

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2014

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

Visitors: J. Worthen, Chief Carrier, Chief Beaudoin, and P. Williams (Tri Town News)

Public Announcements

- Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on Saturday, May 10th from 9-12 in Plaistow.
- North Shore Tour de Cure will be held with a portion of the ride going through Hampstead
- Hampstead Firemen's Association will be holding a Community Shred Event on Saturday, June 7th from 9-12 in front of the Town office.
- Saturday, June 28th is the fireworks display at Meetinghouse Park.
- Compost bins are now available at the Town Offices. The cost for each bin is \$50 each.
- 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

There were none

Department Heads

Police Department- Chief Beaudoin

Chief Beaudoin noted that at the last meeting of the Selectmen they approved the lease for a new motorcycle. The lease agreement needs to be signed. Chairman Murphy signed the agreement. Chief Beaudoin also asked why the public hearing on the grants won't happen until May 12th. He stated that after the last meeting he understood that it would be scheduled for this meeting tonight. Mrs. Theriault explained that she wasn't at the last meeting and she sent it out to the Union Leader to meet at least the minimum of 14 days. Selectman Lindquist questioned the use of the Union Leader stating they were costly. Mrs. Theriault explained that she checked into the costs and the Union Leader is not the most expensive and she also uses a daily paper instead of a weekly paper to make sure she doesn't miss any dates.

New Business

7:15 p.m. - Public Hearing Discretionary Easement - 57 Main Street-Ryan

There was a request made from Timothy and Sharon Ryan of 57 Main Street to be granted a Discretionary Barn Easement for their property. Mr. Ryan stated that they received the history of the property and the barn from Maurie Randall back in 1999. The property was a horse farm that went back to Sunset Lake. Selectman Hartung said that he had visited the property over the weekend and the barn was in great shape. Selectman Lindquist stated that she has driven by the property many times and stated that it looks good for a barn of its age and they both agreed it has been well maintained. Mr. Ryan said the barn is used as a garage. The Selectmen agree that the barn has a scenic value from the road and it has history attached to it. It also adds to the historic and cultural integrity of the town. The easement would be a recorded document and it goes with the property for 10 years. It would be up to the homeowner to request an extension. Mr. Ryan was made aware of this rule. It was noted that the Selectmen have 60 days to act on the request, but the request came in back in February and the 60 days is coming up.

Selectman Hartung motioned to grant the Discretionary Barn Easement on map 8 lot 160 - 57 Main Street and the percentage allowed to be negotiated after discussion with the assessor. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. (There were no comments from the public). The motion passed unanimously.

The public hearing was closed at 7:24 pm

Discussion concerning 6 or 7 year lease for the John Deere loader/backhoe

Mr. Worthen presented the Selectmen with the cost of leasing the John Deere Backhoe for 6 years versus 7 years as required from the last meeting. The cost of the 7 year lease is about \$2,000 less per year, but overall \$2,277.22 more. The cost of the 6 year lease is \$109,233.22 and the 7 year lease is \$111,498.05. The interest rate is 3% on the 7 year and 2.75% on the 6 year. Mr. Worthen noted that he has \$20,000 in his budget so that he could afford either one (6 year at \$18,205.54 annually and the 7 year lease at \$15,928.30 annually). Chairman Murphy said that he felt the better deal was the 7 year lease because it was less annually and therefore better for cash flow. Selectman Hartung was okay with going for either term. The current backhoe is 15 years old.

Selectman Murphy motioned to go enter into a 7 year lease agreement for the John Deere backhoe. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Worthen also announced that paving will begin the end of the week on East Road, Marshall Road, Valley Road, Ashford Road and Country Road.

Discussion concerning request for abatement due lose caused by fire.

There was an abatement request that was forwarded to the Selectman by the Assessor. The request was from a resident on Aruda Road who had a house fire last year. According to the requirements, the homeowner had 60 days to apply for an abatement to get relief of taxes until the property is rebuilt. This abatement request was received March 1, 2014, and the fire was June, 2013. The Selectmen agreed to take no further action on the abatement, which was the recommendation of the Assessor.

Old Business

Liaisons Reports

Chairman Murphy-

He attended the school board meeting and not much was going on and the School Board was looking to see how to move forward.

