

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
July 22, 2013

PRESENT: SEAN P. MURPHY, CHAIRMAN; RICHARD H. HARTUNG, SELECTMAN; PRISCILLA R. LINDQUIST, SELECTMAN; SALLY THERIAULT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The public meeting began at 7:00 pm.

Guests: P. Williams (Tri Town News), M. Carrier, J. Coppola

Public Announcements

- Tuesday, July 23 at 6pm - Meetinghouse Park concert series, sponsored by the Cable Advisory Committee presents Red Molly-an acoustic folk trio
- Tuesday, July 30 at 6pm - Meetinghouse Park concert series, sponsored by the Cable Advisory Committee presents Rico Barr and Jump 'n' Jive Review
- The next trip for the seniors is going to Maine to the Clambake Restaurant and a trip to Old Orchard Beach on Wednesday, August 28th. Sign-ups will be held on Wednesday, August 7th with doors opening at 8:30 am until 10:00 am. The cost is \$30 for residents and \$35 for non- residents.
- Saturday, August 10th from 8 am to 4 pm, the Kent Farm Transfer Station is open for bulk.
- Saturday, August 17th from 8 am to 12 pm, Windfield Alloy will host a free electronic recycling day at their facility at 2 Route 111 (Atkinson). There is a cost for items with Freon.
- Waste Oil, fluorescent light bulbs, car batteries and thermostats are collected at the Town Garage on the first and third Saturdays of the month 8 am to 1 pm. Books may be dropped off anytime.

Visitors Comment

Jennifer Coppola, 75 Faith Drive- Ms. Coppola was in to discuss recent issues at the Hampstead Hospital. She noted on two occasions there were breakouts of juveniles and they were found around Faith Drive. She explained that the hospital has a policy of waiting three hours before they call when someone walks away. She told the Selectmen the type of issues that people admitted to the Hampstead Hospital have such as behavioral issues, manic depressive etc. The adults in the hospital are voluntarily admitted whereas the children are not. After the two incidents in her neighborhood on June 19th and July 9th, she went to the police department to talk about her concern for her own children's' safety and those of her neighbors. She talked with Sergeant Chambers and Office Moore and expressed her concerns for the neighborhood as well as for the officer's safety. They thanked her and said that they were happy someone was looking into the problem. She explained that she didn't have an issue with the hospital, but the fact that they were using the police department as their security and therefore any damages to town property should be their responsibility. She also wanted the town to look into the hospital's rules and see if they are keeping things safe.

Chief Carrier announced that he has had some issues with the hospital and felt that they were very responsive and offered to meet with Chief Beaudoin and the hospital staff. Ms. Coppola stated that she also met with Chief Beaudoin and Lieutenant Frazier and just wanted it noted that there is a red flag waving and the issues need to be addressed before someone gets hurt. She said that one of her neighbors was being verbally accosted by patients that were walking in the neighborhood.

Penny Williams announced that Chief Beaudoin has met with the head of the hospital and CEO. Selectman Lindquist stated that Chief Beaudoin needs to come in and update the board. Ms. Coppola was thanked for bringing forth the information.

Department Heads

Fire Department- Chief Carrier

Chief Carrier stated that he posted for the open Deputy Chief's position and had one applicant. He and Selectman Hartung met with the applicant. Those that had previously shown an interest in the position were aware of the posting. If the other members of the Board were interested, they could ask the applicant to meet with them. Selectman Lindquist asked if this would be separate from the inspector's position or would they all be combined. Chief Carrier stated that they would be separate. The Deputy Chief receives a stipend on the call department and the inspection position is what he currently is doing. The Chief said Capt. Warnock would be serving as both Deputy Chief and Fire Inspector. Chief Carrier also noted that he is not intending to fill the open Captain position, if the Board appoints Captain Warnock he will evaluate the open position and wait until next budget cycle to fill if needed.

Selectman Hartung motioned to appoint Will Warnock to the position of Deputy Chief for a term of one year (probationary term). Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

