

BRENTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 2011

Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Andrew Artimovich  
Jane Byrne  
Jeffrey Bryan  
Michael Hubbard

The Board met and reviewed payroll. The Board noted that Joe Bird had quite a bit of overtime, most of it attributed to an officers' meeting that was held on a Sunday. Hubbard questioned why they would hold an officers' meeting on a Sunday when they know it would result in overtime. Bryan commented that the fire department salary line is already in trouble. The Selectmen reviewed accounts payable and signed the register. The Selectmen reviewed and signed the recreation register.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report. Artimovich made a motion, seconded by Byrne, to accept the reviewed Investment Policy as of 4/5/2011. All voted in favor. Ellis reported that we received a response from LGC regarding our question about the Recreation Director being bonded for making deposits and they said that although she is not specifically listed, there is a blanket of \$500,000 that covers that position. Ellis has a form that will require the Selectmen's signatures that delegates the depositing authority to the Recreation Director. A motion was made by Byrne and seconded by Bryan to authorize the Recreation Director to make deposits. All voted in favor. Ellis said that the Town Clerk/Tax Collector has asked him to continue to work on the acceptance of credit cards for tax payments. Ellis stated that he has talked to a couple of individuals at LGC, one of which was an attorney there, and they don't have any problem with Town's accepting credit cards. Ellis asked the Selectmen if they would be in favor of continuing to pursue this matter despite the fact that Town Counsel is not in favor of it. Byrne made a motion to authorize Ellis to continue to pursue the Town's acceptance of credit card payments for their taxes. Hubbard seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the 4/5/11 meeting. Bryan moved the minutes as written. Byrne seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Building Inspector Gil Tuck was in with the following permits which the Selectmen signed:

- Marianne & Matt Casey of 22 Sherry Circle to install an inground pool.
- Jon Winchell of 13 Ladd Road to erect a 20'x8'x8' addition.

The Board reviewed the notes:

- A generic email address has been set up for the town administrator. The Board agreed to have Kathy St. Hilaire check these emails until someone is hired to replace Julie.
- Byrne made a motion, seconded by Bryan, to adopt the Direct Payment Method with Rockingham County Conservation District for septic system inspections and test pits. All voted in favor.
- The Selectmen are OK with Carolyn working up to 34.5 hours/week during the weeks that the Town Administrator position is unfilled.
- The Board reviewed a letter from a resident requesting a payment plan for their property taxes. Artimovich reminded the other members that the Board had previously decided to have the Tax Collector work with residents on establishing property tax payment plans. Byrne made a motion, seconded by Bryan, to have Phyllis Thompson work with the resident. All voted in favor.

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- A motion was made by Bryan and seconded by Byrne to allow Norman Garside to use the former Beyea land as a hay field. All voted in favor.
- Stevens explained that the gentleman from Energy North said the generator that is being moved to the town office is fed by liquid propane rather than vapor and they would therefore need to pour a raised concrete slab and have a separate tank for the generator. This could result in a substantial increase to the price of the move. Bryan said he will speak with the representative.

Fire Chief Kevin Lemoine was in to present the Board with some revised documents they had requested. The Board will review them and discuss them next week. Artimovich questioned if a fire department employee that lives 20 minutes away should be included in the stand-by roster. Lemoine explained that the way they look at it is that if they don't get a crew they're looking at mutual aid which takes a ½ hour so the 20 minute response time is the better alternative. In addition, Lemoine reported that A2 is back but still needs some work. They hope to get the electric ladder brackets onto E1 as was planned with the encumbered funds.

The Board signed the following documents:

- An approval for an abatement for Mr. & Mrs. Georato as voted at last week's meeting.
- Byrne made a motion, seconded by Artimovich to deny 3 elderly exemptions that did not meet the qualifications. All voted in favor.
- Bryan made a motion to deny an application for a veteran's credit that did not meet the dates of service requirements of the RSA. Byrne seconded the motion. Artimovich, Byrne and Bryan voted in favor; Hubbard was opposed.
- A motion was made by Bryan and seconded by Byrne to approve a veteran's credit for a resident that does meet all the requirements. All voted in favor.
- Byrne made a motion to authorize Artimovich to sign an amended 9-1-1 Liaison form appointing Carolyn Thorsell as the primary liaison and Kathy St. Hilaire as the secondary liaison. Bryan seconded the motion; all voted in favor.
- Byrne made a motion, seconded by Hubbard, to sign a Hawker's/Peddler's permit for Douglas Greenlaw to sell hotdogs at a Rte 125 location. All voted in favor.

Road Agent Wayne Robinson discussed the following:

- Reported that they've started the road work. They've reclaimed Haley Circle and took some of the hill out.
- They've reclaimed Diane McCain. They have a bit of a water problem on Diane McCain that's required a little extra work. A resident on the road is complaining about the water backing up into his back driveway. Robinson said the whole place down there has water on both sides of the road all the way down. At another residence a culvert has been removed that ran under his driveway so that is creating a drainage problem as well. Robinson explained that if they try to put in another culvert it will only create a problem for someone else. Artimovich recommended not changing any of the culvert directions from the way that they are. The others agreed.
- Artimovich asked Robinson about the detail billings that were discussed last week. Stevens said that Christine Belanger had sent her an email explaining that Nextgen denies requesting the detail but the officer's slip indicates it was Nextgen. Belanger's email said there is no supporting documentation as this was before the detail billing policy was in place and is wondering if the bill should be voided. Bryan questioned if we would get the

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money back from the officer. Stevens said she doesn't think we can take it back from him. Artimovich said there should be a record of who called for the detail. The Board would like more research done. Artimovich asked about Star Speedway. Robinson said he hasn't heard anything yet but will find out when he attends a class in Epping the following day. Artimovich asked if he's talked with the Dragway. Robinson said he hasn't seen him yet and that Christine just left the amount for him tonight.

- Artimovich asked Stevens if she's received the information on the bucket truck. She responded that she has and it is posted on Craig's List.
- Stevens mentioned that last week Ward Byrne made a statement that Robinson's salary as reported in the Town Report was inaccurate. Stevens presented Robinson with documentation showing that the information was indeed accurate and told him if he had had a problem with it he should have come to her for an explanation, not to Ward Byrne.

Artimovich said he is in receipt of a letter from the Planning Board, as requested at last week's meeting, addressing the issue of someone temporarily living in a commercial building on Pine Road. The letter from Planning Board Chairman Bruce Stevens states that there is no violation of the land use ordinance. Byrne requested a copy of the letter.

Hubbard asked to address a couple of issues that were recently brought up at a Planning Board Meeting:

- What are the Board's thoughts on trying to get more commercial business along Rte 125? They agreed that they would like to do whatever they can to encourage business along Rte 125.
- Great Bay is dying and there is a problem with nitrogen loading. Hubbard said they would like to have a joint meeting between the Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Board of Selectmen. The Board is in favor of a joint meeting.
- Hubbard asked for information regarding the town taking over the roads at Windsor Meadows. The Board shared the history on the topic.

Byrne made a motion, seconded by Bryan, to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) to review applicants for the Town Administrator position. Artimovich, Byrne, Bryan and Hubbard voted in favor.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Bryan and seconded by Artimovich to come out of nonpublic session and seal the minutes. Artimovich, Byrne, Bryan and Hubbard voted in favor.

Norman Garside was in to ask if he could spread wood ash on his fields. The Board asked Stevens to check with the Planning Board office the following day. Garside will check back with Stevens.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hubbard and seconded by Bryan. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stevens