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Board of Selectmen

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Minutes: Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2018
Merrill Seney Room, Town Hall

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Ken Beausoleil
Steve Herbert
Amy St. Onge

Staff Present: Diane Minarik, Recording Secretary

Also Present: Members of the public

I. Approval of Minutes:

- Jan. 16, 2018 Regular Meeting
Steve Herbert moved and Ken Beausoleil seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2018 Regular Meeting with the following corrections:
 - XI. Other Business: spelling of Anastasia not Anastacia
 - XIII. Tax Refunds: correct last name is Anderson not Kayla L. Anderson & Robert E. Abderson, III. **The motion carried unanimously.**
- Jan. 19, 2018 Special Meeting
Steve Herbert moved and Amy St. Onge seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2018 Special Meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.
- Jan. 29, 2018 Special Meeting
Steve Herbert moved and Amy St. Onge seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the January 29, 2018 Special Meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Correspondence:

- a. Eagle Court of Honor Invitation for Joseph M. Ralph.
- b. Banking Relationship Alert on 2 banks that the Town does not use,
- c. CIRMA letter re: LAP and Worker's Comp Policies 2018-19 are staying the same
- d. CT DEEP letter re: Langer's Pond Dam inspection due in 2018
- e. CCM Prescription Drug report
- f. State Police Incident Report for January 2018

III. Selectmen's Comments:

- a. Ken Beausoleil stated:
 - Richard Benoit has been hired for Highway DPW Forman Director
 - Draft of Fire Study is complete and in the hands of his boss for review.
 - Budget reviews are still on-going.
 - Town has received the \$5K grant so the LED light replacement program at town hall will be starting in a couple weeks.
 - Library HVAC RFP has been issued and the vendor meeting is on 2/12/18 at 10am at Library
 - DOT is done with state roads and has another program to redo sidewalks and put up signs on town roads.

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b. Steve Herbert stated there is a light out in front of the library.

IV. Citizens' Comments:

- Al Landry, 33 Randall Rd, stated a crosswalk is needed on Riverside Dr. by Dunkin Donuts and Dollar Store and is concerned if we give up all buses what will we use in an emergency for transportation.
- Wayne O'Brien, 108 Fabyan Rd, agreed with keeping a couple buses for emergencies and is upset that he was unable to appeal car taxes because they came out to late and can only get generic budget numbers when real numbers are posted in newspaper articles for other towns.
- Roman Jamieson, 56 Taylor Rd, still doesn't understand agenda item VI. and hopes it will be explained further.

V. Discussion – Buses and Town Property:

Dattco visited the Highway Garage and will keep bus parking there with a cost to them of \$2K/month, will pay electric costs for buses when they are plugged in during winter, now understands why no office space is available to them inside, they will send a service truck every morning to start buses and do safety checks and do minor repairs on-site, for major repairs the bus will be taken to their facility in Burrillville, RI but asked if in an emergency could they bring a bus into garage to work on it. Ken is in contact with the school and Rec Dept. to see if they have a need for keeping a van and/or bus, Rec could expand some programs if they have access to a van or smaller bus.

Steve Herbert made a motion to allow the bus company in contract with the school to use a bay in the town garage for bus repairs. Motion seconded by Amy St. Onge for discussion. A discussion ensued between the Selectmen.

Motion withdrew by Steve Herbert. – No action taken

VI. Planning & Zoning Commission Request to Opt Out of Public Act 17-155 – AAC Temporary Healthcare Structures:

A discussion ensued regarding reasons why to opt out of this Public Act, one being the Planning & Zoning Commission already has provisions in their Regulations for this.

Steve Herbert moved and Amy St. Onge seconded the motion to opt out of Public Act 17-155 as recommended by Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Recreation Commission Request re: Bates Ave Closure for Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday 3/24/18, rain date of 3/31/18, and the Commission is requesting Bates Ave be closed from 11am-3 pm for the children's safety.

Steve Herbert moved and Amy St. Onge seconded the motion to approve road closure as read. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Building Committee Request for Funds:

The Building Committee budget is depleted, DEEP approved the Underground Storage Tank Replacement Project to be completed in July 2018 with 2 condition -1) DEEP wants a copy of the Engineering Contract for tank removal. 2) A tightness test be conducted on tanks and pipes every 3 months. The Building Committee is requesting \$13,800 to pay for that and filters and groundwater testing from the oil spill. Ken stated pre-trial on oil spill case starts 2/8/18 and after that they will have a better idea of where the requested monies should come from. They will add a Request for Money to the Board of Finance's agenda for their 2/22/18 meeting.

IX. Town Attorney:

Steve Herbert mentioned since the town's attorney will be retiring soon.

Steve Herbert moved and Amy St. Onge seconded the motion to send out a RFP within the next 10 days for a new attorney.

Amy stated the town should get an attorney in case new cases come up, some of the other towns have.

Ken Beausoleil – No

Amy St. Onge – Yes

Steve Herbert – Yes

The motion carried.

X. Other Business: None

XI. Citizens' Comments:

- Wayne O'Brien, 108 Fabyan Rd, expressed his concerns on someone other than town employees working on town property
- Al Landry, 33 Randall Rd, expressed his feelings on the buses and mentioned a Town Ordinance where the Board is to review the towns fines and fees; regarding the transfer station in 2012 when the fee went up to \$85.00 the Selectmen's goal was to go up \$5.00 a year till it reached \$100.00/yr., it's still \$85.00, the town would gain approximately \$30K if it went up to \$100.00. Surrounding towns fees are much higher and even higher to have it hauled away, he doesn't want to see the transfer station close.
- Roman Jamieson, 56 Taylor Rd, expressed his concerns of losing the transfer station and all the trash that will be left on town roads.
- John Rice asked if transfer station was running in a deficit. Ken stated yes, some items don't have as much money coming back in but the work to handle them is still there like electronics and mattress.

XII. Tax Refunds:

- \$184.77 to CAB East LLC
- \$30.81 to Michelle Cove
- \$124.33 to Mary Fraser
- \$31.37 to Honda Lease Trust
- \$191.43 to Hyundai Lease Titling Trust
- \$12.18 to Earnest J. Lambert III
- \$7.99 to Lu Marsh
- \$45.14 to David M Whitney & Carrie Burdick-Whitney

Ken Beausoleil moved and Amy St. Onge seconded the motion to approve the Tax Refunds as stated above. The motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Meeting Adjourned:

First Selectman Ken Beausoleil adjourned the meeting at 8:33PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Minarik

Recording Secretary