

Selectmen Minutes 07/11/2016

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July 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 PM with all members in attendance except Mr. Spencer. Mr. Soter noted that Mr. Spencer was not able to attend this evening due to the date change from July 18th to accommodate the note signing request.

Chief Financial Officer – Note Signing

On a Mayhew/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted to sign a note pursuant to Chapter 29C and Chapter 111, Section 127B ½ of the General Laws as amended for the purpose of financing costs of a community septic management loan program in anticipation of the proceeds of a loan to the Borrower under and pursuant to Financing Agreement No. CWT-16-02 dated as of April 6, 2016 between the Trust and the Borrower. This Note is a general obligation of the Borrower and the full faith and credit of the Borrower are pledged to the payment of the principal of this note.

R.E. Brown – Audit Presentation

Bob Brown appeared before the Board to present the findings of the annual financial audit. CFO Chris Laviolette also appeared with Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown stated there were no management issues and the Town continues to maintain strong internal financial controls.

Mr. Brown explained the Town's most significant issue is addressing OPEB in the upcoming years. He went on to say the situation has not changed other than financial institutions require that these liabilities be disclosed when cities and towns issue bonds. Mr. Connor questioned whether the Town was doing enough to meet OPEB requirements. Mr. Brown answered there is not a specific level of contribution required; however the Town is making a good faith effort.

Mr. Soter requested to have someone from Norfolk County Retirement attend a Selectmen's Meeting to update the Board on the retirement pension system.

Special Permit – Bellingham Firefighters Charity Event

Mr. Jim Clark, owner of Rock 'N Coal Pizza, 799 South Main St. stated his establishment will once again be hosting the Steven A. Garon Memorial Bike Run this year on August 13th. He noted last year the event was held inside his establishment, while this year, the Firefighters requested it be held outside. Mr. Clark submitted a letter from the owner of the Plaza, Joseph Mosatto granting permission to use the parking lot & field for this event.

Mr. Clark stated individuals will be carded and those over 21 will be given a bracelet which will allow them to purchase beer & wine and noted this area will be fenced off. He

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went on to state that his TIPS certified staff will serve the beverages. Hours of the event will be from 12 Noon – 4:30 PM.

Mr. Martinis asked if there will be a police presence at this event for security. Firefighter Chris Kent stated police will aid with the ride, but nothing has been planned for the event. The Board asked Chief Daigle (who was present this evening) if he would work with the firefighters on security for this event and stated he would.

On a Mayhew/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve a Special Permit (fees waived) for the Steven A. Garon Memorial Bike Run (as outlined this evening) to be held on August 13th, 12 Noon – 4:30 PM, 799 South Main St. with firefighters working with the Police Dept. for this event.

Capital Items – Review

- **Fire Department**

On a Mayhew/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted that the Fire Department proceed to the Capital Improvement & Finance Committees with repairs and upgrades to Fire Station #1 in the amount of \$200,000 (copy attached).

On a Connor/Martinis motion, the Board voted that the Fire Department proceed to the Finance Committee with the vehicle request in the amount of \$44,160 (copy attached). Mr. Mayhew opposed; all other members voted in the affirmative.

- **Police Department**

On a Mayhew/Connor motion, the Board voted that the Police Department proceed to the Finance Committee with the request for four Level III vests in the amount of \$4400 and nine Level II vests in the amount of \$7659 (copy attached).

On a Martinis/Mayhew motion, the Board unanimously voted that the Police Department proceed to the Capital Improvement & Finance Committees with the request for vehicles (as outlined on the attached form) in the amount of \$116,899.20

- **DPW**

On a Connor/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted that the DPW Director proceed to the Capital Improvement & Finance Committees with Water Capital items in the amount of \$1,273,000 (list attached), funding through Water Enterprise Fund.

On a Connor/Mayhew motion, the Board unanimously voted that the DPW Director proceed to the Capital Improvement & Finance Committees with the attached General Fund list in the amount of \$1,233,000 incorporating the following changes: remove one of the large six wheel trucks in the amount of \$205,000 and add \$110,000 under DPW Fueling Area Project for the Fire Dept. apron; funding to be determined.

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The Board asked Mr. DiMartino to get quotes for the fueling area project and the Fire Dept. apron.

On a Mayhew/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to award the 2016 Annual Traffic Marking (Contract 2016-TM) to Hi-Way Safety Systems, Inc. of Rockland, MA.

On a Connor/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following abatements: residential water, \$462.07; residential sewer, \$49.95; residential trash, \$148.11; municipal water, \$5820.03 and municipal sewer, \$135.10.

On a Mayhew/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the change of manager for Pepper Dining, Inc. d/b/a Chili's Grill & Bar from Melissa Lafazia to Jennifer Marie Fitton.

On a Mayhew/Martinis motion, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Cliff Matthews to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term.

On a Mayhew/Martinis motion, the Board voted to reappoint Michael O'Herron to the Conservation Commission for a one-year term expiring in March, 2017.

Mr. Mayhew & Mr. Martinis voted in favor; Mr. Connor & Mr. Soter opposed.

On a Mayhew/Martinis motion, the Board voted to reappoint Neal Standley to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term. Mr. Connor opposed; all other members voted in the affirmative.

On a Mayhew/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to approve the June 21st minutes as submitted.

On a Mayhew/Connor motion, the Board voted to approve the June 27th minutes as submitted. Mr. Martinis abstained since he was not present for that meeting.

Mr. Fraine requested an executive session for police contract negotiations. Members of the Board were polled with all voting in the affirmative.

On a Mayhew/Connor motion, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Administrative Assistant