

March 22, 2016

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

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Jim Lehan opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Jim announced that the meeting was video taped. Jack read the agenda contents.

Jim Lehan announced that he would like to start a trend of saying The Pledge of Allegiance at our meetings from now on. All present recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING – WATER RATES AND SOLID WASTE – FY'17

Present was Bob McGhee, DPW Director, and Paul Vito, Solid Waste Supt.

Jim Lehan opened the public hearing for Water Rates and Solid Waste. Scott Bugbee read the public hearing notice.

Bob reviewed a handout with the Board, and said that he recommends no increase to the water rates. Bob replied to questions Jeff asked about the wells from our last discussion.

Scott moved to accept the water rates with no increase. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim asked Bob to give a history of the water and wells. Bob explained that we have no issues. Our water is good. We put the lowest concentrate of chlorine in the water because it is a mandate from DEP that we have to put it in our water. Bob said the Water Ban remains in effect for 365 days.

Solid Waste: Vehicle stickers are \$65 online, \$60 in person. Not a bad price. Recycling market has really gone down. We are not getting what we used to get.

Bob said that with Screened Loam, he is asking for a one dollar increase on $\frac{3}{4}$ " and $\frac{1}{2}$ " screened loam per his memo of March 22, 2016 outlining this.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve a one-dollar increase to screened loam fees for FY'17 as follows:

Resident with Decal (plus delivery): $\frac{3}{4}$ " Screened Loam - \$ 9.00
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Screened Loam - \$11.00

Resident No-Decal (plus delivery): 3/4" Screened Loam - \$11.00
1/2" Screened Loam - \$13.00

Commercial – Local Vendors: 3/4" Screened Loam - \$11.00
(plus delivery) 1/2" Screened Loam - \$13.00

Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Bob discussed electronics disposal (E-Waste). Bob said the electronics waste market continues to increase disposal fees, but the recycling has plummeted. Bob is asking for a 5-cent increase increment over the market prices. Right now it is 21 cents, and the market is 30 cents. We just want to cover.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve .05 cents per pound increment increase over prevailing wage for electronics disposal. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jeff Palumbo moved to close the public hearing. Scott seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Everett Street Stop Sign Discussion

Betsey and Nate Whitney, Valley Street were present.

Jack said that Chief Stone is recovering from surgery, and Deputy Chief Carroll could not be here tonight.

Jack gave the Board documentation from Deputy Chief Carroll. It said that the signs were not designed to stop speed. The members of the Police Dept. are not happy with the signs. They are not doing what we had hoped they would. They are not controlling speed.

Jim said we did this to try to mitigate some of the residents concerns. It was at their request. Jim was concerned about construction that will be happening in the area soon. Noise is a quality of life issue, and that was part of Mr. Foresters concern.

Elizabeth Whitney, 26 Valley Street, Pondville. She said it took awhile to get used to signs. The signs don't bother her, but she did mention a minor accident where someone rear ended a car because it did not expect to stop in the middle of a long road.

The Board was not sure what to do here. The Board will table this and talk with the Police.

Action Items

The Board considered finalizing the Entertainment License for Run & Gun Ranch. Mike Brogan was present.

Mike said that when he was here last, he left off a date for the barrel races. He said the people in charge notified him that he left this date off. Mike said he didn't transcribe the date, and it was an honest error. He would like to have this included.

Jeff said that we went through a long process and the families may be inconvenienced because they may have made plans for that date. Scott said an error is an error. Jeff said but people thought they could make plans and be undisturbed. Jeff said it doesn't bode well for the future if this is done. He said meaning future for the Board's credibility. This undermines the process. Jeff feels adding a date at this point violates trust.

Scott asked what happens. Mike said it would be a problem to not facilitate this organization – for him. This organization has its schedule set, and he can't swap.

Jim said this should be simple, but it involves other parties and we were reasonable and accommodated his request.

Mike said he would donate the property for this event. He said no one would know that this is even happening. There is no noise, and maybe 25 people. Jim said then you mean that you would go ahead and hold the event.

Jack said we are learning. We did not get any complaints or calls after the last two events. Jack said he agrees with Michael that the barrel races haven't triggered complaints. We do have the ability to do something mid-year.

Jim said that Mike could either do it himself with no conditions, etc., or we can approve the date and he would be under our conditions. Mike said yes. Jeff asked if he would agree not to ask for more dates this year. Mike agreed. Mike also said that in the conditions, he would like it changed from "consumed" alcohol to "sold" alcohol. The Board agreed with the change.

Scott Bugbee moved to add the date for a barrel race to the Entertainment License of May 15, 2016, subject to all conditions on the license and with the added comment that the applicant has agreed not to request any additional dates during the year 2016. No alcohol can be sold. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve a request by the Norfolk Federated Church to use the Town Hill/Gazebo for their sunrise services on Easter Sunday, March 27th at 6:30 a.m. Jeff Palumbo seconded. Jim Lehan recused himself as he is involved with the church. It was **so voted** by Scott and Jeff.

Scott Bugbee moved to approve a request by Emmanuel Baptist Church to host a 5K Race on Saturday, May 21, 2016 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the church, with the route as attached. Deputy Chief Carroll has approved the race. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

The Board reviewed the draft town meeting warrant. Jack explained the PILOT articles, and said these refer to Jofran. Jack will talk with Loraine Fields as well.

Scott Bugbee moved to close the warrant. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Budgets

Jack went over the KP School Budget. He said it goes from an increase from KP of \$636,000 to \$296,000 and a \$62,000 capital request. The decrease saved us \$411,000.

Jack said we have a \$1.2 million deficit in the budget. He said there are funds he can use, and thinks he is down to about a \$600-\$700,000 gap. Jack asked the Board to help see what they can do.

Jim suggested adding more to the Town Counsel legal fund for ZBA for the 40B.

Jack said he has Town Counsel looking at the whole Borrelli project and the State is supposed to be doing an audit.

If we can pull \$300,000 out of our general government budgets, and take some from general funds, we may be okay.

Scott Bragdon was present to discuss the Police and Fire contracts. They have all been great. The Police contract isn't ready tonight, but Fire is. The Board will need to sign their contract. Scott reviewed some of the things that are in the contract. He reviewed the education benefit and that they can take courses related to their job.

Jim wants more language in there that the Chief has to approve the courses. He is worried about a grievance. He is not suggesting you change it, but be aware.

Jeff Palumbo moved to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement of the Town of Norfolk and Local 4134 International Association of Firefighters AFL-CIO dated July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Scott Bugbee seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim will start working on the community garden. The Lions Club will work with them again. Jack will talk to Cyndi Andrade about changing Conservation to the Board of Selectmen.

At 9:47 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. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Jim Lehan, **aye**; Scott Bugbee, **aye**; and Jeff Palumbo, **aye**. Police Contract and Health Insurance.

At 10:28 p.m., Scott Bugbee moved to go out of executive session. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was a roll call vote: Jeff Palumbo, **aye**; and Jim Lehan, **aye**; and Scott Bugbee, **aye**. The Board returned to open session only to adjourn the meeting.

At 10:28 p.m., Scott Bugbee moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of March 22, 2016.

Scott Bugbee, Clerk