

Board of Selectmen
Meeting
September 11, 2019
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: McKeon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Jon McKeon, Jeanny Aldrich, Norm VanCor, Alissa Thompson, and Susan Rigg.

OPEN SEALED OIL BIDS: Decision was deferred until next week as mail was not checked today.

OLD BUSINESS:

Progress on erosion and drainage issues at Town owned beaches: VanCor reported that the plantings are complete. McKeon said Attorney John Ratigan has not received a decision from Martini's attorney as to whether they will allow permission to do any work on their property. He will follow up.

VanCor said he does not agree with the statement from Pat Rawson Construction regarding the updated charges. The only items the town should be responsible for paying for are the coir logs, the labor to install them, and any additional sandy loam to go on the banks. McKeon will communicate with Rawson.

VanCor said the DES has not approved the revised plans. McKeon said the State would not approve anything until they receive feedback from the abutter. McKeon said he will call DES to stress that we would like to get this closed out as soon as possible.

VanCor said there is some erosion at North Shore around the retention walls. He said the swale needs to be eliminated to redirect the water. It was agreed that can be done easily.

After review of invoices from Fuss & O'Neill, it was agreed to pay \$2,039.73. This includes the \$1,000 credit and the \$200 overpayment. Thompson will send an explanation with the payment.

VanCor would like permission to put in a faucet at North Shore beach. He would also like to postpone winterizing at the beaches so he can keep the plantings watered.

McKeon made a motion to install a hose bibb at North Shore. VanCor seconded the motion and it was approved by roll call vote. Thompson will contact a plumber to have this installed.

Criteria for Exemption of Charge for Town Property:

There was general discussion about potential criteria for usage. Aldrich had an outline of items to be reviewed. Item "C" will be removed, and Town entities would be given first use. Rigg will look in the books to determine how many regular users there have been. With that information it can be determined how the usage will be managed in the future. Aldrich would like the building to be more of a "Community Center". Aldrich will adjust her criteria worksheet and bring this back next week for more discussion.

Chesterfield Fire & Rescue Commissioners Letter:

A letter was written to the Chesterfield Fire Commissioners regarding fees they are collecting for use of their facilities. The BOS would like to see the voting and the authority granted to allow this. The Fire Commissioners have ignored the letter and McKeon will talk with Attorney Ratigan about how to proceed. Aldrich will ask at the next meeting with the Fire District.

Town Annex: The work should be finished by the end of October, said McKeon. McKeon will research options for LPG.

Marsh House:

McKeon presented plans for a carport from a potential buyer. He said the potential buyer would use the Marsh House as a rental. Aldrich has concerns about the carport and the rental use. A tight lease would help control the use and can state this is only for single-family occupancy, said McKeon. McKeon said he fears we will lose the building if we wait for something that is perfect. Jeff Scott said the potential buyer has a history of renovating these types of structures in New England. After further discussion, Aldrich agreed that a residential use is acceptable. McKeon said he will send out the sample lease for review.

GUESTS: Chief Chickering and Lt. Bomba came before the BOS for the Quarterly Meeting. Chief Chickering reported staff evaluations are taking place, a drug take-back box has been procured, new DWI observation training is taking place, and the evidence room is being modified. Chief Chickering is going to Washington, D.C. next week with local school kids for the American Heritage Tour. He listed several items for repair and correction in the building which will be addressed. He would like to reconsider Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) town-wide because there have been two times the PD has been without phone service this past year. The VOIP would have initial installation costs, but savings would be seen in the monthly bills, he said. Now that he has two internet lines, the likelihood of losing phone service is lessened over VOIP, he said.

Letter from Police on Dog Warrants: Penny Cooper sent a memo regarding RSA 466:1- dogs and licensing. Chickering said the Town Clerk is not providing the information in accordance to the timetable set by the RSA. The delays getting the information to the BOS make it so the PD cannot do their job, said Chief Chickering. He would like to meet to discuss how this can be done better. There has been an increase in serious dog bites this year. It was agreed this should be discussed between the parties involved.

Chief Chickering said he has an applicant to recommend for the position of Animal Control Officer. She has experience and has organized vaccination clinics, dealt with forfeitures, and is a registered vet technician.

