

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES MAY 4, 2016

Present: Doug Niles, James Cross, Jonathan O'Keefe, Billy Hawkins, Mark Castonguay, Marty Frizzell, Lucy Stevens, Joel cope, Teresa (Potwin) Debonville, and Ed Barber, from Newport Daily Express.

Chairperson, Doug Niles, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Update agenda: The following items were added to the agenda. Top soil in the park, resignation of Phyllis Riggie, and E-911 road policy, also detail use of the gym.

Doug Niles brought before the board that Ray Fontaine had asked permission to purchase some topsoil for the monument park. The board agreed that the park in places, (the pavilion part included) was in need of topsoil. The board would like Ray to measure the area in which the topsoil will go to see how many yards would be needed before committing to this.

Phyllis Riggie has given her resignation to the offices of Board of Civil Authority. For her many years of service to the town, it was brought before the board the request of purchasing a \$25.00 gift certificate to The Pond's Edge as a token of appreciation for her work. A motion was made by James Cross to allow the purchase of the gift certificate. Jonathan O'Keefe seconded the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Joel and the board discussed Jenn's e-mail about the road sign policy. Joel informed the board that he has sent a request to VLCT for the risks and what the town would be liable for. The board will review this issue more when it receives the information from VLCT.

Joel informed the board that V-Tel would like permission to use the gym on May 31, 2016 for a presentation on high-speed internet from 5-8. Joel asked the board if they would like to charge a fee for this. The policy has been that it is on the assessment of the use of the gym, as to whether the fee is charged. Because this is a for profit organization, it was suggested that a \$50.00 fee be applied. A motion was made by James Cross to charge V-Tel \$50.00 for the use of the gym. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Public comment: Joel informed the board that there had been a mistake in the scheduling, and Mark Podgwaite from LRI would be at the May 18, 2016 meeting.

No other public comment.

Water and Sewer: Marty Frizzell and Lucy Stevens were present as a courtesy to inform the board that the rates for the water and sewer would be increasing. The rates have not been set yet, but a breakdown of what they may be increased by was given to the board to review.

Roads: Doug Niles asked Mark on a time frame for the street sweeping. Mark informed Doug that he had not heard from the company as of yet, but usually they start about the second week in May.

Mark informed the board that Mr. Roth was not happy about the ditching by his property. Mark informed the board that they had stopped what they were doing, and that Mr. Roth may be speaking with them.

Buildings and maintenance: There have been no updates on the generator.

Joel informed the board that potentially the historical society would be interested in renting space on the third floor, as long as it would be at the same rate that they pay in the railroad building and it was fixed up. This will help with grants as we would tentatively have tenants in the building. This will be discussed more as we receive more information.

The board agrees that the stage in the gym should be removed. The board would like to have Ray start on this project. Joel will have to get permits before this can start. Joel will work on this.

Ray had asked permission to dig holes and place a barrel in the ground to place the volleyball poles in to secure them better. A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to allow Ray to do this. James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

A validation vote was approved by the board for the Farmer's Market to be held on Fridays this summer from 12-4 in the pavilion park before Friday Night Live starts. A motion was made by James Cross to allow the Farmer's Market in the park on Fridays. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Personnel: Tabled.

John Boylan airport: No updates.

Senate Bill 230: No updates.

Zoning issues: Joel informed the board of the zoning issues and what he was working on. Joel informed the board of the Mountain Street violation and the progress made on this. Most of the property had been cleaned up, except for tires. This led the board to discuss have a "Tire Day". A motion was made by Jonathan O'Keefe to allow Joel to set up a "Tire Day" (having a dumpster at the town garage and charging \$2.00 per car tire to get rid of them.) James Cross seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Approve minutes of the April 20 and May 2, 2016 meetings: The board reviewed the minutes of the April 20, 2016 and May 2, 2016 meetings. A motion was made by James Cross to approve the minutes as printed. Jonathan O'Keefe seconds the motion, all in favor, so carried.

Other business: Joel informed the board of an upcoming A&E project meeting scheduled for the May 18, 2016 meeting. Also, Joel would like the board to approve the hazard mitigation plan to send to FEMA at this meeting.

Joel showed the board information on training that would be for the Chief of Police. Doug will call Jeff and let him know that the board is interested in going, if he is available to.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.