

Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2016

Present: Alan Urquhart, Chairman David Fullerton, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Michael Pon, Joyce Bosse, Mark Rodier, Bill Goss, Wayne Held, Zack Plummer.

Chairman Urquhart opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Wayne Held – Mr. Held said he is an Emerald Lake Commissioner and brought up the opposite end of Bog Road than has been previously discussed (Whitney intersection), and asked if a mirror can be installed so that drivers can be aided when coming around the corner. Selectman Urquhart asked if the Association has discussed this and was told they had not. Bill Goss said there have been no accidents there and people need to simply slow down and be careful when they drive. Mr. Goss also said drivers won't take the time to use the mirrors and kids throw rocks at them. Chairman Urquhart feels they should ask the Police to place the speed sign in that area as well. Mr. Goss suggested that some of the brush in that area should be cut back. Mark Rodier asked about placing other signs such as "use directionals" however, he was told that too many signs cause problems as well.

**2. BILL GOSS – GOULD POND ROAD INTERSECTION**

Mr. Goss said he was at the Bog Road/Gould Pond Rd. intersection and said if people slowed down and looked around, there wouldn't be a problem in that area. Mr. Goss said the engineer has given a recommendation that they place a three way stop. Zack Plummer said the engineer doesn't drive that intersection every day and he does and knows that if you sit at that yield sign and come to a stop, you can't see ahead. Mr. Goss said he spoke to the engineer and said the recommendation that there should be three stops. Mr. Rodier does not agree. Mr. Goss said he feels it would be fine if people would slow down and pay attention but this was brought up many times by Mr. Rodier. Chairman Urquhart said the Town is going to stop with a three way stop and if that doesn't work then they will request police presence. Ms. Buono said there is an alternate route down Mary Rowe Drive. This was briefly discussed. Joyce Bosse said if the traffic goes on Mary Rowe Drive and they speed, the Selectmen will have a different set of people in complaining. Chairman Urquhart moved to follow the recommendation of the engineer. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. Billy Goss said he will also approach the people who own the land on the corner to find out if they would allow the Town to cut that corner back a little.

**3. LIAISON REPORTS**

Parks Board – Chairman Urquhart said the Park Board has accomplished a lot and they are all working together. Chairman Urquhart asked Selectman Fullerton if he is interested in taking over the ex-officio position on the Parks Board because he is bogged down. Chairman Urquhart feels the Board has good members. Selectman Fullerton said he was thinking they should have an alternate when Chairman Urquhart isn't able to make it because he's also on the Conservation Commission and they meet twice a month. Chairman Urquhart said Selectman Fullerton has a good knowledge with regard to the committee and he does not. The Board is running well and has a good Chairman. The two agreed that when one can't make it, the other will go. Ms. Buono said if that is the way they want to solve this,

they will need to make a motion to have an alternate ex-officio so that they have the same voting rights as the regular ex-officio. Chairman Urquhart moved to appoint Selectman Fullerton as the alternate ex-officio. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Conservation Commission – Dave said people are not happy even though the past Chairman came in and turned in his things and seemed pretty happy to do it. There are additional responsibilities and work on the Commission and not enough people who have the time to do it. Selectman Fullerton said he's not sure why they meet twice a month and maybe that they should look into that. Selectman Fullerton isn't a voting member so his presence doesn't count with regard to the "quorum".

#### **4. MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Urquhart moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 0003 - 10032 a/k/a Vouchers 20 & 21 in the amount of \$144,284.61 (includes 125 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 14305 - 14403 a/k/a Vouchers 19, 20 & 21 (includes voided ck #14308 & 14309) in the amount of \$261,918.45. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Urquhart moved to approve the consent agenda for May 24, 2016. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Land Use Change Tax Assessment – Map 1 Lot 56
- Corrected Quit Claim Deed – Map 14 Lot 382 Melody Lane

#### **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

##### Property Assessment Abatement Requests:

Chairman Urquhart moved to approve the following 2015 property assessment abatements:

Map 11F Lot 228 – reduced assessment in the amount of \$24,900

Map 6 Lot 17 - reduced assessment in the amount of \$55,700

Map 11B Lot 172 - reduced assessment in the amount of \$58,900

Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Urquhart moved to deny the following 2015 property assessment abatements:

Map 14 Lot 496 – Johnson 19 Autumn Road

Map 21 Lot 21 – Cunningham 22 Mountainside Drive

Map 12 Lot 158 Sub Lot 129 – Taggett 276 Second NH Turnpike

Map 12A lot 226 – Sequencia 65 Jefferson Drive.

Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Bradley Baron – Ms. Buono said Mr. Bradley Baron who owns property on 4 Hemlock Street and there was a fire in 2012 however based on all the documentation we have, the structure was not removed after April 1, 2013. Mr. Baron was billed, and paid taxes for 2013 based on the value of what was on the property. Now, through his attorney he is requesting a rebate of the taxes he paid in the amount of \$1,956.31 stating that there was no structure on Mr. Baron's property that had any value requiring him to pay those taxes. Mr. Baron's attorney feels that since RSA 76:16 allows the Selectmen to abate taxes "for good cause shown" which includes prior years taxes, this should be approved. Ms. Buono said that based on documentation, the code enforcement officer had to go

through quite a bit at that time to get Mr. Baron to take the structure down and even when he did, he didn't pull a demolition permit. Ms. Buono said she doesn't recommend the rebate because he was taxed on the value of what was on the property at that time. Ms. Buono now he comes back three years later after not being cooperative with town officials at that time the structure should have been removed, and asks for a refund. Ms. Buono said this is not a case of a taxpayer struggling to pay the taxes whereas the Selectmen have granted hardship abatements on certain interest on accounts. Chairman Urquhart moved to deny the request of Bradley Baron. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Hearing Request – Ms. Buono said John Segedy has requested a hearing with regard to removing him as an alternate on the Conservation Commission. Ms. Buono said there is an RSA that allows for this. Ms. Buono reviewed the RSA with the Selectmen and asked the Selectmen if they want to move forward with this considering the Conservation Commission don't seem to have a problem with Mr. Segedy's personality. Selectman Fullerton said if they are going to try and recruit new members, it's going to be a problem. Ms. Buono agreed however, the RSA states that a member can be removed for cause and although if someone is creating an interruption so that the business can't move forward that's considered "cause", the Conservation Commission doesn't seem to feel that way. Mr. Segedy wasn't reappointed to the ZBA because of the difficulty. The Selectmen feel they can have a hearing but all members of the Selectmen should be present. Ms. Buono said she will work on setting it up and until then, his alternate term that expires in 2017 stands. Chairman Urquhart said the Town needs good volunteers but when there is someone who is disruptive, it's not a good situation and we don't need that type of volunteer. Chairman Urquhart said he fielded so many complaints about this person and we don't need that type of volunteer.

Summer Camp – Ms. Buono said as of today, 111 campers have signed up and the employees have been working on their paperwork. The Beach Dance is June 17<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Ms. Buono said the update is almost done and the public information night is Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 p.m. at the Fire Station's meeting room.

Credit Cards - Ms. Buono said we are hoping we'll be up and running to accept credit cards by the end of the summer. Residents will be able to pay Transfer Station fees, building permits, registrations, etc. Ms. Buono said she's also working with a company to get our permits online so that people can fill out permit applications and pay for them online and submit them. The fees are paid by the user and not the municipality.

Spiller Property – Ms. Buono said she has been contacted by the Attorney for the Spiller property which abuts the Youth Department building. The family is wondering what the Town's intention is for that property. Ms. Buono said the family would like to sell it to get some money to handle estate issues since Mr. Spiller has passed away. Ms. Buono said she would not advise the Selectmen to spend money to acquire the property because the Town is in a position to own it for back taxes at the end of this year. Ms. Buono said the family isn't in the position to pay the back taxes and wondered if it's the Board's intention of taking the property. Ms. Buono said she has a concern that there may be contamination on the property and what is the Board's intention of the two buildings over there that we currently own since there has been some discussion about the possibility of selling that real estate in the future. Ms. Buono said she and Ms. Payson had met with CNHRPC and a Brownfield's Engineer about three properties that they would like to see a Brownfield's assessment done on to see if there is contamination and to what level. The three were, Woods Woolen Mills, Associated Electric and the Spiller Property (they needed three different types of properties for the assessment). Ms. Buono said the only catch is that Associate Electric and the Spillers would have to give permission since they are privately owned. Ms. Buono said if this happens, they everyone would know if there is contamination. Chairman Urquhart said he doesn't feel they should get into the property business at all especially in

that area and with that building. The disadvantage of taking it was briefly discussed. Ms. Buono said the Selectmen can agree to not take it in October so the family can pursue selling it and put some stipulations on what happens if it does sell. There are vehicles there that need to be pulled off the property. The Board feels they should attempt to sell it at this time and it can be revisited in October.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Urquhart moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono  
Town Administrator

Approved by:  
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

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Alan Urquhart, Selectman

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David Fullerton, Selectman