

**MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD**  
**Monday, November 21, 2018 - 7PM**

**Present:** Thomas Maher, Chair, Bill Stewart, Selectman, Damon Frampton, Selectman, and Pamela Cullen, Secretary.

**Also present:** Attorney Mark Beliveau, Esq., Jim Cerny, John Ireland, and David McGuckin.

**1. Approve Minutes: November 5, 2018.**

Selectman Frampton made a Motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2018 Select Board (BOS) meeting as amended. Selectman Stewart seconded, and the Motion carried.

**2. Public Question and Answer:**

Chairman Maher stated like the last BOS meeting that for this portion of the agenda members of the public should limit their comments to five minutes per speaker.

**3. New Business – Agenda Items.**

**a. Tax Rate.** Chairman Maher explained that he would ask Selectman Stewart speak to this item. Selectman Stewart gave a quick overview of the tax rate with last year at \$5,85. This year the tax rate will be \$6.00. Stewart then gave an overview of the reserve and what was used to offset the tax rate. The state recommends a percentage of the operating budget to keep in reserve. The tax bills have been mailed out and already the town is receiving some payments. Stewart said the request for department budgets will go out in December and start reviewing in January.

**b. Green Waste.** Selectman Stewart explained that Oceanside Rubbish had come to a BOS meeting to offer to pick up small amounts of green waste thus eliminating the need for a few of the green waste days a while back. Green waste days are usually once a month from April to November. Stewart said that the Select Board will reach out to the new vender (Casella) for rubbish hauling regarding green waste. The town may be able to eliminate a few of the green waste dates and would cut down on the cost of dumpsters needed. Chairman Maher suggested to review the contracts of some trash companies that he was approached to service the town. Dave McGuckin thought that the cost of the dumpsters for green waste for the season was around \$5000.

**c. Hall/Benway wetland/dock issues.** Attorney Mark Beliveau, representing Hall and Benway of 18 Ritson Street, came to discuss the float and wall on their property. Beliveau passed out three options for the Select Board to review. The attorney reviewed the options, starting with the wall encroachment suggesting a quid pro quo for a 22 square foot land and ideas for the dock reconfiguration. He also said that they would move trees if the BOS wishes. Beliveau said that he had the plans reviewed by Riverside Pickering and Eban Lewis of NHDES. Lewis was in favor of the least amount of impact to the wetlands. Chairman Maher asked the board for their input. Selectman Frampton wanted none of the options but to “make it right and fix it properly.” Selectman Stewart felt that not having a direct abutter to get their comments as they had concerns about the impact of the dock to

navigation, that he would like for them to review the plans before making a decision tonight.

Chairman Maher said that the board needs more time to digest the options before rendering a decision. The chair indicated that they would have an answer for the attorney before the next Select Board meeting.

**d. Hunting ban** – Chairman Maher gave a brief review of what transpired at their last BOS meeting to include a temporary ban on hunting. The Board discussed the rogue hunter, and the complaint about the deer be dressed out in plain sight. Selectman Frampton indicated that he had called all property owners around Wild Rose and Pit Lane about signs for no hunting and no trespassing. Chairman Maher asked for a motion to amend the previous town ordinance regarding hunting. Selectman Frampton made a motion to revise ordinance to state that there will be no hunting on town property. Selectman Stewart seconded the motion. Motion carried. Signs will be posted to indicate no hunting on town property.

**e. Water and Sewer updates** - Selectman Frampton reported on the meeting that was held last Friday with Underwood Engineering and several town officials. The meeting discussed traffic control patterns (see attached paperwork). The next meeting will be on Dec. 7 at 9am.

Letters have gone out about to property owners that are on water loops for permission to occupy.

The town has stopped bleeding the water lines. The bleeding continue until October and Selectman Stewart said that a call will go into Portsmouth to help resolve the water bill amount.

#### **4. Committee Reports:**

a. Selectman Frampton said that the Water and Sewer Commission continues to work on capital improvement project for the water and sewer for language and what can go into CIP. They are also looking at bulkhead costs.

There being no further business to come before the Select Board, Selectman Frampton made a Motion to Adjourn, which was seconded by Selectman Stewart.

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 PM.