Selectman Lindquist

Nothing to report

Selectman Hartung-

He had a meeting with CART, and had a few meetings with Chief Carrier. He also noted that he had recently delivered some bread to the Beaver Lake Lodge, which is run by CLM. He did this while working with one of the local food pantries. There was a thank you from CLM to him.

AA Report:

Property Liability Insurance

After having sent out application for quotes, Mrs. Theriault received a number of questions that the insurance companies need to have addressed. One quote has been received thus far but she expects the others to follow shortly.

MS-4

Mrs. Theriault is in the process of completing the 2014 MS4, which is required by both the EPA and DES. The new permitting requirements have not been drafted but the Selectmen, Road Agent and

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Building Inspector need to meet to discuss who and how the changes will translate into added responsibilities for the town employees or to an outside engineer.

RFP for new furniture

The RFP has been sent out with a return date of May 23rd. The proposals are to be opened at the next meeting. Right now the last meeting of the month falls on Memorial Day. Since Memorial Day is a holiday the Selectmen agreed to meet on Wednesday, May 28th.

Health Trust workshop

Mrs. Theriault attended a workshop that was sponsored by Health Trust that discussed the ramifications of the Affordable Care Act. As a result of the law, the following has taken place. Added fees to offset the costs of those who don't pay for care or are for those who signed on to the health exchange because they had chronic illnesses and this fee helps to soften the expense of those on the exchange. More reporting requirements will be comingg.

The Health Trust is also looking towards cost savings. Healthy lifestyles are really the only way we can personally control premiums. Health Trust also gave an example of thinking outside the box to create win/win situations for both the employer and employees as it relates to health care plans. The BOS has already opted for a win/win situation that afforded the town and employees savings in 2014.

Going forward she will attempt to see what programs are available that will help the Town not to incur the added expense of the Cadillac Tax, which is scheduled to take effect in 2018. Unfortunately the Northeast has the most expensive healthcare system and the Federal Government is not taking that into consideration by pro-rating the Cadillac Tax. So while other parts of the country won't be affected New England policies holders will unless changes are made to the current Health Care Reform Act.

Hilltop Lane, Map 8B-85

The Purchase and Sales Agreement has been signed by the purchaser for the lot. The agreement is to merge the lot with 8B-84 and to never by re-subdivided. Chairman Murphy signed the P & S agreement.

Minutes

The following meeting minutes have been reviewed and signed and are ready for approval March 24, March 28 and April 14, 2014.

Selectman Lindquist motioned to approve the minutes as edited for March 24th, March 28th and April 14th. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Activity Report

Mrs. Theriault asked the Selectmen to set a date to meet with Mrs. Kolegue-Spalaris to go over the EOP/and Hazard Mitigation Plan to get the annual concurrence signed off. It was agreed to meet on May 28th at the end of the regular Selectmen's meeting. Mrs. Theriault was asked to keep that meeting light.

Re- Appointments/Appointments

Call for Candidates:

- o Ordway Park, full members and alternates – monthly meetings
- o Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee – monthly meetings

Recreation Commission-

There was a request from Geoffrey Dowd to be appointed as a member of the Recreation Commission either as an alternate of full member. There is currently an opening for an

alternate. Selectman Lindquist noted that he has attended some of the meetings and the Commission would be happy to have him.

Selectman Hartung motioned to appoint Geoffrey Dowd as an alternate to the Recreation Commission for a term of three years. Selectman Lindquist seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

Bestway Disposal- There was a request to change the curbside pickup day for North Salem Road, Collette's Road and Emmert Drive. At the meeting it was announced that they were going from a Monday pick up day to a Tuesday pick up day (it is actually the other way around). Selectman Hartung noted his concern regarding seasonal residents having to put leave their trash out an extra day, but Mrs. Harrington noted that most of the residents being notified seemed to be year round.

The Selectmen agreed to go forward with the change and to notify the residents.

Visitors Comments

There were none

Selectman Lindquist made a motion to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Selectman Hartung seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A True Record.

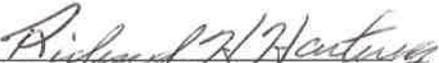


Tina Harrington, Recording Secretary

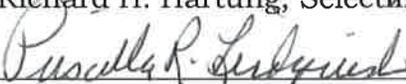
Approved By:



Sean P. Murphy, Chairman



Richard H. Hartung, Selectman



Priscilla R. Lindquist, Selectman