

SELECTMEN'S MEETING –TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016

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

Excused: Selectman John Howarth

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Good News

~The Recreation Department held its Haunted Hayride on Saturday. It was a success in spite of the weather. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this a fun event for our families.

~The person who drove off the jetty last Friday is OK. Fortunately, the accident happened at low tide.

2. Open to the Public

~Several members of the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee spoke against forwarding the draft to the State for review. One member criticized the participation of the Selectman liaison and challenged her right to vote on the committee's motions. An opinion from the Town Attorney supported her right to vote.

Mr. Ekstedt said the committee was never instructed to rush the review process. He said this was not the appropriate forum to question the ethics of an elected official. He asked why any problems weren't immediately brought to the attention of the Town Manager, rather than waiting until the final meeting. Apparently the committee has been working for an entire year and some members are not satisfied with the final draft. Mr. Roche objected to the use of this meeting for a personal attack.

~Chief Putnam thanked everyone who participated in the Drug Take Back Day on Saturday. We collected 176 pounds of expired and unneeded prescription drugs.

CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

a. Discussion and action on sending the Draft Updated 2016 Comprehensive Plan to the State for review.

This item was tabled.

b. Discussion and action on accepting FY 2016 Edward Byrne-JAG grant for the purchase of law enforcement equipment for the Police Department.

The grant amount is \$1,311; the Police Department grant match hasn't been determined.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to accept the grant. Passed unanimously.

c. Discussion and action on issuing a Tax Abatement.

The Town has purchased the Jacob Dore parcel, Map 55, Lot 14 next to the proposed Fire Substation. Since the transfer of ownership happened after April 1, 2016, the Board must grant an abatement of \$445.96.

Motion by Mrs. Chase, seconded by Mr. Roche, to approve the \$445.96 tax abatement for the Jacob Dore parcel. Passed unanimously.

d. Discussion and action to accept donations and bequests:

- 1. \$500.00 from Daniel Dickerson to the Town of Wells for Buffum Hill cemetery restoration in memory of Janet Dickerson.**

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Open to the Public

Public comment was solicited and there was none.

2. Town Manager’s Report

~The annual meeting of the Historical Society will be held at 5:30 on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. The Society has a new director and would like the Selectmen to attend the meeting.

3. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted by,

Cinndi Davidson,
Meeting Recorder

