/S Judy/Tom to accept the Safety Mission Statement. Vote: 5-0-0.

7. Budget Committee Appointments: Judy asked if the Budget Committee members that had not attended any meetings had been contacted about their continued interest to serve on the Committee. Shiloh stated that members are contacted in November each year and will be asked at that time. By becoming a Select Board member, Tom Goding must vacate his seat on the Budget Committee, which leaves an empty regular seat. M/M/S Judy/Tom to approve the Budget Committee Appointments as proposed, with Ed Mardosa replacing Tom Goding in the regular position on the Committee; Justin Merrill moving into the 1st Alternate position, and Keith Cornelio serving in the 2nd Alternate position. Vote: 5-0-0.

8. MMA Legislative Policy Committee Nomination: M/M/S Judy/Terry to nominate Gary McGrane for the MMA Legislative Policy Committee. Vote: 4-0-1 (Gary abstained)

9. Annual Municipal Appointments: M/M/S Judy/Tom to make the Annual Municipal Appointments as proposed. See list attached. Vote: 5-0-0.

10. Planning Board Watershed Study: Rob Taylor, teacher at Spruce Mt. High School, was present to ask the Board for support of a grassroots effort to conduct a watershed survey of the area. Rob presented to the Board the watershed study that his Envirothon students had conducted in conjunction with Friends of Wilson Lake two years ago. The study was done on Wilson Lake, Pease Pond, and Varnum Pond. Looking at pond setbacks for the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is very important Taylor stated, however, looking at the entire watershed area is a very good idea. Rob has 12 years of history on Parker Pond that includes oxygen and temperature levels, for example. Historically, in the summer, oxygen levels at Parker Pond approach zero, which sets the Pond up for algae bloom. To really understand the impact to a body of water, Taylor continued, and to take steps to avoid dangerous conditions developing in our water supply, a complete watershed study should be done of the entire area, not just the body of water itself. The Planning Board is looking to get a grassroots group together to conduct a Watershed Survey. The focus will be educational, and land owners may opt out. Foundation Grant funds may be available next year. Rob requested that the Board be a Stakeholder in the project and offer support where it can. Terry thanked Rob and the Planning Board for their work on the presentation and the Board agreed to be a Stakeholder.

11. Review Bid Openings for Sand and Salt Building Project and Firewood: Selectperson Tom Goding recused himself from the table and took a seat in the audience. Tom was the only bidder for the Sand and Salt Building Project. Gary stated that he believes there is a conflict of interest because Tom is a Selectperson, and that the project should be put back out to bid. M/M/S Judy/Tim to accept the bid of \$23,350.00 from Thomas C. Goding - Building Contractor, in accordance with specifications and scope of work laid out by the Town. Work will be completed between July 1, 2018 and Sept. 29, 2018. Vote: 3-1-1 (Gary voted against, Tom recused himself). Tom rejoined the Board at the table after the vote.

There are three bids for firewood. See attached. M/M/S Gary/Tom to accept the high bid of \$2,255.00 from Randy Jewett. The wood is to be picked up, and not processed on site. Vote: 5-0-0.

12. Disposal of Shingles and Recycling Information: Bruce Manzer, Inc., the company that had been taking waste shingles has been sold. The new owners are no longer accepting shingles. CPRC (formerly Commercial Paving) has offered a 3-year contract at \$65.00 a ton, with a material exchange that would provide the Town C&R (Crushed & Recycled) material on a ton for ton basis. M/M/S Judy/Tim to sign the 3-year contract with CPRC and to send it back to the Solid Waste Committee for guidance on what to do with shingles in the future. (Contract attached)

Ecomaine informed the Town that they are in the midst of a recycling crisis and will be charging a fee for contaminated recyclables. Ecomaine does not have a market for contaminated recyclables and will be stepping up their screening methods and charging fines for violations. The per-ton fee for contamination over 5% is \$40 per ton. Over 10% contamination is \$70.00 per ton. The Town is currently in a contract with Ecomaine at \$15.00 per ton for clean recyclables and is somewhat protected. Towns in the area that don't have a contract are paying \$100-\$115 per ton for clean recyclables. The Town's contract will expire next year, and the Town will be facing higher per ton fees. It was suggested that the Solid Waste Committee look at recyclables going forward. In an attempt to keep contamination costs down, the Town will continue to communicate information to citizens.

13. Other Business: Cindy Bennet asked when the Environmental Ordinance was suspended, and if the Town Office has received any complaints about the smell from the Mill. The ordinance had been suspended in 2009, and the Town has not received any recent complaints.

M/M/S Judy/Tom to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Vote: 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Bryant

May 17th: Road Committee Meeting 10:00

May 28th: Memorial Day – Board Meeting??? – *Meeting will be held on Wed, May 30th*

June 11th: Select Board Meeting 6:00

June 12th: Voting

June 13th: Recreation Committee Meeting 6:00

June 25th: Select Board Meeting 6:00