

May 16, 2013

Town Board Minutes

Present: Supervisor Urban Hirschey, Councilman Clif Schneider, Councilman John Byrne, Councilman Brooks Bragdon, Councilwoman Michelle Oswald, Highway Superintendent Dan Hubbard, Dave Croft, Attorney Mark Gebo and approximately 30 residents.

Supervisor Hirschey opened the meeting at 6pm with the pledge of allegiance.

Privilege of the floor:

Darrell Burton – Darrell asked the Board if they have taken any action on the swallow wort situation on Carleton Island and asked if the Board has made any plans to help get rid of it between Bedford Corners Road and the Lake.

Jeremy Wood – Jeremy spoke about the Zoning Officer, he said that he has been told by contractors that the zoning officer does not return phone calls, and he does not have evening hours. He said that he would like the zoning officers to attend meetings and have accountability of his job. Supervisor Hirschey said that he would have the zoning officer attend the next meeting.

Dennis Pearson – Dennis told the Board that the community is divided. He felt it was their job to bring the community back together. He said he feels the Board should revisit the zoning laws, disband the zoning board, planning board and zoning officer. He talked about the transfer site and thought the decisions made for the transfer site should be at an open meeting.

Dan Wiley – Dan spoke to the Board regarding the Town releasing the County as the Codes enforcement officers and giving those duties to the current zoning officer. He asked the Board to use fiscal sense in their decisions and he hopes they consider his comments.

A motion was made by Councilman Schneider to accept the May 1 minutes, seconded by Councilman Bragdon. Councilman Byrne asked that Glen Kennedy's name be added to the section of the minutes regarding the LDC.

REPORTS

Financials - Councilman Bragdon gave a report on the balances in the various accounts. He reported that a semi-annual payment was made for water district #1. Councilman Byrne made a motion to accept the Supervisor's Financial Report, seconded by Councilwoman Oswald. All were in favor.

Planning Board – Councilman Bragdon gave a review of the meeting of the Planning Board.

Water – Dave Croft reported that the amount of water turn ons are slowing down and they did two new hook ups in water district #1 as a result of the low water situation. He said that the annual water quality reports are finished and will be distributed and posted on the town's website. He also reported that he has been doing an update with Insurance Services on the location of water lines and fire hydrants. He said he thinks the public should feel some relief because they set the fire protection rates and an update on the location of the hydrants has not been done for some time.

Recreation Park - Dave Croft reported that the building is busy with meetings, wedding receptions and he reported that Escape to the Cape would be held on the weekend and invited all to attend.

Highway – Dan Hubbard said they were still working on County Rt.7. He said they repaired a window in the museum and have started mowing. Dan said to replace the windows in the Hostel houses would cost \$10,000.00 and siding would be \$7,000.00-\$9,000.00 per building. If the Board decides to do this project, he asked the Board to give him lead times as he needs to get equipment ordered. He thought perhaps one house could be done this year and the second next year. He said there may not be enough money in the budget for this project and a resolution will need to be passed to transfer funds for it. He also told everyone that if they know of a cemetery that needs flags before Memorial Day to let him know.

School Board – Councilman Schneider reported that there is a modest increase in the school's budget. He reminded all to vote on May 21, 2013.

Councilman Schneider also talked about the PSC meeting on May 21 with the Article X law judge, at which the intervenor funds will be awarded and the next phase of Article X will be discussed.

Councilman Byrne reported that he, Mayor Maloney and Supervisor Hirschey attended a meeting with the Dept. of Health and the DEC that the DEC called for. He said they had discussions regarding outside water users, the new water regulations and water district #6. He said he felt it was a good meeting with good discussions.

Supervisor Hirschey reported that the Escape to the Cape event would be held and said the Town and the Chamber of Commerce were sponsoring the event along with Assessmbywoman Addie Russell. Supervisor Hirschey also said that the Town Clerk attended a conference and received information on how other towns handle their transfer sites. The transfer site will handle cash and continue to sell punch cards and stickers. He said we need to lessen the desire to use cash there and promote the use of the stickers and punch cards.

Supervisor Hirschey responded to Dennis Pearson's remarks during privilege of the floor by saying that he agrees the community is divided and until the turbine issue is resolved it would stay that way and he said he wants it resolved, the sooner the better. Supervisor Hirschey said the town needs to heal.

Resolution #18

Resolution #18 was moved by Councilman Byrne and seconded by Councilman Schneider. Resolution #18 was to set a public hearing on June 5, 2013 regarding the proposed updates to the Time Warner Cable agreement. There was no discussion. Supervisor Hirschey, Councilmen Byrne, Bragdon, Schneider voting AYE, Councilwoman Oswald voting AYE.

Supervisor Hirschey made a motion to accept the bid from Bach and Co. of \$6,735.00 for the water system to be put in at the Tibbett's Point Hostel. He said the Dept. of Health requires the water softener and this was part of the bid quote. Councilman Byrne seconded, all were in favor.

Bills: WD#1 \$469,961.37; WD #3 \$680.97; WD4 \$446.21; WD5 \$1,418.03; Highway \$19024.00; General Fund \$31,037.16. Motion to approve payments made by Councilman Schneider, seconded by Councilwoman Oswald.

Councilman Byrne made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:48pm to interview the candidate for the Zoning Board of Appeals and to discuss the pending law suit, seconded by Supervisor Hirschey.
Councilman Byrne made the motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:23pm, seconded by Councilman Schneider.
Councilman Byrne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Oswald.

Michelle Bouchard, Town Clerk