

SELECTMEN'S MEETING –TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2016

Present: Chairman Karl Ekstedt, Selectmen Tim Roche, Kathy Chase, Daniel Hobbs and John Howarth, Town Manager Jon Carter.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Alfred J. Laude and Joan F. Laude, dba: Alfredo's Italian Pizzeria Inc., 1574 Post Road, Wells, application for a full-time Malt and Vinous Liquor License. (R)

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

2. Alfred J. Laude and Joan F. Laude, dba: Alfredo's Italian Pizzeria Inc., 1574 Post Road, Wells, application for a Special Entertainment Permit. (R)

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the permit. Passed unanimously.

3. Francesco Digagni, dba: Seacoast Pizza & Pasta, 901 Post Road, Wells, application for a full-time Malt and Vinous Liquor License. (R)

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

4. Beverly Cuthbertson-Steele, dba: Your Body Works, 1516 Post Road, Wells, application for a Massage Therapist License. (R)

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

5. Christian LaPointe, dba: Your Body Works, 1516 Post Road, Wells, application for a Massage Therapist/Establishment License. (R)

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to close the public hearing and grant the license. Passed unanimously.

6. Good News

~Officer MacDonald was complimented for his work in helping with a family situation.

~A visiting family from Vermont was pleased with the condition of our beaches.

~Sgt. Chad Arrowsmith was complimented for his handling of a situation.

~HarborMaster Chris Mayo has assisted several boaters in the harbor this summer.

~Mr. Roche said that HarborFest has turned into a great town-wide event. Mr. Carter thanked Ryan Liberty for his work with the Rotary and Chamber to build up the festival.

7. *Open to the Public*

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. *Review and action on Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants.*

a. *Discussion and action on approving the warrants dated August 2, 2016, (FY'16 & FY'17)*

There is a Warrant dated August 2, 2016 with FY16 expenses of \$94,859.56, FY17 expenses of \$577,652.36, (total warrant \$672,511.92), no school payment, net payroll for the week ending 7/21/16 in the amount of \$100,724.96, net payroll for the week ending 7/28/16 in the amount of \$99,310.62 and state and federal withholding taxes, plus FICA, Medicare and federal taxes filed electronically in the amount of \$87,011.52 for total expenses of \$959,559.02.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the Warrant dated August 2, 2016 in the amount of \$959,559.02. Passed unanimously.

There is a General Assistance Warrant dated August 2, 2016 in the amount of \$235.43.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve and sign the General Assistance Warrant dated August 2, 2016 in the amount of \$235.43. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Ekstedt thanked the Town Hall employees and other individuals for their efforts to build up the Special Fuel Fund.

2. *Update, discussion and action on Committees, Projects, Issues, Purchases and Personnel:*

a. *Discussion and action on the FY'16 Carry Forward recommendations by Town Manager and Finance Director.*

Each year the Charter allows us to close the fiscal year on June 30, and gives us additional time to close the books as bills continue to come in. Some projects have started and not been completed. Other projects were funded in FY'16 and haven't started yet. The total amount requested to carry forward is \$169,388.56.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the FY'16 Carry Forward recommendation in the amount of \$169,388.56. Passed unanimously.

b. *Discussion and action on moving forward with the Public Safety Facility Bond question and Library Addition Bond question.*

This was workshopped earlier this evening. The Board will make a decision in two weeks.

c. Discussion and action on scheduling a public hearing on amending Chapter 86 (Beaches) regarding smoking of tobacco products on the beaches in Wells.

This will be addressed in the fall to take effect next season. The public hearing will be postponed until September or October.

d. Discussion and action on amending the Harbor Advisory Committee membership and residence requirement.

With the latest appointments, there is one extra member on the Committee. The recommendation is to add two alternate members and designate one of the new members as an alternate, term to expire in 2019. In addition, the charge states that all members have to be residents, which is contrary to the Charter. The residency requirement is being deleted.

Motion by Mr. Roche, seconded by Mrs. Chase, to amend the membership from 7 to 8 regular members and add two alternate positions with three year terms. Passed unanimously.

e. Discussion and action to schedule a public hearing on August 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM to amend Chapter 190 (Shellfish Conservation Program) to change the sale of clam licenses from the fourth Tuesday in September to the fourth Tuesday in November.

Everett Leach, Chairman of the Clam Commission, explained that after 90 days the State requires the sale of leftover licenses to anyone at resident prices and with 5 additional dig days. This date change would mean the licenses couldn't be sold to a non-resident until March.

The Drakes Island clam flats will have a delayed opening date of January 1 to prevent overharvesting and coincide with the rest of the Town. Mr. Ekstedt asked if the flats could be open extra days or the season extended to help families who need the food.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to schedule a public hearing for 7 PM on August 16, 2016. Passed unanimously.

f. Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC and Central Maine Power Company, application for a Pole Location Permit for one pole to be located on Post Road approximately 173 feet southwesterly of US Route 9.

Mr. Hobbs noted that the pole has already been installed in front of the new Cumberland Farms.

Mr. Carter said the telephone company has a construction timetable and the poles often are installed before the Board approves them. The Board asked him to contact the foreman.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve the permit. Passed 3-2 with Mr. Ekstedt and Mr. Howarth opposed.

g. Discussion and action on Personnel and Committee Assignments, Resignations and Issues:

i. Selectmen

1. Update on Fire Chief search

Mr. Carter thanked Interim Fire Chief Sherman Lahaie for doing an excellent job. We received 37 applications and invited 15 candidates for interviews. There are two finalists, and follow up interviews are being held this week. An offer should be made in the next 1-2 weeks with the new chief starting in October.

2. Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to reappoint Don Turner to the Board of Assessment Review, term to expire July 2019. Passed unanimously.

3. Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to reappoint John Brett to the Board of Assessment Review, term to expire July 2019. Passed unanimously.

h. Discussion and action to accept donations and bequests:

1. \$1,000.00 from York Hospital to Wells Parks & Recreation for summer program sponsorship.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the generous donation and send the donor a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

2. \$71.00 from Susan N. Kanak to the Wells Public Library in memory of Dale & Stanley Norton's 71st wedding anniversary.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the generous donation and send the donor a letter of thanks. Passed unanimously.

i. Discussion and action on approving the minutes of the July 19, 2016 Selectmen's meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve the minutes as written. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Open to the Public

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

2. Town Manager's Report

~DOT has completed the Route One project. All but one of the crosswalks have been put in. Route 9 to Kennebunkport is being paved with the same type of pavement.

~Thank you to Chief Putnam for serving as Acting Town Manager during Mr. Carter's vacation and to all the staff members.

3. *Adjournment*

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by,

Cinndi Davidson,
Meeting Recorder

