

Board of Selectmen  
Minutes March 17, 2015

Convened at 6:00 pm

Present: Ken Christiansen, Chairman  
Jeffrey Bryan  
Andrew Artimovich  
Robert Mantegari

The Board met and reviewed payroll, 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. Please see last page to view report.

Artimovich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to approve the investment policy as written. All were in favor.

Building Inspector, Kip Kaiser, had the following building permits to be signed this week:

- Mark Wilson, 56 Haigh Road, generator: signed by Board
- Andrew Herrick, 37 Spruce Ridge Drive, electrical permit: signed by Board.

At 6:10 pm a motion was made by Bryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to go into nonpublic sessions per RSA 91-A:3, II(e) to discuss legal matters. Artimovich, Mantegari, Bryan, and Christiansen were in favor.

At 6:16 pm a motion was made by Bryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to come out of nonpublic session and seal the minutes. All were in favor.

Bryan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to approve the public minutes of 03/10/2015 as written. All were in favor.

Artimovich made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to appoint Christiansen as Chair. The motion carried with Christiansen abstaining.

Bryan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to appoint Mantegari as Vice Chair. The motion carried with Mantegari abstaining.

Bryan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to designate representatives to the following boards:

Budget Committee: Bryan  
Conservation Commission: Mantegari  
School Board: Christiansen  
ZBA: Artimovich and Christiansen  
Planning Board: Byrne.  
All were in favor.

Mantegari said Wofchuck would like to move forward with awarding the Land Forestry RFP to Moosewood Ecological despite the fact that he does not have Professional Liability insurance as they will not be doing any surveying or engineering work and there will be no plans recorded. Bryan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mantegari to approve the contract. All were in favor.

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Mantegari made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bryan to appoint Mark Glowacky to an alternate member of the Conservation Commission for 3 years.

Bryan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Artimovich to sign the 5 year Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast. All were in favor. Clement said this was already reviewed and approved by counsel.

Bryan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to approve a voluntary lot merger for River Road. All were in favor.

A post was made by Eric Turer on "Brentwood Talks" on Saturday, March 14th at 7:24am informing the public of a "GoFundMe" page in efforts to raise donations in support of the Swasey School operating budget. Gallo sent an email to Turer in response to his post threatening litigation for misinformation, which she considered libel. Turer then posted Gallo's email to "Brentwood Talks" which ensued several responses. To which, Gallo sought out and called these individuals to discuss their posts on a public Facebook page. Several of the individuals that were called, have called the Town Office and spoken with Clement to discuss the nature of the calls. They have even gone so far as to threaten legal action in response to Gallo's behavior.

Bryan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to send a letter to Gallo informing her that these actions are beyond the scope of Gallo's capacity in which she serves the Town and as such the Town will not assist in Gallo's defense should this result in legal action. All were in favor.

Eric Turer was present as he originated the post seeking donations for the school operating budget. Turer wanted to clarify that he had not mentioned Gallo specifically in any publication and was not sure why she was soliciting him via email. Turer was also concerned because Gallo mentioned contacting the fundraising site and said she was going to consult with Town counsel regarding libel. Bryan said if Gallo is contacting the fundraising site, she can do that as an individual; anyone could. Christiansen reaffirmed to Turer that this was a civil matter, and that the town would not be pursuing legal action. Mantegari said some people still use the phone to try and resolve issues amicably. He said not everyone needs to air their dirty laundry on Facebook and the posts he has been seeing are venomous. Bryan said we all still need to be friends, brothers, and sisters and we need to move on.

Turer said he also believes there is an abuse of power. Bryan said this board cannot sanction another elected official. Christiansen said the remedy would be removal from office by petition to the superior court, not under the purview of the select board.

Krista Steger spoke and said that she as a member of the budcom was unaware of any of this and would like to reassure people that Elyse Gallo was acting as an individual and not representing the town in her official capacity. Bill Faria said ditto.

Robinson received a letter of resignation from Sgt. Frotton effective March 27<sup>th</sup>. Robinson said Frotton would like to stay part time through May when the department goes to D.C. The board agreed Frotton would be paid for 40 hours while in D.C. as he will be assisting Heather Arkell. Artimovich suggested that Frotton check with his new employer about maintaining a part time position. Artimovich suggested Clement begin conducting exit interviews.

At 7:02 pm a motion was made by Bryan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mantegari to go into nonpublic sessions per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) to discuss employee matters. Artimovich, Mantegari, Bryan, and Christiansen were in favor.

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At 7:25 pm a motion was made by Bryan, 2nd by Mantegari to come out of nonpublic session and seal the minutes. All were in favor.

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 pm made by Artimovich, 2nd by Mantegari; all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Clement

WEEKLY TREASURER'S REPORT				
<b>DATE:</b>			<b>3/17/2015</b>	
<b>Citizens General Fund:</b>				
	Previous Balance:		16,435.54	
	Deposits:		14,964.09	
	Payroll:		13,722.22	DD: 9866.77      CKS: 3855.45
	FICA:		3,562.50	
	to Impact Fees			
	A/P: Regular		16,135.66	
	void check		(539.00)	
	From MMA		20,000.00	
	TO MMA		-	
	Account Balance:		18,518.25	
	Interest Earned YTD:		3.26	
<b>CD's:</b>	Unrestricted Balance:		-	
<b>MMA:</b>	Unrestricted Balance:		3,112,185.35	
	Total Invested Funds:		3,112,185.35	
	Interest Earned YTD:		1,760.39	