

Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting of Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 6:30 pm

Members present: Mary Layton, Chair; John Pepper, Vice Chair; Linda Cook; John Langhus; Stephen Flanders; Dave Ormiston, Interim Town Manager; Miranda Bergmeier, Assistant to the Town Manager.

There were about 36 people in the audience.

Also participating: Stuart Richards, Ann Foley, Jeff Goodrich, Jay White, Susan Brink, Jaci Allen, Ernie Ciccotelli, Steve Thoms, Neil Fulton, Ann Marie Smith, Michael Lyons, Stephanie Briggs, Bill Scavone, Christopher Ashley, Ed Childs, Nick Krebs, Doug Robinson, Phil Dechert, and Steve Leinoff.

Layton opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda (Action Item). Selectboard agreed to proceed with the agenda as written.
2. Public Comments (Discussion Item). Jeff Goodrich spoke about the importance of affordable housing. Susan Brink spoke about the need for continuity on the Planning Commission. Ann Foley gave an update on the Swift family.
3. Board to sign accounts payable/warrants (Discussion/Action Item). Flanders **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Pepper) to approve Check Warrant Report #17-27 for General Fund in the amount of \$73,136.43; for Recreation Scholarships Fund for \$170.00; and for Public Safety Facility Fund in the amount of \$1,800.00. **Motion passed unanimously.**
4. Review of Open Positions and Applications (Discussion/Action Item). Applicants for open positions appeared before the Selectboard and answered questions about their interest in serving. After some questions from Selectboard members and discussion among board members, the following actions were taken:

Flanders **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Pepper) to appoint Jeff Goodrich to the TRORC for a one-year term ending in April 2018. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Langhus **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Cook) to appoint William Tine to the Recreation Council for a three-year term ending in March 2020. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Flanders **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Cook) to appoint John Farrell as Town Service Officer for a one-year term ending in March 2018. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Langhus **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Flanders) to reappoint David Hobson to the Conservation Commission for a four-year term ending in March 2021. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Flanders **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Pepper) to reappoint Craig Layne to the Conservation Commission for a four-year term ending in March 2021. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Cook **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Flanders) to reappoint Norman Miller to the Conservation Commission for a four-year term ending in March 2021. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Langhus **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Flanders) to reappoint Susan Pitiger as an alternate, Arline Rotman as a representative, and Richard Stucker as a representative to the Development Review Board for three-year terms ending in April 2020. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Flanders **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Pepper) to reappoint Jacqueline Allen and Steve Thoms to the Planning Commission for four-year terms ending in April 2021. **Motion passed (yes-Langhus, Pepper, Layton, Flanders; no-Cook).**

Flanders **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Langhus) to reappoint Ernie Ciccotelli to the Development Review Board for a three-year term ending in April 2020. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Langhus **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Flanders) to reappoint Neil Fulton to the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District for a two-year term ending in March 2019. **Motion passed (yes-Langhus, Pepper, Layton, Flanders; no-Cook).**

Langhus **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Flanders) to appoint Steven Usle as alternate to the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District for a two-year term ending in March 2019. **Motion withdrawn.**

5. Jay White, project architect, presented a detailed overview of plans for the public safety building. Project plans and written materials were included in the Selectboard's meeting packet, and a copy is available for view in the Town Manager's office. Ann Marie Smith, Michael Lyons, and Stephanie Briggs each asked questions and voiced concerns about the project. The Selectboard agreed to review the plans and information and take up further discussion and action at a subsequent Selectboard meeting, so that the project can be put out for bid as soon as possible.

The Selectboard agreed to move to agenda item #10 – Correspondence at this time, in order to accommodate members of the public wishing to speak.

10. Correspondence (Discussion/Action Item). Flanders **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Pepper) to receive correspondence from VLCT regarding a Property Tax Appeals workshop; from Paul Manganiello regarding appointments to the Planning Commission; and from William Scavone regarding Gile Mountain. **Motion passed unanimously.** Bill Scavone, Christopher Ashley, Ed Childs, Nick Krebs, and Doug Robinson spoke about the Gile Mountain trail and issues surrounding its use.

The Selectboard moved to agenda item #6 – Finance at this time.

6. Finance – Fire Department request to spend up to \$6,700 to purchase gear (Discussion/Action Item). Flanders **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Langhus) to authorize the expenditure of up to \$6,700 from the Fire Equipment Designated Fund for the purchase of three sets of firefighting coats and pants and four pairs of boots. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Selectboard at this time agreed to move agenda items #7, #8, #11a, and #12 to subsequent meetings.

11b. Review of next agendas (Discussion/Action Item) – The Selectboard agreed to place the following on their agenda for April 26, 2017:

- Selectboard Goals
- Modernize Selectboard Meetings
- Casella Waste Contract

At this point, Langhus **moved** (2<sup>nd</sup> Cook) to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm.

by Miranda Bergmeier, Assistant to the Town Manager

Approved by the Selectboard on April 26, 2017

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Mary Layton, Selectboard Chair

Next Meeting –April 26, 2017 at 6:30 PM

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