

BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING

April 18, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 in the selectmen's conference room.

Members present: First Selectman Michael Criss, Selectman Evan Brunetti arrived at 7:06, Selectwoman Nancy Schnyer

Attendees: Jackie Stoughton, Republican American

Call to Order

Mr. Criss called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Ms. Schnyer motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Criss Seconded. All were in favor. Motion carries.

Appointments and Resignations

No Appointments or Resignations.

New Business

Request for Tax Refunds – No requests for Tax Refunds.

Town Meeting – Mr. Criss wanted to make sure that the Call was received. It is next Tuesday, April 25th at 7pm. The only item that will be voted on is the Wilcox property, everything else is discussion & the standard that we do every year. Ms. Schnyer asked about Community Hall, that there will not be a vote, just a discussion. Mr. Criss confirmed. Based on the discussion, the Board of Selectmen will make a decision on that and the Kasznay property to determine if that goes to the Board of Finance to recommend for Town Meeting or referendum. It would then most likely be held at the next Town Meeting on May 16th. By then there will be good feedback from the meeting on whether we want to pursue it or not.

Library – All bids are due Thursday, April 20th by 3pm. Here we will open each bid and record the name of the business, the amount that they bid and the time. Attorney Mike Rybak suggested that the Selectman put together and appoint a Building Committee of people who are familiar with municipal projects to review the bids after they are received. John Fredsall, Peter Thierry, Brian Dunbar and Larry Connors were mentioned as possible people to appoint. The Library can then appoint two people as well and that can become the new Building Committee to review all the bid documents. They will have about two weeks to review them all. The proposal that gets awarded will then be contacted and notified that they are the bid the Town will be going with for the Library addition, if the project is approved. Ms. Schnyer made a motion to appoint John Fredsall, Peter Thierry, Brian Dunbar and Larry Connors to the Building Committee. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Joe Fasi, the Town's bonding Attorney contacted Mr. Criss with the draft of the resolution that would be written up for the Town Meeting for the Library that would be the one voted on for the call, this was shared with the Selectmen. The Library committee had asked if they could sell naming rights to the

rooms. They cannot sell naming rights to the rooms prior to an approval of the project, after an approval they could. They also asked if they could edit the bids. When the bids come in, if they notice that they are coming in too high, can they reduce some things from the bids. Attorney Mike Rybak said that failure to accurately disclose the true cost of the project upfront may violate the Town's covenants and the Bond issuants and could give rise to a suit by a disappointed bidder alleging favoritism to tie up the project and leverage a piece of the work or settlement to cover his bidding costs. He has been involved in many unsuccessful bidding protests and there should be as recommended a Town Building Committee by the Board of Selectman to oversee the project and to also look over the bids so that we don't violate any of the regulations.

Picket Brook Property Resolution – Mr. Criss asked to add Picket Brook Property Resolution to the Agenda. Ms. Schnyer motioned to put it on the Agenda. Mr. Criss seconded. All in favor. Motion carries. Approval was based on Attorney Mike Rybak's feedback and the Planning Commissions feedback to sign the resolution. This resolution is a partial release on their bond. Ms. Schnyer motioned to put a final signature on the resolution. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

First Selectman's Report – defer to budget discussion

Correspondence

No Correspondence.

Budget – The Budget is in its final Thursday, This Thursday day April 20th is the final meeting. We are now reviewing the revenue side of the Budget but will look at everything. The current mill rate is 27.8. Mr. Criss discussed with the Board of Finance to leave the mill rate the same at 27.8, whatever the State cuts calculate to, do a possible supplemental if they haven't decided on their Budget by June 13th. June 13th is the very last day to set a mill rate, according to the Tax Collector. The Board of Finance has preliminarily agreed not to set the mill rate on May 16th, but to wait to the latest date that they possibly could to see if the State submits a budget or not. If the State submits a budget we can react to that, if not then we can set the mill rate and then do a supplemental. June 28th is the deadline for the State to submit their budget. On April 28th Mr. Criss is going to listen to the alternate budget that is a Democrat & Republican endorsed alternate budget. Teachers pensions seem to be off the table. The Education Committee voted ECS to stay the same for the next two years while they study it. It is all up to appropriations. Resident Trooper appears to be going to 100%. The Board of Fiance changed the titling on that account to be Police Services which give us the opportunity to move to a hybrid to drop one Trooper and bring a Constable in without increasing or overspending the Budget. Exactly what is paid for one Trooper would cover the initial upfront cost to put in a car, the uniforms and bring in the Constable.

Adjournment

Ms. Schnyer motioned to adjourn at 7:17pm. Mr. Brunetti seconded. All were in favor. Motion carries.

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Minutes submitted by _____
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