

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

Present: James Cross, Doug Niles, Jenn Hanlon, Jeff Noyes, Mark Castonguay, Bill Hawkins, Ray Fontaine, Joel Cope, Teresa Potwin, Ed Barber, from The Newport Daily Express, Mike Strait and Tim O'bar.

James Cross called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update Agenda: Joel informed the board that Jenn Hanlon called and asked to be on the agenda.

Public Comment: Mike Strait and Tim O'bar, on behalf of The Chamber Of Commerce were present to ask the board if they would sign a letter stating that the town supports the Friday Night Live Event in the Park, and also if the town would be ok with listing the town gym as an alternative "rain date" space. The reason for this request is that the chamber is applying for a grant to help support and upgrade the event. This grant would be used to pay for more bands, security, etc., used to make this event happen. A motion was made by Doug Niles to allow the board to sign the letter of support and list the gym as the alternative space for the grant application. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Jenn Hanlon was present to discuss the speeding on the Arthur John Road. Because there is only speed limit signs going one way on this road. Jenn feels that a speed limit sign should be placed going in the direction of town. Also, Jenn asked the board for a sign that says SLOW. A motion was made by Doug Niles to place a 30 mile speed limit sign on Arthur John Road. James Cross seconds this motion, all in favor, so carried.

Jenn also informed the board that she has received a few phone calls on the road name changes that have been put into place. Jenn told the board that if the property owners were not happy with the new street names, that they could get together and have a meeting and bring their new suggestions to the select board for approval.

Read and approve minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the September 2, 2015 meeting. Doug Niles motions to accept the minutes as printed. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Buildings and Maintenance: Ray informed the board that the heating system had been test-fired the other day, and that when it comes time for the furnace to be fired up and heat is required that Bucky will return and make sure that the pipes are bled out and that all is working okay.

Buildings and Maint. (cont.): Joel informed the board that the architect will come up and look at the space in the town hall to see if there are other options for an elevator. Joel informed the board that a platform lift, just like the one that is in place now, will not be able to go to the third floor. With the timing of the grants, and the condition that the elevator is in at this time, Joel has suggested that for now, we just replace the existing unit with the same thing as we have for a cost of \$20,000. This issue will be discussed in more depth at the next meeting.

Roads: Joel informed the board that the Goupee Brook Project is scheduled to start on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. There will be a meeting on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 11:30 AM at this location with the contractors, road foreman, and all that are involved in this project.

Mark gave the board the estimates he has received from the contractors who bid on the Taylor Road project to review. A motion was made by Doug Niles to award this project to JBL Hauling and Excavating. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Storm water project presentation by Aldrich and Elliott: Joel informed the board that this has been postponed until September 28 at 11:00 AM in the town hall.

Personnel: The board tabled the personnel policy.

The board reviewed the time sheets.

Doug Niles made a motion to appoint Joe Arborio as the health officer beginning October 1, 2015. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor.

Validate notice of sale of Meadow Street Building: A motion was made by Doug Niles to advertise the Public Notice for conveyance of the Island Pond Maple Factory. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Pay orders: The board signed the general pay orders, and the road pay orders.

Municipal Planning Grant Resolution: Joel informed the board that in order for Black River Design to start working on this, the grant application is due September 30, 2015, so the board needs to sign the resolution. Doug Niles made a motion for the board to sign the municipal planning grant resolution. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Budget Report: The board reviewed the budget report.

Other business: Bill Hawkins informed the board that on Bulky Day, one individual brought down all the shingles off from the roof that he was replacing. Because Bill did not have any regulations or rules on this he allowed this person to do this. The board will look into addressing the rules and regulations for the next bulky day season.

Joel informed the board that Meg Campbell, from the Historic Preservation Trust, will be here on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 to do an inspection of the building.

Joel confirmed with the board that the Census bureau can use the AA room downstairs to do testing for one day. The Census bureau will contact Bill Hawkins on the scheduling of this.

Joel reminded the board of the upcoming Hazard Mitigation Plan Update meeting held in the gym on Monday, September 21 2015 at 4:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.