

Selectmen Meeting 8/9/2016

# **Approved Minutes**

<u>Present:</u> Selectmen Bernie O'Grady, Charlie Moser and Louise Lavoie; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley, members of the public.

<u>Called to Order:</u> Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Louise Lavoie.

### **Approvals:**

- It was noted that the accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.
- Minutes of the July 26, 2016 meeting was reviewed, Charlie moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Bernie. 3 vote to approve as written.
- MS-1 Extension Request form, for DRA, was read and approved. New deadline for filing will be Oct 13, instead of Sept 1.
- Warrant for unlicensed dogs was next. List of 13 dog owners who have not yet registered their dogs with the town clerk. The warrant was signed by all selectmen.

#### **New Business:**

- Zoning Board Bob Bergeron, acting chair of BOA, appeared with 2 candidates for alternate positions on the ZBA. Landon Smith and Bob Young had short conversation with the selectmen who emphasized time commitment for business as well as possible training opportunities, both felt they were prepared to give enough time. Appointment papers were signed for both individuals, who then were sworn in by the town clerk. As a result of the training conversation, Kathy was asked to order copies of the handbook published by NHOEP. It was also mentioned that the new clerk had resigned, citing time constraints as a reason.
- A letter from the Town of Wilton was reviewed. They are reinstating the Recycling Committee, and are looking for a representative from each member town. Charlie said he would be potentially interested in doing this. Kathy will call Wilton and find out days, times and frequency of meetings, which were not mentioned in the letter.
- There was a letter to request reimbursement from the Highway Building Reserve Fund to the Town general fund for the survey done by David M O'Hara & Associates. The Town has already paid the invoice. This was signed by all selectmen, and will also be signed by the road agent before passing it along to George Schwenk.
- The MS 535, auditor's report for DRA, had been received. It was briefly reviewed, explained it contained actual vs budgeted numbers, and signed by all selectmen. It will be passed back to Brenda to upload and send to DRA.
- There was a complaint from a citizen on Valley Rd. Discussion centered on whether or not the BOS should hear/act on anonymous complaints. Decision to have a telephone conference with town counsel before addressing the complaint.

### **Old Business:**

• Louise brought up the subject of the IT update for the Mann House. She said the RFQ process for the town was not well defined, and thought instead to ask Wally, as town buildings manager, to see if he can get a bid from the electrician to install the ethernet wiring, and then have Microtime do the connections if needed. Savings could be applied to other aspects of the plan. There was agreement that there was clarification needed on the firewall as part of hooking into the school's internet, and decision to meet with both Microtime and the school as the next steps in the process.

## **Informational Items:**

- There was a letter from the County of Hillsborough with the finalized copy of the F/Y2017 budget adopted 6/27/2016 and a copy of the minutes from that meeting. It was noted for the record that the amount to be raised by taxes for the County is \$53,086,847. This information will be put in the town 2017 budget folder.
- There was a letter from highway department listing replacement costs (minus labor) for street signs which had been stolen. Signs have been recovered, some damaged, but may need to be held for evidence. It was suggested that Kathy check with insurance company as to whether or not this cost would be covered, and also to check with Chief Maxwell to see if they need to be held as evidence, and also if the perpetrators can pay cost of replacements.
- There was a copy of a letter previously (July 20) received via email by selectmen from the assessor. Selectmen have approved having the last 2 tax maps completed this year, putting the town completely up to date in assessments.

### **Public Forum:**

- Guy Daniello asked how valuation was determined, and was told it is largely based on recent sales of comparable properties in town. His follow-up question was how commercial property values were determined. It was explained that it has more to do with property value than business value, and that someone from the assessor's office would be in the town office tomorrow morning and could take his call and questions. Guy also asked what the BOA policy was regarding enforcing the conditions of the exceptions that are granted. It was explained that enforcement falls to the BOS, and if a violation is called to their attention that warrants investigation they will act on it. BOA is not responsible for enforcement.
- Barbara Devore said that the Police Department has been collecting payment due for the vandalism of last summer.
- Louise brought up the subject of short water supplies and failing wells in town, asking people to stop watering lawns. She asked a general question about how the town could help people through this, and it was suggested that the spigot on the town hall (which runs off the school well) could be accessed for water for animals, and perhaps the shower at the school could be made available. It was decided to speak with the school about these ideas, and Brenda will get this on the agenda for the next School Board meeting on Monday evening.

• A letter from the new Road Agent with updates from the Highway Department had been received by selectmen – all seems to be going well there, and a schedule for regular meetings with him was briefly discussed.

#### **Non-Public Session:**

Louise moved to enter into non-public session, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, IIc with Andrea and Joe Iodice. This was seconded by Bernie, and roll call vote to enter non-public session was 3 votes to enter non-public session was taken at 8:11 PM. The selectmen re-entered public session at 8:28. Motion to seal the minutes made by Bernie, seconded by Louise. Roll call vote was unanimous to seal the minutes because divulgence of the information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the board.

## Adjourned:

Motion to adjourn was made by Louise, seconded by Charlie, three votes to adjourn were made at 8:31 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 23, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Wile