



Selectmen Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 14, 2015
Town Office @ 6:00 PM

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Selectmen regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Dan Norwood. Also in attendance were George Jellison, Thomas Benson, David Minctons, Lydia Goetze, Town Manager Don Lagrange and Clerk Marilyn Lowell.

II. Visitors to be heard not on the agenda

Marjory Russakoff suggested plans for any new public bathrooms be gender neutral and handicap accessible. Claims other states have already passed the legislation to require gender neutral public bathrooms.

III. Approval of Minutes:

George Jellison Jr. moved to accept the minutes of the March 24, 2015 regular Selectmen meeting. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 4/0/1 with Lydia Goetze abstaining due to not in attendance.

IV. Manager's Report

~ It was mentioned to you at the last meeting about the efforts of MRC to progress with an alternative to PERC. Attached newsletter provides more detailed info regarding the purchase of land in Hampden for a new facility which will be owned by MRC members and leased to a developer who will construct a Fiberright facility to take municipal wastes. The byproduct will not be sold to electrical utilities, but will be converted to ethanol which is a more stable market. Also, there will be over 70% less landfill requirements because of the ash produced with this new technology.

~ SWH's first complete automated ballot which will be counted by the voting machine and eliminate any further hand counting.

~ Execution of the deed for Sierra Club releasing the requirements of the Rhoades House is about a week away. At that time, we will request Attorney General to sign off. Then we can plan the future of the structure.

~ The quarter assessment review was completed by RJD Appraisals on tax maps 4, 5 & 6 resulting with increased valuation of \$251,800 on some properties, decreased valuation of \$59,500 on others for a net gain in valuation of \$192,300.

~ Attached is the bid spec for roofing request to be advertised this week.

~ Sent a memo to Acadia National Park suggesting their request for a sewer line from Kings Land to the campground due to their septic failure would not occur due to costs. The NPS suggested they may have \$800,000 to contribute to the new line, however the cost of installing along Seawall may be well in excess of \$3,000,000. Most of the money the park service has will be needed for their internal park site connection to a public line with limited funds toward the main line.

~ The Park Service has suggested they may be required to close the campground without suitable sewerage facilities. A letter was sent to Friends of Acadia for their help in procuring funds for the project. Attached is an email from Park Service suggesting they look for alternatives including hooking up to the Towns sewer in Manset.

~ The public hearing on the Sewer and Water District legislation (LD1231) is scheduled for Wednesday the 15th.

V. Old Business:

a. Main Street Sidewalk

Two bids received for construction of sidewalk north of the Rhoades House from Goodwin Construction and Jordans. Goodwins was the lower bidder at \$49,311 and Jordans at \$65,325.

Lydia Goetze moved to award the sidewalk project to Goodwin Construction for the sum of \$49,311. Second by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

b. Park Maintenance Bids

Three bids received to maintain Veterans Park, Cable Crossing, Norwood Square and Rhoades Park. Islandscaing low bidder at \$13,890.00, second A. C. Parsons at \$16,118.94 and LaHaye Lanscaping at \$16,750.00. Lagrange suggested removing Rhoades Park from bid due to available funds, to maintain Rhoades as done in past. Tom Benson moved to accept the bid from Islandscaing excluding Rhoades Park for the sum of \$9,085. Second by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

VI. New Business:

a. Barbara Durr represented TD Bank and proposed several financial options for the town included the TD Commercial Plus Card which could earn over \$12,000 payback from usage, the current CD rates based on \$300,000, and rates on regular balances.

b. Susi Homer discussed the possibility of having an economic development committee sanctioned by the Board as a municipal committee. After discussion, the Board suggested the committee as a spin off the Chamber of Commerce.

c. Finance director Tabbetha Newenham suggested placing auditing out to bid since the current firm has done it with annual increases. Tom Benson moved to forward an RFP for auditors for each department with the right to choose bid in total or individually. Second by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.

d. Lagrange indicated to Board he was ordering two pet stations with pick up bags and trash containers to curb the amount of pet feces in public places. He also suggested if the volunteer process did not work, he would return with an ordinance prohibiting pet owners from littering.

e. Lagrange requested Selectmen to sign a release deed required by attorney Margaret Jefferies due to the lack of map and lot on the original release deed.

f. Lagrange indicated 17 property owners preferred keeping the name Salem Towne Woods Road to 15 property owners preference to Salem Towne Road. The Board referred to the original subdivision and that the majority of deeds made reference to Salem Towne Road, also a namesake of the surveyor at the time. Lydia Goetze moved to affirm the name as Salem Towne Road, seconded by David Mincton and voted in favor 5/0/0.

g. The Board voted the following licenses:

1) George Jellison moved to approve Lindenwood Inn liquor license, Seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 5/0/0.

2) Lydia Goetze moved to approve Red Sky liquor license, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

3) David Minctons moved to approve Eugene M Norwood Post liquor license, seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

4) Tom Benson moved to approve Café Dry Dock liquor license. Seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 5/0/0.

5) George Jellison moved to approve Café Drydock amusement permit. Seconded by Tom Benson and voted in favor 5/0/0.

h. Town Clerk Marilyn Lowell required the road ordinance amendment that will be voted on at the May Town meeting to be certified by the Board. A vote was not required due to previous approval, however, signatures were required to certify the amendment was accurate.

- i. Both Town Manager Lagrange and Board member Lydia Goetze will not attend the HCPC annual board meeting due to schedule conflict. Tom Benson moved to remove both from representing Town and appointed Kristen Hutchins and Chuck Bowers. Seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- VII. Other Business
Lydia Goetze suggested a few editing points in the Town Report. The Board agreed by consensus to not deliver door to door but leave stacks of reports at strategic locations around town.
- VIII. Tom Benson moved to accept the following warrants. Seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 4/0/0.
General Fund Warrants, FY 14-15; 138, 141, 142, 146
Sewer FY 14-15: 145
Water FY2015: 6
Special Projects FY 14-15: None
School FY14-15: 139, 140, 143, 144
- IX. Next Meeting Date:
April 28, 2015 Regular Meeting @ 6:00 PM
Town Office
Water-Sewer Board meeting to follow
- X. Tom Benson moved to go into Executive Session at 8:10 PM pursuant to 1 M. R. S. A. § 405 (6) (A) Discussions pertaining to Police Department Personnel issues. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted 5/0/0 in favor
- Tom Benson moved to adjourn executive session at 10:30 PM, seconded by David Minctons and voted in favor 5/0/0.
- XI. Tom Benson moved to adjourn Selectmen meeting at 10:30 PM. Seconded by Lydia Goetze and voted in favor 5/0/0.