

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2017

Present: James Bailey III, Chairman; David N. Fullerton, Selectman; Jonathan M. Daley, Selectman
Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Mike Black, Robert Woolner, Leigh Bosse, Michael Pon, Brett Cherrington, Roger
Racette, Ronald Grandmaison, William Cass.

Selectman Bailey opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. OPEN SESSION

Brett Cherrington – Mr. Cherrington said he was here to listen to the discussion on the rumble strips
and just wanted the Selectmen to know beforehand that he is in favor of the removal of the strips.

2. ROBERT WOOLNER – LIBRARY BUILDING 3RD FLOOR

Mr. Woolner spoke with the Selectmen about the large room on the third floor of the library that
used to be the music room. He has met with representatives from the Grand Army of the Republic
(GAR) who had previously occupied two rooms on the second floor of the library. Since those
rooms have been remodeled and are currently being used by the library, the idea is to have the old
music room repaired and utilize it as a shared meeting space since the Selectmen have expressed
interest in having a meeting room now that the third floor is accessible. Mr. Woolner outlined his
vision of having display cases in order for the GAR to put some of their items out for the public to
see. Photographs were reviewed and it was noted that various items will have to be moved out of
the space in order for work to be done. Ms. Buono suggested that since the Town has the Inmate
Work Program coming next week that we can arrange to have the inmates move whatever needs to
be moved. Mr. Woolner will work at getting some estimates for the work that is needed to get that
room to the point of being used and will send those forward to Ms. Buono.

3. NHDOT – RUMBLE STRIP REMOVAL REQUEST

Ronald Grandmaison and William Cass from NHDOT met with the Selectmen to discuss a request
from the Town to have edge line rumble strips that were installed on Rte. 202 removed due to
disturbance they cause to residents. Mr. Grandmaison explained the process the NHDOT goes through
when they decide to install rumble strips. Because of the centralized location of the complaints from
residents, the suggestion from NHDOT is to remove strips beginning at the bypass of Rte 31 and
around the corner to the bridge. They feel the removal of these strips would help to reduce the
incidental hits in this area. Mr. Cass brought up the question about the depth of these strips as
compared to the strips in Henniker. The strips in Henniker have been worn down over the years by
plows and traffic. Selectman Daley said the noise from the strips can be heard in the center of town
and across town and said he's in favor of keeping them but moving them off the edge line as a
compromise. Selectman Fullerton said he was contacted by a woman who lives in the Emerald Lake
area who said she can hear them and she's three miles away. Chairman Bailey said the Selectmen
requested that they be removed from town line to town line and said he lives at the lake and can hear
them as well. He said that he noticed from Henniker to Rte. 202 they are only on one side of the road
and noted that when the strips are on the fog line, they make it appear as if it's a passing zone or 2nd
lane. Chairman Bailey feels that keeping the center strips and moving the others off the fog line is

acceptable. Roger Racette said he's glad the strips are going to be removed from the west end but feels it doesn't make sense to leave the remainder mile or two of strips. Mr. Grandmaison said because of the type of roadway, those strips work better to give bicycle riders more reaction time when someone hits them. Brett Cherrington said he's a bike rider and only needs 6". He is in favor of complete removal of the fog line strips. It was agreed that it's rare that bicycle riders are on that roadway. Mr. Grandmaison feels the strips are beneficial especially in the long straight ways since drivers are usually traveling at a higher rate of speed than what is posted. Mr. Cass said they have heard that having the strips on the white line in this area is problematic for the residents and said they will look at removal of the fog line strips now and in the future replace them with rumble strips off the white line like the ones in Henniker. Mr. Racette requested that the removal of the strips be done sooner rather than later since the summer months are around the corner. NHDOT will communicate back to the Town once plans are approved and finalized.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Weatherstone Crossing – Mike Black, representing Saxton Partners met with the Selectmen to explain that NHDOT is still recommending placing a roundabout in the area of their development even though the Selectmen had previously issued a letter stating they did not approve of one being placed at the entrance of the development. Mr. Black said NHDOT felt the letter was simply disapproval of that location for a roundabout due to the proximity of the river. The Selectmen agreed that they disapprove of any roundabout and agreed to send a letter addressed to Kevin Belanger stating such.

Tax Anticipation Note Paperwork – Ms. Buono presented the Selectmen with paperwork associated with a line of credit in the amount of \$3,000,000. to be used for a TAN if necessary. Ms. Buono said that last year was the first time in many years that a TAN was not necessary but the Treasurer would like to have the line available if it is needed. She explained that no interest is paid for having the money available since interest is only charged if any of the money is used. The Selectmen signed the paperwork as presented.

Kona Ice – Ms. Buono brought up a request from Kona Ice to sell shaved ice, bottled water, and various ice cream at Manahan Park. The paperwork was reviewed and briefly discussed. Chairman Bailey said he doesn't agree with allowing an out of town business to come in because he feels it affects other businesses in town. Selectman Fullerton doesn't feel it would affect other businesses at this point and supports this request. Selectman Daley said at this point, no one else has expressed interest in providing this service. A peddler's fee for all requests may be discussed in the future (there is currently a \$25 application fee). Selectman Daley moved to approve the request from Kona Ice with the restriction that they will not sell during camp hours. The motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed by a vote of two in favor and one opposed (Chairman Bailey).

Woods Woolen Mills – Ms. Buono brought up a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the State of NH Dept. of Resources and Economic Development for the purpose of the Town being able to cross over State owned land by the Woods Woolen Mills site in order to put a fence up while work is being done there. Ms. Buono said she has signed the MOU however they are now requiring that the Selectmen vote to give her the authority to sign on behalf of the Town. Selectman Fullerton moved to authorize Ms. Buono to sign the necessary documents with regard to this site on behalf of the Town of Hillsborough. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Sale of Fire and Parks Vehicles – Ms. Buono said there are three vehicles that the Town needs to get sell. Chief Stafford said there is a collector who is interested in the ladder truck which is a 1971 American LaFrance straight ladder which cannot be sold for use in firefighting operations since it

doesn't meet NFPA standards. The other is a 1993 Freightliner engine. There is also a parks truck which is going to be replaced soon by the new vehicle. The Selectmen authorized Ms. Buono to place these vehicles out for sale by way of sealed bids.

Teen Center – Ms. Buono brought up the request to name the teen center after Peter Brigham which came from the committee who is planning his retirement party. Ms. Buono suggested that instead of naming a building after a retiring employee, the Selectmen should consider a plaque to be hung at the location recognizing his contributions. The Selectmen agreed. Chairman Bailey moved to display a plaque outlining Mr. Brigham's contributions, commitment and impact to the Town. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Manahan Park - Chairman Bailey updated the Board on a meeting he attended with regard to the boat ramp at Manahan Park with Fish & Game and Peter Brigham. Chairman Bailey said noting will be considered with regard to the State funding the project until after June 30th since they don't have the money in the current budget. They will be interested in a 30 year lease to maintain it. He reviewed the discussion they had with regard to redesigning the parking area and putting in a single lane boat ramp and dock. They spoke about taking the two picnic tables out because they don't want to encourage swimming in that area. They will have the right to write tickets in the area and will have total control of the parking lot. Chairman Bailey said realistically nothing is going to be completed until 2018 at the earliest but it could take up to three years if the money isn't budgeted.

5. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 11565 – 11623 a/k/a Vouchers 16, 17 & 17A in the amount of \$143,626.77 (includes 124 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 16362 - 16438 a/k/a Vouchers 17 in the amount of \$111,667.55. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the consent agenda for April 25, 2017. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Veterans Exemptions – Map 9 Lot 95; Map 7 Lot 182
- Elderly Exemptions – Map 8 Lot 102; Map 8 Lot 13; Map 1 Lot 49;
- Intents to Cut – Map 4 Lot 35; Map 10 Lot 44;
- 2016 Property Tax Abatement – Taggett in the amount of \$50.84
- Yield Tax Assessments in the amount of \$2,546.73 & \$294.22
- Forest Fire Report/Bill in the amount of \$1,464.92
- Pole License Petition – Municipal Drive
- NH DOT Application for Estimate – Red Fox Crossing Rd. over Nelson Brook (ELVD Request)

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 11, 2017 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed with a vote of two in favor and one abstention (Selectman Daley)

8. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Bailey moved to go into nonpublic session at 8:07 p.m. under RSA 91A:3II (b) hiring. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Bailey – yes; Selectman Fullerton – yes; Selectman Daley - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In attendance: Chairman Bailey, Selectman Fullerton, Selectman Daley, Town Administrator Laura Buono.

Ms. Buono discussed the process of advertising and interviewing individuals for the part time building maintenance position. The Selectmen favored trying to work out a split schedule with a current fulltime employee who was interested in the position but if that didn't work, authorized Ms. Buono to hire Mark Roarick.

Chairman Bailey moved to come out of nonpublic session at 8:25 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A roll call vote was taken. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Bailey. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Bailey – yes; Selectman Fullerton – yes; Selectman Daley - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

James C. Bailey III, Chairman

David N. Fullerton, Selectman

Jonathan M. Daley, Selectman