LETTER TO NH DOT FROM BOS & OTHERS:

A letter was drafted by Jon McKeon to the State requesting reduced winter salt application. Steve Dumont joined the discussion. Chief Chickering and Steve Dumont are against reducing salt application on Route 9 and 63. He understands the concerns for the lake, but safety is important. McKeon said he wrote the letter with the understanding the State won't agree to reduce salt on Rte 9 or Rte 63, but he hopes they will compromise with Rte 9A. Dumont is concerned as this may impede the response of the Fire and EMTs on emergency calls. North Shore is shaded road with cold spots which need more salt, he continued, and fire engines weigh 50,000 pounds or more. VanCor said Chris Lord is can explain new technology which allows for the reduction in salt, as modern methods for application should be considered. It was agreed Chickering, Lord and VanCor will get together and discuss this topic further.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cottage Water Line: This must be addressed prior to winter to avoid pipe freezing again this year, said VanCor. The BOS will discuss the options with Lord.

DA Brothers invoice dated 8-23-2019: After discussion and review, the BOS approved the payment of this invoice.

Letter from Chesterfield Lions: *McKeon made a motion to approve the Lions Club providing plantings around the walkway in front of the Town Hall and allow them to install a "maintained by the Lions Club" type plaque. The motion was seconded by Aldrich and approved unanimously by roll call vote.*

Letter from James Corliss:

It was agreed that the review of septic guidelines is an excellent idea. Aldrich said the Conservation Commission is working on this same issue and she will share this information with them.

Letter to NH DOT from BOS:

McKeon will be going before the School Board on Monday to discuss this letter which requests a reduction of sale on certain roads.

Lease for Ed Labbe:

The updated lease was received from Attorney Ratigan. It can be approved for 5 years, but a 99-year lease would need approval at the Town Meeting, said Thompson. This will be postponed for another meeting. Thompson will review to determine which party is responsible for the property tax payments.

OTHER BUSINESS:

McKeon said the Budget Committee met. For the record, Gary Winn had asked to meet with Thompson about format for budgets. He has not contacted Thompson since that request a few months ago. It was agreed the budget committee should have their secretary doing their work and spreadsheets. This should not be done by Thompson.

Budget Items to be looked at include "COLA" increases will be considered, the current rate is 1.7% said Thompson. Also, McKeon asked VanCor to research prices for gasoline and diesel for next year.

McKeon thinks we need to provide direction to Ted A. regarding scheduling. They provided a schedule to the previous Building Official and will talk with him about this. Aldrich will meet with him on Monday.

Aldrich asked to order AED for the Town Hall. This will be ordered. The Highway Department does not have a Highway Department tab on the website. She would like to include one. Regarding knot weed, the highway department does not have anyone certified to spray. McKeon will determine if there is a company that can spray for the Town. VanCor mentioned the increased presence of the invasive phragmite plant.

ZBA is reviewing the ordinances and rewriting them for suggestion to the Planning Board, said Aldrich.

McKeon said he would like a sign posted at the beaches to state: "no boat launch, including kayaks, is allowed from beaches."

McKeon and VanCor cannot be here for a ribbon cutting and meeting on October 16, 2019. Thompson will cancel the meeting and reschedule the ribbon cutting with Consolidated Communications, if possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Scott said the list of the uses of the Marsh House included a residence when we started this process. He believes the couple interested in the building are very capable. Our goal was to save the building, and this is our best option. He thinks we should close the deal the sooner the better.

MINUTES:

VanCor made a motion to approve the minutes of August 28, 2019 as amended. The motion was seconded by Aldrich and approved unanimously by roll call vote.

NON-PUBLIC: McKeon made a motion to enter Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A 3:ii(a) to discuss the dismissal, promotion or compensation of an employee. VanCor seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

McKeon made a motion to exit Non-Public Session. VanCor seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

McKeon made a motion to enter Non-Public Session per RSA 91: 3-ii(e) to discuss possible lawsuits. VanCor seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

McKeon made a motion to exit Non-Public Session. VanCor seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

VanCor made a motion to adjourn at 10:02 PM. Aldrich seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Rigg

Approved:

Jon McKeon, Chair

Date

25 Sept '19

Jeanny Aldrich

Date

Norman VanCor

Date

9/25/19