

August 19, 2014

Present was Scott Bugbee, James C. Lehan, Jeff Palumbo, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator and Marian Harrington, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Scott Bugbee opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., and announced that the meeting will be audio and video taped. Jack Hathaway read the agenda contents.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Jack said that the DOR has certified free cash. We have \$1,109,000 of free cash. The \$1,109,000 includes FEMA money on Hurricane Irene, prison mitigation funds and \$550,000 of unusual monies. Jack said \$469,000 of budget money returned, which includes \$127,000 from the elementary school. Water money was certified as well. These are funds town meeting will spend.

Jim said he would like to add an article to put \$100,000 back into the Stabilization Fund. The Board supported his request.

ACTION ITEMS

Jack asked the Board to consider the \$75 fee to park at Old Town Hall. The Board discussed, and agreed to keep it at \$75.

Jim Lehan moved to keep the parking fee at \$75. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack asked the Board to consider allowing Ken Squires of 36 Ridge Road to close a small portion of the road for a hockey party on August 24th from 2 to 7 p.m. Neither Chief Stone or Bob McGhee had a problem with this request.

Jim Lehan moved to approve the road closure. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Peter Soltz to the Council on Aging, replacing William Atwater, who moved to New Hampshire. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**. The Board thanked Mr. Atwater for service.

Jack asked the Board to vote to accept a Declaration of Restriction for 8 Saddle Ridge Road; a trail access to Open Space within Fox Run Open Space Subdivision; and a gift of land on Everett Street from Ronald Eisner.

Jim Lehan moved to accept the deeds. Jeff Palumbo seconded and it was **so voted**. Jeff Palumbo moved to have Jim Lehan speak with this board regarding additional lots that need to be released. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim questioned the trails at Fox Run. Jeff mentioned the Planning Board's position. Jim said the Selectmen required action regarding the trails, and they haven't lived up to what was asked of them. Jeff said traditional access isn't a bad thing. Jim said things were

conditioned, and he doesn't want to make a big deal out of this. This is with respect to Municipal Housing and the houses they are building. They agreed the Planning Board should not release any more lots until this is cleared up. Jim said we can be charging them \$500 a day in fines, and we haven't. The Planning Board is the only leverage we have. Jim will attend a Planning Board meeting to inform them, in case they aren't aware of what we've done.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Jack said the siding on the Town Hall is almost complete. This is the fourth week of building. They are doing a great job.

Jack said our IT Manager, Michael, made connection between buildings for the fiber network. All schools, library, police, fire, and town hall are all connected with fiber.

Jack noted that there is a lot of road work going on – Tucker on the west side. Campbell Street paving, and Myrtle/Miller, and he said Canterbury, Main, and Sweetland Farm now have sidewalks and connectivity to town.

Jack told the Board that with respect to RECC, the architect needs information from Bob Bullock.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Jeff Palumbo moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014; June 17, 2014; June 23, 2014; July 7, 2014; and July 22, 2014 – regular and executive session. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

At 7:50 p.m., Scott Bugbee moved to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body, and the chair so declares. We will not return to open session except to adjourn the meeting. It was a roll call vote: Scott Bugbee, **aye**; Jim Lehan, **aye**; and Jeff Palumbo, **aye**.

At 8:35 p.m., Jim Lehan moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of August 19, 2014.

Jeffrey Palumbo, Clerk

