

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of April 9, 2013
Town Hall – Meeting Room #1 7:00pm

Present: Selectmen John Franey, Sarah Hewins, Helen Marrone, Richard Ward, Chairman Michael O'Donnell and Elaine Weston. Absent: Town Administrator LaFond

The Chair led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the announcements.

Motion to table the Fire Department FEMA Fire Assistance Grant and vote to authorize expenditure from the matching grant fund warrant article until April 23 by Franey; second by Ward, Vote 5-0.

Update from Chairman of the Earth Removal Committee to discuss hiring of a structural engineer to assess damages to an abutter of the Logan permit off Purchase Street:

John Garretson handed out an update regarding the site walk. He summarized the hand out and gave an explanation on the proper truck route that should be taken. The "by-pass" road was not blocked off as anticipated and he expects it to be blocked by Wednesday April 10. Dust remediation was discussed on the site and on the road. Logan said they would use dust controls other than water. He stated that side slopes around the bog would be finished when bog expansion is done, that the pump should only be running during normal permitted hours until it is in the ground, and, that there will be considerably less earth removal work in the next two months until they get the front pond area done. Garretson stated that he has contacted two engineering firms to get quotes as it pertains to possible damage to residential foundations. He stated that will get the prices and defer to the selectmen as it is not in the scope of the Earth Removal Committee by-law to pay for this request. He stated that he received an email of a truck complaint early this morning and he determined it was not an earth removal permitted truck, and, further, that he spoke to Logan about installing a gate in order to restrict access to the site so trucks do not have access at anytime and is following up with him on Wednesday to address this issue.

Ward recused himself from the discussion.

O'Donnell stated that there had been a rash of thefts of sprinkler heads on the bogs, motors from pump houses, etc. Garretson stated that there is a new law in effect that will make it hard for someone to go to a junk dealer and sell them.

Garretson stated he will follow up with all the entrances, exits and proper maintenance of the project.

O'Donnell, Hewins and Franey thanked Garretson and his committee for their prompt and thorough response and his willingness to follow thru on all of the issues.

100th Birthday Acknowledgement:

O'Donnell recognized Alexandria Pimental who turned 100 years old on March 3.

Town Building Study Committee: Review of plans and documents from various Boards & Committees

Dan Ryan & Roger Shores present to request coming forth at the April 23rd meeting to give an update on their evaluation of new and previous documents. Dan requested to see several documents to review to look for opportunities and to look at trends to put together a strategy document.

O'Donnell stated this was previously addressed with Roger. Hewins suggested leaving us a copy of their request. Roger explained why they needed all of the documents. Marrone motion to request documents needed in order to properly evaluate the data, second by Franey, Vote 5-0.

Proposed salary increases for fiscal year 2014 for the following: DPW Superintendent, Director of Assessing, Assistant Library Director and Full-Time Elected Officials

Motion by Ward to table this topic until the first meeting in May, second by Hewins, Vote 4-0-1 (Franey abstain)

Acceptance of gift of land; Samantha Lane:

Motion by Franey to accept the gift of land Map 29 Lot 7-A-R, 0-Samantha Lane, now or formerly New England Architectural Builders and Remodelers, Inc., second by Ward. Vote 5-0.

One Day Special License request by St. John's Club for April 27, 2013.

Motion by Marrone to approve the request, second by Ward, Vote 4-0-1(Franey abstain)

Request for use of Sampson's Pond by East Side Sport Fishing Club for May 5, 2013

Motion by Franey, second by Hewins, Vote 5-0.

Policy change for Citizens Participation:

Marrone would like to make a policy change that citizens can approach subjects that are unforeseen and it will be up to the Chairman's discretion if they can speak on a specific topic. Motion by Franey to put this on the next agenda, second by Ward, vote 5-0.

Motion to table vote on minutes of February 12 & February 26 until the next meeting by Franey, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0.

Citizens Participation:

James O'Brien: Thanked the Selectmen for allowing him to come forward with a time-sensitive issue and that it was addressed to the benefit of the town.

Selectmen Notes:

Marrone: Thanked the Great Meadow neighborhood for coming forward and let the public know what is going on. Also, the Boy Scouts are having the flag retirement ceremony at Shurtleff Park at 9:00am.

Ward: Thanked the Great Meadow neighborhood for coming to bat for the neighbors that are most affected by the solar project. He also reminded citizens that this weekend is the Police Department drug drop off is on Saturday April 27.

Hewins: None

Franey: Invited Town Clerk Jean McGillicuddy to explain absentee ballots. She explained the parameters and dates for absentee ballots. Also, he reminded the board that the Fire Department recruit class graduation is following the Boy Scout ceremony on April 13.

O'Donnell: Asked everyone to keep the service men & women in your thoughts & prayers and God Bless you, the citizens of Carver and the United States.

Motion by Franey, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. into executive session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, Town Accountant, Meg LeMay, not to return to open session, second by Ward. Roll Call Vote: Franey: I Hewins: I O'Donnell: I Ward: I Marrone: I