

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD
Monday, January 7, 2019 – 7PM

Present: Thomas Maher, Chair, Bill Stewart, Selectman, Damon Frampton, Selectman, and Bette Jane Riordan, Secretary.

Also present: Ken McDonald, TAPC, Jim Cerny, Andy Schulte, Mark Lecasse, and Dave McGuckin.

Chair Maher opened the meeting by acknowledging the sudden passing of Terry Barnes, our part time Building Inspector, who was a true gentleman who was held in high regard by both residents of Stratham and New Castle. Chair Maher noted his exemplary service to both municipalities, and he will be sorely missed here in New Castle.

1. Approve Minutes: December 3 and December 17, 2018.

Selectman Frampton made a Motion to Approve the minutes of December 3, 2018 as amended. Selectman Stewart seconded, and the motion carried.

Selectman Frampton made a Motion to Approve the minutes of December 17, 2018 as amended. Selectman Stewart seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Public Question and Answer:

Chair Maher reminded the public that there is a five-minute time limit for speaking on any particular issue.

Jim Cerney informed the Select Board that there is an informative article posted on the NH DOT website regarding sea level rise and storm surge, and the effects on the causeway.

3. New Business.

i. Security at the Rec Building: Ken McDonald, TAPC.

Ken reported that he met with a representative of the Pelmac Company, along with Steve Tabbutt and Ben Jankowski of DPW to review and hear recommendations regarding new enhanced security measures to be instituted at the Rec Building in light of recent breaches involving passing around of security codes and damaged equipment. The current recommendation is to purchase software and a server that prevents sharing of codes. The new system would allow Pam Cullen to have remote access and monitor the scheduling and code assignments. There would be 2 new key pads installed along with new wiring and the server would be placed in Christine Collins' office in the library. There would be four cameras installed, and would be motion activated. The information would be kept in the system for thirty days. The new equipment would also capture on video people who are accessing the area with keys. Ken also spoke about possibly designing new forms for users as well as requiring a security deposit. He is waiting for a price quote and will have the numbers ready for the next meeting.

Selectman Stewart was not aware of the increased measures being considered and will consider the information presented. Chair Maher noted that doors have been broken and damage has been done and we need to figure out what works best.

ii. 65 Portsmouth Avenue.

Selectman Frampton noted that Building Inspector Graves had spoken with him about resolving the as yet unpaid fines owed by the property owners which have been accruing since the Town's letter to them of July 11, 2018 regarding violations, and the need to get into compliance. The fine is between \$275.00 to \$550.00 per day, and to date the owners have not responded nor come into compliance. Damon has offered to meet with them. Selectman Stewart stated he has discussed the issues with Don Graves and with the owners, last July and was advised by the owners that there was a personality conflict with the Building Inspector and the owners. Selectman Stewart also discussed the plan for the Building Inspector to go through the property and point out how the owner could get into compliance, by either making application for a permit or making sure the work done was according to approved plans. The owners did not show up for two scheduled meetings with the Building Inspector. The issues are: Filled in wetlands, a shed placed in the setback and an exit door in the basement without a permit. Selectman Frampton would like to get this matter resolved.

iii. Appointment of Mark Lecasse. Supervisor of the Checklist.

Mr. Lecasse introduced himself, and stated his willingness to volunteer for the position, which lasts until May, and then he would have to be on the ballot in order to serve another term. After further discussion, the Select Board voted to appoint Mark Lecasse to fill the remainder of the term of the vacant position until May 2019 (Town Meeting). The Board further agreed to sign the required paperwork so that he can do Election Net training.

iv. Abatements: NNETC and Last House LLC: 120 Wild Rose Lane

NNETC: dba Consolidated Communications-NNE Settlement Agreement (Telephone Company). New Castle is one of two towns which have not yet settled. After discussion, Selectman Frampton made a Motion to Approve the Settlement, which was seconded by Selectman Stewart. Motion carried.

Last House LLC: Pam Cullen explained that an error occurred in the assessment and taxes for Lot A and Lot B by Avitar, requiring the issuance of an abatement on one lot and approval of a warrant to raise the additional \$7,477 needed to reflect the actual amount assessed and taxed for the second lot. After discussion, Selectman Stewart made a Motion to Approve the issuance of a supplemental warrant regarding 120 Wild Rose Lane. Selectman Frampton seconded, and the Motion carried.

v. Water Sewer Update.

Selectman Stewart updated the Select Board on the December 13, 2018 meeting with Underwood engineers. The survey has been completed. The archaeological site walks have been done, as well as a site visit to discuss the water crossings. The bridge has been assessed for possibly hanging the pipe from it, and directional drilling has been explored. The 30% design drawings have been submitted and the results are expected soon. In

addition, property owner letters have been sent to those possibly affected by potential easements. The group is continuing to move toward completion of the 60% design drawings.

Selectman Stewart also spoke about the opportunity to do a joint project with NH DOT for work on Rte 1B, as some money has been made available. It would be primarily for road work, such as shouldering. He also stated he is setting a meeting with the City of Portsmouth to discuss Shapleigh Island and Wentworth Road.

Chair Maher spoke about the need to schedule a public informational meeting, and Selectman Stewart stated that he is working on getting public access to the Underwood computer site.

vi. BOS Meeting January 21, 2019.

Chair Maher stated that the next scheduled meeting of the BOS is on a federal holiday, and after discussion the Select Board agreed to move the meeting to Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

4. Committee Reports:

Police Dept.

Selectman Stewart reviewed the 2 moth police report, noting the biggest numbers were Building checks-73; House checks – 26, Traffic Enforcement – 63; and School Crossings – 32. The complete list is an Attachment to the Minutes.

5. Any other business.

Dave McGuckin reported that he had spoken with the school principal who has agreed to put out the crosswalk dummy (1) in the morning, and take it in each evening during the winter months.

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 7:50 PM.