

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Minutes
Monday, May 21, 2018
Town Office Bldg.

Attending: T. Fydenkevez, D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, S. Patch

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:41 PM.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Mr. Pierce; Second; Mr. Bergeron; Voted: 3-0

Updates

Mr. Bergeron provided an update on the 120 North Main Street Sr. Affordable Housing Project. Mr. Bergeron noted that the Comprehensive Permit has been submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals and that the project is a "friendly 40B". Mr. Bergeron also provided an update on the Housing Committee meeting that took place this week, noting that the committee reviewed progress of the 120 North Project including submittal to Conservation Commission of the final wetlands delineation. The ZBA meeting for the project is scheduled for the first week of June. The meeting will focus on density requirements. Another meeting with the Conservation Commission is also planned. Mr. Bergeron noted that the Frontier Regional Capital Planning Committee is meeting next week. The Committee is developing a long range capital plan that will address capital needs and maintenance. The Committee will be making a recommendation to address capital needs and funding.

Mr. Fydenkevez provided an update on South County EMS (SCEMS) Board of Oversight Meeting. Mr. Fydenkevez advised that the new home for SCEMS has been turned over to the Town of Deerfield. The building is insured for \$1M. The cost of the building, which was gifted to the Town of Deerfield by Deerfield Academy, cost in excess of \$750,000-\$800,000 to build. Mr. Fydenkevez noted that an Open House will be held on May 26th. A Dedication Ceremony will be held at 9:00 AM. Residents are encouraged to attend. Donations for outfitting the building are greatly appreciated. Mr. Fydenkevez acknowledged the recent shooting at a school in Texas. Mr. Fydenkevez stated that it is important to work together to find solutions to the problem.

Ms. Patch provided an update on the Peer Review of the North Main Street Reconstruction Project. Ms. Patch advised that report with recommendations was received today. The review was done by Howard Stein Hudson. Ms. Patch recommended scheduling a public informational meeting for June 11th to present to recommendations. Ms. Patch will notify residents and post the report on the town website. Ms. Patch advised that she will be attending the TIP meeting for all the Franklin County Projects. Ms. Patch noted that the North Main Street Project is still listed for 2020 construction.

Request for Leave of Absence

Mr. Bergeron read a letter from Officer Jordan Zukowski requesting a Leave of Absence (45 days) from the Police Department for employment reasons. Ms. Patch read Paragraph 250 of the Union Contract that addresses requests for Leave of Absence. Mr. Bergeron stated that it is clear that the request is for employment purposes. Mr. Bergeron stated that there is a tension there with the existing contract. Mr. Pierce stated that he is in agreement with Mr. Bergeron. Mr. Fydenkevez stated that the contract does provide a next step in case of denial of the request. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to accept the request for a Leave of Absence; Second: Mr. Pierce. Vote: 0-3. Request for Leave of Absence denied. Ms. Patch will notify Officer Zukowski.

Correspondence

Mr. Bergeron read a letter of recommendation from Susan Triolo of the Democratic Town Committee recommending the appointment of Allen Richards to the Board of Registrars. Motion Mr. Bergeron to appoint Al Richards to the Board of Registrars, term to expire 3/2019; Second: Mr. Pierce; Voted: 3-0. Motion: Mr. Pierce to appoint Donald Patterson to the Board of Registrars term to expire 3/2020; Second: Mr. Bergeron; Voted: 3-0. Motion: Mr. Pierce to appoint Edward Kelly to the Board of Registrars term to expire 3/2021; Second: Mr. Bergeron; Voted: 3-0.

Approval Town Administrator Contract Renewal

Mr. Bergeron provided highlights of 3 year contract renewal, which is effective 7/1/18-6/30/2021. Motion: Mr. Bergeron to acknowledge work, reappoint and sign the Town Administrator contract renewal. Second: Mr. Pierce; Voted: 3-0.

Mr. Fydenkevez would like board members to have three goals to discuss at the next meeting. Mr. Fydenkevez would like to schedule a meeting to discuss marijuana with regard to taxation, security, and Host Agreements. Ms. Patch will coordinate meeting.

Motion: Mr. Pierce to adjourn the meeting; Second: Mr. Bergeron. Voted: 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sherry Patch
Town Administrator