

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2016

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

In Attendance: Len Mannino, Douglas Hatfield.

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

1. OPEN SESSION

There was no public comment

2. LEN MANNINO – CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Mr. Len Mannino from Milford, NH introduced himself and said that he is running for the Hillsborough County Commissioners – District 3. Mr. Mannino outlined the three areas he would like to work on if elected. They are: Transparency, Accreditation for the Dept. of Corrections, and the Budget and most specifically long term planning. Mr. Mannino discussed each of these areas along with his ideas to move them forward.

3. DOUGLAS HATFIELD – KEMP PARK COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Hatfield explained to the Selectmen that the Kemp Park Committee meets as needed. They are currently developing plans for buildings, pathways, etc. Mr. Hatfield said they have a plan which shows some landscaping they plan to do and it also shows where the walkways and lawn will be. They have discussed moving the cottage toward the street to be used as a “welcome center” if needed. The main building would be to house the two trucks that were donated to the Town with three sides of the building being glass so that the vehicles can be viewed without touching. Selectman Bailey said he is amazed at how many people want to see the trucks. Mr. Hatfield said preliminary estimates for the building work is \$50,000. He said they would like the Selectmen to consider allowing Bill Goss to help with the ground work. The Selectmen agreed only if Mr. Goss has the time. Mr. Hatfield said they have also received some contributions and have approximately \$3,000 in an account for the work but they would like to ask the Town for help to pay for the building via a warrant article at Town Meeting. The Committee is in favor of the Economic Development Committee’s idea of having a trail system developed in Hillsborough. Mr. Hatfield reported that they have experienced some vandalism at the Hansen Cottage and the Committee is looking into a camera system in order to curb the behavior or to catch the vandals. Mr. Hatfield went over some of the history behind the oven. The land was also discussed with regard to future use since it is town owned land. Mr. Hatfield said he would like the Selectmen to vote to support the project and the Committee will come in with financials during budget season and ask the Selectmen to present a warrant article for approximately \$30,000. Selectman Bailey moved to support the continuing work of the Kemp Park Committee. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

4. LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Board – Selectman Bailey said the Planning Board is continuing their work on the Master Plan and are currently moving forward with the Natural Resources chapter.

Economic Development Committee – Chairman Urquhart asked the Selectmen to think about they may want to do with the building in the middle of Town if they decided to take it via tax deed.

5. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Urquhart moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 10512 - 10592 a/k/a Vouchers 33 & 34 in the amount of \$155,943.00 (includes 127 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 14886 - 14976 a/k/a Vouchers 31 & 32 in the amount of \$424,147.89. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Bailey moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 9, 2016 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Village Discount Building – Selectman Fullerton said several people have brought up the vacant Village Discount Building in conjunction with a senior center. He said he's not sure about the price tag but that perhaps it should be looked into. Selectman Bailey said it's a prime piece of commercial property and although it's not a bad idea, he would like to see the old PSNH building looked into. Chairman Urquhart feels they need a tax base and these are commercial buildings and said he would hate to see then taken off the tax rolls. Selectman Fullerton will do some research.

County Road – Ms. Buono reported that there is a dead tree on County Road that Eversource needs to remove for safety reasons. Since County Road is a scenic road and this is a safety hazard, the Selectmen can vote to have the tree removed without holding a public hearing. Selectman Bailey moved to approve the tree removal on the basis it is a safety hazard. The motion was seconded by Chairman Urquhart. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Truck Purchase – Ms. Buono said the Building Inspector along with Mike Minichello have been looking for a vehicle primarily for the building inspector but it will also be used by building maintenance when necessary. The truck that had been approved by the Selectmen previously was purchased by another community. Ms. Buono said a couple trucks have been looked at but haven't been suitable but Hillsboro Ford has one that is \$9,000 which includes a new windshield, new brakes, new exhaust & and a new battery. The windshield is necessary for inspection but new tires are not although we are asking for tires. The vehicle has a blue book value of \$9,239 - \$11,304. Ms. Buono said as of 7/31/16 we have spent a total of \$1,705.72 for mileage reimbursement for these two departments. The board discussed the vehicle and feel they should be able to get the vehicle in inspected condition for the \$7,880 that was originally quoted and authorized Ms. Buono to purchase it for that price with a valid inspection sticker.

Old Episcopal Church Tour – Ms. Buono said she contacted Jim Larkin with regard to having the Selectmen tour the Old Episcopal Church in Hillsborough Center. Mr. Larkin has a key for that can be picked up if the Selectmen know when they would like to tour the building. The Board decided they will tour it at 5:30 p.m. on September 13th.

Road Closure for Skateboard/Scooter Competition – Peter Brigham had sent the Selectmen a request via email asking for permission to close a small section of Depot Street (Between River Street and the entrance to Grimes Field) on Sunday, October 9th for a Skateboard/Scooter Slalom event. He stated that this section of road would be ideal for the event and its proximity to the skateboard park works nicely. The slalom would be the first event of the day and indicated they would need the road closed between 9:30am and 11:00am. Mr. Brigham said he would be happy to work with and communicate with any of the residences that may be impacted by this closure and said they would not restrict access to residents who need to come and go from their homes. The Selectmen felt this was a good idea. Selectman Fullerton moved to approve the road closure as requested. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

TAP Letter of Support – Ms. Buono presented the Selectmen with a letter of support for their signatures for the purpose of inclusion in the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant Application. The application is for funding for a sidewalk project which will be submitted at the end of the week. Ms. Buono said there is very little money available and quite a few projects but we have as good of a chance as any other community.

Cemetery – Chairman Urquhart asked if the Cemetery Trustees can have some repairs done to the cemetery by Grimes Field. The Board commented on the wonderful job that is being done on the website with regard to providing information on the various cemeteries in Town.

8. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Selectman Bailey moved to go into nonpublic session at 8:48 p.m. under RSA 91A:3II (c) Reputation. Motion was seconded by Chairman Urquhart. 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.

Selectman Bailey asked if the issue brought forward by Mr. Fradette at the last meeting was resolved. Ms. Buono said it has been resolved and reviewed what had taken place.

Selectman Bailey moved to come out of nonpublic session at 8:54 p.m. Motion was seconded by Chairman Urquhart. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Urquhart – yes; Selectman Bailey – yes; Selectman Fullerton - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Urquhart moved to adjourn at 8:49 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