

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2015

Present: Alan Urquhart, Selectman; James Bailey III, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Joyce Bosse, John Segedy, Dave Fullerton.

1. OPEN SESSION

Dave Fullerton – Mr. Fullerton read a statement that covered his feelings about drugs in Hillsborough and how he would like to see more done about the issue. He brought up the past CAT program and said he would like to see that brought back. Joyce Bosse added that the DARE program is no longer offered in Hillsborough. This information/request will be passed on to Peter Brigham and Chief Roarick.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – OSRAM SYLVANIA DONATION

Selectman Urquhart opened the public hearing for the donation of a 2015 F-150 4x4 Crew Cab pickup truck with a value of \$48,094.36, at 6:34 p.m. It was noted that the hearing was advertised as required.

Ms. Buono began by stating that Chief Stafford was unable to attend the hearing because he was out of State and that Scott Murdough is currently at a brush fire. Ms. Buono said that the truck will be used as a utility vehicle for towing trailers that the department currently owns, to haul dirty equipment back from fires, as well as to move members to and from scenes. Chief Stafford also said in a letter to the Selectmen, that currently these things are done with private vehicles. Chief Stafford also thanked Osram Sylvania for the very generous donation.

There was no public comment and Selectman Urquhart closed the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Selectman Bailey moved to accept the donation from Osram Sylvania. Motion was seconded by Selectman Urquhart. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

3. SELECTMEN BUSINESS

Dredging of Gould Pond – Ms. Buono brought forward the two quotes for the dredging of Gould Pond. S.R. Jones in the amount of \$77,700 and Accura Construction Corp. in the amount of \$68,695. Ms. Buono said both companies come with good references and seem quite capable of handling the job. Selectman Bailey moved to award the contract to Accura Construction Corp. Motion was seconded by Selectman Urquhart. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Family Dollar – Ms. Buono updated the Selectmen about the site visit at Family Dollar last week. Billy Goss, Robyn Payson and Ms. Buono met with Mr. Merrill, Irene Wells, and a few other individuals at the site to discuss where the old town road ran. Since then, she and Ms. Payson have had a conversation with the town's land use attorney with regard to the matter. Ms. Buono said they are continuing to work on the issue with the next step being to contact Family Dollars attorney and review and request some information. Ms. Buono will update the Selectmen as things come up.

Solar Array – Ms. Buono brought up information that NHSolarGarden would like the Selectmen to consider with regard to the rebates we will be receiving. Instead of a flat .01/KWH, the updated PPA

will give us an increased savings over the life of the lease of at least \$160,000. In the beginning, the Town will be earning/saving less annually under the PPA (this is independent of the lease payment), however, within a few years, it will equate to more than the original .01/KWH. The lease payments will not change because this is in addition to those payments. Ms. Buono stated that the Town of Antrim, who has the same attorney as Hillsborough, has already signed off on this updated plan with the attorney's approval of the plan wording. It basically comes down to whether or not we want to have more savings today or over the life of the agreement. The Selectmen felt this was a good way to go and Selectman Urquhart moved to approve the change as long as when Ms. Buono is able to review it with Chairman Brien-Baker, she agrees. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate – Ms. Buono brought up the IRS Standard Mileage rate for 2015 and said that currently, we reimburse employees at the rate of 55.5 cents per mile but the 2015 rate is 57.5 cents per mile. Ms. Buono requested that the Selectmen approve the increase in the rate. Selectman Urquhart moved to approve the increased reimbursement rate to 57.5 cents/mile. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Antrim Cell Tower – Selectman Urquhart said he is troubled by the news of a proposed cell tower on Pierce Lake. Ms. Buono said she has submitted two letters of concern on behalf of the Hillsborough residents in that area to the Antrim Zoning Board (copies are in the read files). One letter was submitted in January and another yesterday. The Board reviewed photos of the balloon test that was done in conjunction with this project.

Armory – Selectman Urquhart asked if a letter had gone out yet to the Governor and Council with regard to interest in the armory in Hillsborough. Ms. Buono said it is on the list of goals that the Selectmen discussed last meeting but that letter had not yet gone out.

Tractor Supply Subdivision – Selectman Bailey reported that the Tractor Supply subdivision had passed at the Planning Board meeting.

Parks Labor – Ms. Buono said that there is a need to bring on temporary labor in order to get the fields up and running. One of the employees is out on medical leave and won't be back for a few weeks. Ms. Buono said that she and Alan Kingsbury interviewed Richard Beard and would like the Selectmen to authorize his hiring in the interim. Selectman Urquhart verified that there is no need for a job posting since it is a temporary seasonal position. Ms. Buono said that is correct. Selectman Urquhart moved to hire Richard Beard to work on the parks. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

4. MANIFEST MOTION

Selectman Urquhart moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 8400 - 8448 a/k/a Vouchers 17 & 18 in the amount of \$132,637.47 (includes 128 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 11757 - 11847 a/k/a Voucher 17 & 18 in the amount of \$245,352.39. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Selectman Urquhart moved to approve the Consent Agenda for April 28, 2015. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Intent to Cut – Map 10 Lot 35; Map 2 Lot 16; Map 6 Lot 8; Map 9 Lots 128 & 129; Map 2-1 Lots 40-1 & 40-2

- Veterans Exemptions – Map 18 Lot 13; Map 24 Lot 147; Map 11I Lot 108-6
- Gravel Tax Levy in the amount of \$329.34

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Urquhart moved to adjourn at 6:55 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: _____

Alan Urquhart, Selectman

James Bailey III, Selectman