

MINUTES OF THE SELECT BOARD
Monday, March 18, 2019 – 7PM

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

Also present: Pam Cullen, Administrative Assistant to the Select Board, Ken McDonald, TAPC Jim Cerny, Andy Schulte, and Dave McGuckin.

1. Approve Select Board Minutes of March 4, 2019.

Selectman Frampton made a Motion to Approve the March 4, 2019 minutes of the Select Board as amended. Chair Maher seconded, and the Motion carried.

2. Public Question and Answer.

Jim Cerny, Cemetery Trustee updated the Board on the Clark land gift to Riverside Cemetery (Formerly Laurie Clark property). Mr. Hughes, who purchased the home from Ms. Clark, and is the present owner reviewed the deed, and has asked to put on the deed. As soon as the deed is amended and subsequently recorded, the gift will be finalized, hopefully in a few more months. Jim will keep the Board informed.

3. New Business.

a. Sidewalk – Ken McDonald

Ken reported on the status of the Safe Path project. He stated that Rye Beach Landscaping received the approved Excavation Permit on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. The date on the permit allows for construction between April 15, 2019 and November 15, 2019. However, NH DOT will inform the Town of the actual date on which Spring projects can begin. The approved Plan and the signed Easement were recorded with the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds on Friday, March 15, 2019.

Ken will be meeting with Rye Beach Landscaping to discuss the project and timeline. In a previous brief discussion, it was mentioned three to four weeks would be needed to complete the project. As a reminder, Ken noted that winter projects are currently on hold until NH DOT provides a starting date. He anticipates the date being sometime around April 15, 2019. This date needs to be coordinated with Rye Beach and subcontractors that Rye Beach hires. Ken will provide a further update at the next Select Board Meeting.

Chair Maher asked if there were some things which could be done before April 15th, like preparation projects, i.e. stump removal etc. Ken will coordinate with DPW and report back. He will be needing the dirt parking lot at the gun range for the construction crew once the project begins. Trees need to be marked, and meetings with property owners will take place prior to commencement of work.

b. Website – Ken McDonald

Ken reported that the Town has approved the final layout of the enhanced/upgraded website. Limited changes will be allowed to the Home Page of the revamped site. Changeable items on the Home Page are Citizens Action, News, Calendar items, and Office Hours. He will be working with the migration process of data from the existing site to the new site, and hopes the process will be complete by Town Meeting, May 14, 2019. Ken will be asking for a timeline in the next phase of the project.

c. Books purchased in memory of Terry Barnes.

Pam Cullen showed the Select Board the two books purchased for the Library in her husband's memory; one on Ireland, and one on Woodworking, both of which were special to Terry. Each book has a memorial on the inside cover noting the gift from the Town in his memory. Pam has spoken with his wife about the gifts and she was very pleased. Pam also informed the Select Board that a page in the Town Report is dedicated to Terry.

d. Town Report.

Pam showed the Board the front and back cover design for the upcoming Town Report which are paintings by local artist Chris Ward. She noted that the Financial Report is 45 pages and asked if the Board wanted the entire report included in the Town Report. The Select Board approved inclusion of the full report. Pam also thanked Jim Cerny for the many photographs he took for the Town Report.

e. Water/Sewer update.

Chair Maher stated that the Public Information Meeting on the 90% design drawings will take place Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7PM at the Rec Building. The Board is currently working with the City of Portsmouth on the metering/pit issues.

d. Other.

The Select Board approved home delivery of the Town Report.

4. Committee Reports: None

There being no other business to come before the Select Board, Selectman Frampton made a Motion to Adjourn, which was seconded by Chair Maher. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.