



Board of Selectmen Meeting
Town Office
Wednesday, 03/20/19
Approved 4/3/19
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Selectmen: Bob Hamilton, Roberta Oeser, Karl Pruter, Town Administrator Joe Byk, Executive Secretary Michele Christian, and Members of the Community

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened at 6:00 PM.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Selectmen's Announcements – Bob welcomed Karl Pruter to the Board of Selectmen. He also thanked all of the citizens who ran for office and took down their signs so quickly. Charlie Eicher sent in an announcement that there is a meeting on 3/28 about security in the schools.

Citizen's Forum – Bob reviewed the protocol for citizen's forum. Gillian L. thought she would bring up that the dump does not accept hazardous waste. The hazardous waste goes to Keene but Rindge is not mentioned on the list of towns. Roberta stated that it is cost prohibitive for the town. Rindge is not listed as one of the participating towns because they don't pay for the service. It is up to the individual towns to pay for the service. Jim Qualey looked into the Keene transfer station for hazardous waste and it was \$50.00 for up to 10 gallons of hazardous waste.

Kelen Geiger asked where the library position is going to be posted. Roberta said that the town already has a candidate in house. Kelen said that she would have voted differently if she knew that she was voting for a position that was already filled.

Jaimie Hennessey said that she was not able to go to the deliberative session and she had questions about the land swap. She said that in the paper it said that the land was

waterfront property and Roberta told the Rec. Dept. that it wasn't. Roberta stated that it is not natural water it is a man-made pond. Jaimie said that the warrant article did not have enough information. She said that if all the information had been given the vote may have been different because the town didn't really know what they were voting for. Jaimie said that maybe there could have been a town beach on that property. Roberta said that putting a town beach on a 22 acres for 6,000 residents is not realistic. She also said that building beaches is not as easy as you think it is. The water level was lowered 5 feet. Roberta said that trying to police the water is difficult because it is so close to the playground. Roberta said that Kathy Van Dyke said they used to swim there but now that the water level has been reduced its really not swimmable. Jaimie said that there are a lot of people in this town that don't have access to water and they would be happy to be able to get into waist deep in water on a hot day. Jaimie expressed her disappointment. Judy-Unger Clark stated that she thinks it was a mistake to put this on the ballot. She said that there was not enough information to put this article on the ballot. She also said that it should have been public that it was Van Dyke's land that was being transferred. Judy said that because it was done with federal money does anyone have an answer on the deeded restrictions with regard to development. She asked if Con Com would be managing the land. Roberta said that there will be no development on the land. Also, Bob stated that this land was not purchased with Federal money. Jamie said that without all the information the warrant article was deceiving. She will be reaching out to the attorney general because she thinks it was wrong and it shouldn't have been on the ballot without all the information.

Karla Mcleod mentioned that Eleazar Blake who is a revolutionary war veteran is going to be featured in the magazine American Spirit which is the DAR magazine and it showcases him and the things that he has at the Rindge Museum.

Changes to the Consent Agenda

- 1. Consent Agenda** - Roberta stated that Karl will have to abstain from some items on the consent agenda.
- 2. Approval of:**
 - **Minutes 3/6/19**
 - **Payroll 3/14/19, 3/21/19**
 - **Accounts payable 3/14/19, 3/21/19**
 - **Rec. Dept. Loaner Agreement approval**

Roberta made a motion to approve the Payroll and Accounts Payable for 3/14/19 and Minutes for 3/6/19 seconded by Bob, Approved 2-0-1 with Karl abstaining.

Roberta made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda, seconded by Bob 3-0-0

3. New Business

a) Organization of the Board of Selectmen:

Roberta nominated Bob Hamilton to Chair the Board, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0
Bob nominated Roberta as Vice Chair, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

Bob requested that the committee appointments be tabled until the next meeting so Karl has a chance to review committees.

b) Special Events Permits

Roberta made a motion to approve applications for the Hunger Walk on 5/4, the Christian Outreach Shin Splints on May 18, FPU Senior Bonfire 5/17, and FPU spring weekend which is 5/3, seconded by Bob. Approved 3-0-0

Roberta made a motion to approve the FPU commencement and to approve University Drive one way inbound and Mountain Road one way outbound to Cleves Road, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

Roberta made a motion to declare the Memorial Day Celebration a town event and approve the road closings on the map enclosed from 12:30 to 2:30 seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

c) DPW request to place Library roofing, salt shed roofing, and library masonry project out to bid

Bob stated that DPW has made a request to put the library roof, the sand shed roof and the library masonry repair out to bid. The sand shed was approved by the Town Meeting. Roberta said that where the contract says owner it should say the Town.

Michele will fix the contracts to state the Town instead of the owner. Strike the Alternates. Changes were made to the invitation to bid page. Joe will work with Mike and Michele to get the contracts changed. There was more discussion about the contracts.

Bob stated that when the Library was entered into the historical registry he was told that there would not be any specific requirements to do repairs and restoration. There was discussion about the historical masonry work and the requirements of the LCHIP grant.

Roberta made a motion to approve the masonry bid with corrections, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0. The salt shed contract has been tabled until corrections have been made.

Karl made a motion to accept the contract for the library roofing project with corrections seconded by Roberta. Approved 3-0

d) DPW request to authorize contract negotiations for the truck and grader.

Mike has been getting information from dealers and the price may be less than we think.

Roberta made a motion to authorize Mike Cloutier to enter into contraction negotiations for the truck and grader, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

e) Fire Truck Lease Proposal

The fire truck lease proposal was reviewed. Joe requested that he be authorized to sign the lease for efficiency and there are additional authorizers. Joe requested that the documents be signed first thing tomorrow so that it can be sent to the leasing company tomorrow.

Roberta made a motion to appoint Joe Byk to be authorized to execute the agreement, and in addition to appoint the Chairman to execute the payment request, and to accept certificate and to authorize Rick Donovan to accept the vehicle on behalf of the town, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0

f) Town Meeting Results

Roberta stated that the server needs to be brought in as soon as possible. Phil Motta and Tim Wessels have a server in mind that is better than the server that will be provided by Spaulding Hill. There will be a presentation of the Avitar software tomorrow at 9:15 in the conference room. The software is for tax collecting and assessing.

g) Senior Dump Sticker Policy Review

Roberta stated that the dump stickers should be \$5 for seniors for the first sticker and then the second should be \$20.00. Bob said that the sticker price should increase should be \$10 for seniors age 65 and over and \$25 for residents under age 65. No action was taken.

4. Information Items/Communications/Updates

a) Committee Updates – there were no committee updates

Roberta stated that the Planning Board approved the Dale Farm Road PURD Project at their last meeting.

Roberta made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

Adjournment: 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Christian, Executive Secretary