

Board of Selectmen
Work Session Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2016

Present: Wendy Brien-Baker, Chairman; Alan Urquhart, Selectman; James Bailey III, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

Chairman Brien-Baker opened the Selectmen's Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Joyce Bosse, Leigh Bosse, Mark Rodier, Jack Wells, Michael Tardiff, Mike Vignale, Robyn Payson, Bob Hassett, Anne Poole, Michael Pon, John Segedy.

1. OPEN SESSION

There was no public comment.

2. CENTRAL NH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (CNHRPC)

Michael Tardiff and Mike Vignale from CNHRPC, spoke with the Selectmen with regard to the Depot Street reconfiguration that has been done on paper for the purpose of providing safer parking as well as a little green space. The project is broken out in two phases at a total cost of \$42,000. There is a question with regard to the access in front of the Sausage Source and whether or not it is privately owned or town owned. Mr. Tardiff also brought up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) they are working on to be negotiated with Valley Bible Church so that their parking lot will be able to be used as a municipal lot other than at times when the Church utilizes it. The MOU that is being used as a sample is from the City of Portsmouth. Downtown signage was also discussed with new parking signs being put up this year in hopes of making it easier for visitors to find municipal lots. The Economic Development Committee has also come up with a suggestion to make the walk from a municipal lot to the downtown pleasant by advertising the number of steps, putting signs with history facts, etc. Selectman Urquhart said CNHRPC has done a great job and provided good information.

3. MARK RODIER – EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE COMMISSION

Mark Rodier from the Emerald Lake Village District Commission came before the Selectmen to ask about the dry hydrant at the boat ramp since it is inoperable. Mr. Rodier said that Chief Stafford had said he won't try and back flush it and since the hydrant is full of sand, they don't use it because it would ruin their trucks. The Selectmen asked Ms. Buono to follow up with Chief Stafford. Mr. Rodier also brought up the Bog Road / Gould Pond Intersection that had been discussed with Chief Roarick. Mr. Rodier said they feel it's a dangerous intersection and there was a yield sign put up but he feels it's foolish in that location especially in a snowstorm. Chief Roarick doesn't feel a stop sign coming down Bog Road is going to do what they want and has suggested engineering study should be done to get expert advice. Mr. Rodier said they would be happy to supply a sign and pole. Ms. Buono said she has given the Selectmen a copy of the accident statistics at that intersection from 2008 – 2016 which was compiled by the Police Department. There have been a total of eight accidents with three being caused by failure to yield; one a DWI; two were weather related; one was a collision with a deer and one was a rear-end accident that was North on Bog Rd. Ms. Buono will look into what it would cost to have the intersection engineered.

4. LIASON REPORTS

Economic Development Committee – Selectman Urquhart said the EDC meets on Thursday of this week and will be given a presentation on the Business Retention Program.

Parks Board – Chairman Brien-Baker said the Parks Board met on Tuesday and they are still working on the bathrooms for Grimes Field. The Mission Statement that the Selectmen adopted was presented to the members of the Board.

5. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Brien-Baker moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 9661 - 9700 a/k/a Vouchers 7 & 8 in the amount of \$128,697.51 (includes 129 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 13759 - 13841 a/k/a Voucher 10 in the amount of \$70,745.09. Motion was seconded by Selectman Urquhart. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Brien-Baker moved to approve the consent agenda for February 23, 2016. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Discretionary Preservation Easement Deed – Plummer
- Pole License – Cooledge Road
- Assessment Abatements – Map 10, Lot 66; Map 25 Lot 1; Map 13 Lot 260.

7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Brien-Baker moved to approve the Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2016 & February 12, 2016. Motion was seconded by Selectman Urquhart. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Brien-Baker moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

Wendy Brien-Baker, Chairman

Alan Urquhart, Selectman

James Bailey III, Selectman