There was no new business scheduled

Old Business

There was no old business scheduled

Liaisons Reports

Chairman Murphy

Nothing to report

Selectman Lindquist

Historic/Heritage Commission- Selectman Lindquist said she met with Jeff Ares of Odds and Ends Painting regarding the front entrance way to the town office. He explained to her that the best thing to do is to scrape the old paint off, sand it and fix the boards, similar to how it was done at the meeting house. He noted that this was more expensive and it was beyond his scope of work but he could recommend other people. The Town could just do the patch work and paint this year and do the work on the cupola and then in a couple of years do the whole front porch correctly. He could make it look good for a couple of years. Selectman Lindquist stated that in doing some research the Congregational Church had similar issues with their cupola and had MMR (Mid Maine Restoration) came in and did the work. They have no issues with leaking any more. Selectman Lindquist asked that the board have MMR come in and do the work on the cupola whereas Mrs. Theriault said the money could be found in the 2013 budget. Chairman Murphy stated that he would like to see other proposals and suggested that given the cost estimates it should go out to bid. The estimate to complete all the work- 4 stages is \$15,500. Both Selectman Lindquist and Selectman Hartung believe the first three items on the proposal could/should get done this year and the last item could be done next year, once the other work is completed and tested for leaking. Selectman Lindquist stated that in the past some of the work was put out to bid and work done, but the issue still exists and it needs to be done correctly. There was some discussion about whether or not it should be put out to bid.

Selectman Hartung motioned to award to Mid Maine Restoration (MMR) the work on the town office for the first three steps this year and the fourth one in 2014. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed with two in favor (RH, PL) and one against (SM)

The discussion then turned back to the work on the front porch. Chairman Murphy asked if the Buildings and Grounds personnel would be able to paint the porch. It was agreed to wait until the next meeting to make any decision, after speaking with Steve Harms and also after getting the proposal from Odds and Ends Painting back to see the cost.

Selectman Hartung

Highway Department- Drainage issue Kent Farm Road

Selectman Hartung stated that he has been busy working with the Road Agent and the resident of Kent Farm Road that is having an issue with water from the road going down his driveway. He noted that he was trying to get in touch with the neighbor who owns a well at the corner of the property with the drainage issue. If the town were to put in a culvert or a way to divert the water at the top, the well would be in the way. Selectman Lindquist asked why this was a problem for the town? Selectman Hartung explained that the water coming off the road is part of the problem. Chairman Murphy stated that the design of the driveway is an issue because of the topography. They talked about the driveway getting hammered and causing two troughs. The driveway currently slopes down towards the house. Selectman Hartung stated that the town was contributing to the issue. Selectman Lindquist noted that there are probably many other people with a similar issue and doing something may open a can of worms. Selectman Hartung stated that there will be another meeting in August.

Administrative Assistant Report

MS4 Communities

Mrs. Theriault was on a telephone conference with a number of other communities and the Attorneys concerning public comments and the new requirements for the MS4. At some point in the future the Board of Selectmen and a couple of department heads will need to have a work session to understand the scope of work who will be assigned which tasks, etc.

Donation of Hilltop Lane Land

The public hearing has been scheduled for August 12th and Mrs. Theriault was waiting for a formal letter from the owner regarding the donation, which actually came in today.

Return of Surplus

Mrs. Theriault is in the process of determining the amount of medical and dental surplus that is to be reimbursed to those who paid 100% of their insurance, the retirees, and the employees. This is for the 2010 return and not the 2011, which will be calculated at a future date. The information when it is complete will be on the credenza for review and approval.

Meeting Minutes

There were a couple of non-public meeting minutes for review.

Activity Log

Re- Appointments/Appointments

Call for Candidates:

- Ordway Park, full members and alternates – monthly meetings
- Cable Committee volunteers – monthly meetings
- Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee – monthly meetings
- Town Facilities Committee - monthly meetings
- Conservation Commission – monthly meetings

Correspondence

A letter from the Department of Safety was received and Chairman Murphy will share the letter with Chief Beaudoin regarding town ordinances for Peddlers and Hawkers. The letter asks if we want a town ordinance or use the state rules. At present we use the State rules.

Visitors Comments

There were none present.

Non Public Sessions

Selectman Hartung motioned to go into nonpublic session under RSA 91 A: 3II (c) reputation at 7:43pm. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes: There was a request from a resident for the Selectmen to reconsider their decision on the start time of his Veteran's Exemption. After some discussion, the Selectmen made the following motion.

Selectman Hartung motioned to grant a Veteran's Exemption to the resident at Map 14 lot 80 for \$250 on the December bill and then the full amount going forward in 2014. Selectman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed with two in favor (SM, RH) and one against (PL).

Selectman Hartung motioned to come out of nonpublic session under RSA 91 A: 3 II (c) reputations at 8:15 p.m. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: Selectman Lindquist, yes; Selectman Hartung, yes; Selectman Murphy, yes: Selectman Hartung made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.

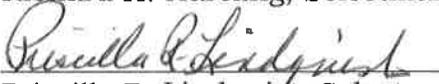


Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman

Richard H. Hartung, Selectman

Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman