

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2016

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

In Attendance: Leigh Bosse, Kelly Sullivan, Gerry Rogers, Shannon Tombs, Elizabeth Hendrickson, Dave Roarick, Bob McAllister.

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

1. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Urquhart moved to go into nonpublic session at 6:05 p.m. under RSA 91A:3II (b) Hiring. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Urquhart – yes; Selectman Bailey – yes; Selectman Fullerton - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In attendance: Chairman Urquhart, Selectman Bailey, Selectman Fullerton, Town Administrator Laura Buono, Chief Dave Roarick, Elizabeth Hendrickson.

Chief Roarick introduced Elizabeth Hendrickson to the Selectmen with a recommendation that Ms. Hendrickson be hired as a part-time dispatcher. The Selectmen reviewed Ms. Hendrickson's credentials and briefly discussed the position with both Chief Roarick and Ms. Hendrickson.

Selectman Bailey moved to come out of nonpublic session at 6:13 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Urquhart – yes; Selectman Bailey – yes; Selectman Fullerton - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

2. ROBERT MCALLISTER

Mr. McAllister recently retired from fulltime police service and accepted a position in the Hillsborough Dispatch Center. When making the decision whether or not to simply transfer to dispatch from the police department or to "retire", Mr. McAllister was told by Chief Roarick that retiring would basically sever employment with the town for the purpose of longevity. Meaning that if Mr. McAllister wanted to retire so that he could gain certain benefits from the NH Retirement System, he would be paid for whatever unused eligible accrued time (vacation & holidays) he had on the books and he would get a new start date for the dispatch center. The other option that was presented to him was a straight transfer in which nothing would change as far as his start date goes, and his earned time would remain on the books. Mr. McAllister told the Selectmen that he chose to "retire" because that was more beneficial to him with regard to his retirement account. He said that now, he has lost the ability to earn 4 weeks of vacation time because his of his new start date and only earns 2 weeks per year. He would like to get those two extra weeks back. Mr. McAllister said that he was given a conflicting story to what the Chief had told him as to what would happen if he chose to "retire" by someone in the town offices. The Board discussed this with Mr. McAllister with much of the discussion centering around Mr. McAllister's choice to retire. There is no policy in the personnel policy or in the collective bargaining agreement. Ms. Buono said the Chief had spoken with her and she agreed that if the town was going to pay the accruals, it would have to be considered a break in employment since that is the only way accruals are paid out to employees. After further discussion,

the Board suggested Ms. Buono ask some colleagues in other communities if they have dealt with similar situations. Mr. McAllister was told that the Board will make a decision at the next Selectmen's meeting.

3. OPEN SESSION

Kelly Sullivan – Ms. Sullivan, along with her husband Gerry Rogers and niece spoke with the Selectmen about some frustration they felt in finding out that their home was not in the Emerald Lake Village District. They explained that when they bought their home, they were told they had beach access and said they have been using the beach which is down the street from their house for over 20 years. Recently, the rules in the district have changed and only residents who pay taxes to the district are allowed to use the beaches. Ms. Sullivan said they pay their water bill to the district and never questioned whether they were a part of it. Because of a recent dispute with one of their neighbors, they have been told they are not part of the district and cannot use the beach. After a brief discussion with regard to the neighbor dispute, the Selectmen stated that although they don't have any jurisdiction when it comes to Emerald Lake, they will ask the Town Administrator to attend the Commissioner's Meeting and try and work out a solution in order to allow them to continue to use the beach.

4. LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Board – Selectman Bailey said they continue to work on the Master Plan and they are also looking at the sign ordinance. He reported that the July 20th meeting will be held at the High School Cafeteria since Weatherstone Crossing is scheduled to come in for a site plan review for their anchor store.

5. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Urquhart moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 10243 - 10334 a/k/a Vouchers 27 & 28 in the amount of \$163,692.51 (includes 126 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 14619 - 14709 a/k/a Vouchers 25, 26 & 27 (includes voided checks in the amount of \$136,367.63) in the amount of \$1,083,251.84. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

** A/P checks include payment to HDSO in the amount of \$768,072.25

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Urquhart moved to approve the consent agenda for July 12, 2016. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Health Officer & Deputy Health Officer paperwork

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Urquhart moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 28, 2016 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Saxton Partners Development – Selectman Bailey said he was concerned that in making some decisions with regard to Saxton Partners, the Selectmen may not have had all the available information. For example, Selectman Bailey brought up recent charges that Saxton Partners have been charged by the water and sewer department (legal and third party review). Selectman Bailey said he

was not aware that the fees that were quoted were to be placed in escrow meaning if they are not spent then the money will go back to Saxton. Ms. Buono said she thought the water and sewer department secretary stated that in here email, and said the legal fees is an escrow amount however, the other fees appear to be a charge for service. Ms. Buono said the Selectmen were informed of these new charges to the developer but were not asked to make any decisions about them since there was no decision to be made. Selectman Bailey also said that when a decision was made with regard to the land use change tax waiver for the developer, there was a figure used to compute the estimated tax that was around \$600,000 however, the land sold for about a million dollars. Ms. Buono told the Board that if they check the paperwork they were given at that time, they will notice that all figures associated with estimating the land use change tax are assessed values and have nothing to do with the sales price. A discussion took place about communication between the when it comes to water and sewer. Selectman Bailey said we had a good meeting with the Selectmen, Economic Development, Water and Sewer, and Planning and clear communication when it comes to large projects is important. Ms. Buono also brought up an application that the Planning Director had requested the Selectmen sign on for the Developer with regard to their sewer application. Ms. Buono said that although the Selectmen signed it based on the information in front of them, there was a sentence on the form that Ms. Buono said she was not comfortable with so she instructed the Planning Director to hold on to it. The sentence had to do with the system being approved however; it has not been approved at this point. Selectman Fullerton said based on a variety of things, it appears that all the Commissioners are not on the same page which makes it difficult to know what the right information is. It was suggested that with any large projects, additional meetings be held so that information can be shared and communication is open.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Urquhart moved to adjourn at 8:05 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

David Fullerton, Selectman