

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2020

Present: James C. Bailey III, Chairman; John P. Stohrer, Selectman; David J. Rogers, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Tony Martelli, Brett Taber, Dave Roarick,

1. OPEN SESSION

There was not public comment during Open Session.

2. BRETT TABER RE: ELVD BOAT RAMP

Brett Taber, Chairman of the Emerald Lake Commissioners met with the Board to bring forward a suggestion with regard to improving the Gould Pond Boat Ramp. He said that is the only ramp that residents can use to put their boats in the water however due to the washout of the road over the years they have to back their trucks and trailers out to the point of getting stuck. Ms. Buono pointed out that the ramp is for cartop boats and not meant for trucks and trailers. The plan that Mr. Taber passed out reflected the placement of 5-7 angled in parking spots on one side of Gould Pond and another 5-7 spaces on the opposite side. The project items include excavation and trucking, road material, culvert work, signage and possibly repairing/replacing the dry hydrant. The proposed plan was discussed and although the Selectmen are interested in potentially moving forward with a plan, they would like to have Bill Goss weigh in on it. Ms. Buono suggested that she run the plan by Mr. Goss and once he has reviewed it, she will meet with both Mr. Goss and Mr. Taber to discuss it further and if it's feasible the next step will be to get cost estimates for the budget.

3. TONY MARTELLI RE: OUTDOOR SEATING REQUEST

Mr. Martelli, owner of Martelli's Restaurant came before the Selectmen to request the use of Butler Park on Friday and Saturday nights for additional seating for his restaurant. He said the Governor has not yet lifted the order with regard to indoor entertainment so he is only able to provide entertainment outside and he would like to add more tables to what he already has on Friday's and Saturday's since those are the nights he provides entertainment. The Board was pleased to hear that the restaurant is doing well considering it opened during the pandemic and approved the request to use Butler Park.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Woods Woolen Mills – Ms. Buono brought forward a Cleanup Grant Applications that she had previously emailed to the Selectmen for their review. The application is for the amount of \$200,000 and would be used to help in reclaiming the property once the building is taken down. Selectman Rogers moved to authorize Chairman Bailey to sign the application for funds. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

September Meeting Schedule – Ms. Buono asked if the Selectmen were interested in changing the September meeting schedule from the 8th & 22nd to the 15th & 29th since the Board need to be present at the polls on Primary Day which is the 8th. The Board agreed to the change in the meeting schedule for September.

Rex Gray Development – Ms. Buono said she was contacted by Rex Gray with regard to his development on Beards Road. Mr. Gray is again requesting the Selectmen move forward and take over the road in his development. He said that by the end of the year he will have 10 out of 13 homes built on that road. After a brief discussion the Board suggested having Bill Goss take a look at the road again to make sure there isn't anything needed before the Selectmen move forward with the request.

State Primary – Ms. Buono reminded the Selectmen that at least one of them need to be at the poll on Tuesday September 8th for the State Primary. Chairman Bailey said he will be there most of the day and Selectman Stohrer said he would be able to be there around 3:00.

Ransomware Attack – Ms. Buono briefed the Board on the Ransomware Attack that took place yesterday. She said it came in through one of the remote access accounts but it was caught fairly early. Ms. Buono said they lost one server which housed the assessing information as well as some files on the Planning Director's "c" drive but the main server was spared. She said all of the information on the assessing server was backed up so everything is back up and running.

Angus Lea Golf Course – Ms. Buono said she was contacted by the owner of Angus Lea who said they are selling the golf course and wanted to offer it to the Town first. The Board appreciated the offer but said there was no municipal use they could think of for the property.

Kemp Park Committee – Selectman Rogers said the Kemp Park Committee held their first meeting and everyone except one member was in attendance. He said there was a good give and take of information and felt they would like to have signs made to identify the park and each structure within it. The committee would like the next project to be the Cider House so that it can be completed in time for the 250th. They are going to be conducting a site walk of the Park this Sunday at 4:00 to take a look around and welcome public participation. He said the Committee will be holding their monthly meetings on the third Monday's at 6:00 p.m.

Historic District Commission – Selectman Stohrer said the Historic District Commission will hold their first meeting since COVID-19 on September 10th outside of the Clubhouse.

ATV Access – Selectman Stohrer said the ATV access in back of Tookey Mills has been moved 120' down the road toward Bridge Street and said someone had done donuts in the park area. He said access to River Road was not part of the original agreement and it should have come before the Selectmen prior to it being moved. The law allowing the crossing of a public road was briefly discussed. Selectman Stohrer will be contacting an individual from the ATV Club to get further information with regard to the change.

Police Department – After the nonpublic session below, Chief Roarick stated that when he came back from vacation there were a few complaints however, they have been resolved. As an example of the types of complaints, the Chief said one came from a felon who was arrested out of a theft ring from NY and he complained about being able to get his stolen property back and also complained that he was called the "N" name. This was investigated and he admitted it didn't happen. Another was from someone whose girlfriend was stopped for driving down a breakdown lane and ended up getting arrested for DWI, open container, cocaine, etc. yet she told him she was arrested while walking her dog. He complained about her arrest and then found out that she lied to him. The Chief said the point of bringing these up is that they are not the only department who are receiving increased and false complaints especially with everything going on around the country. He said at this time and with the Boards approval, he would like to place the order for the body cams which had been voted in at Town Meeting in March. Chief Roarick said the complaints he recently dealt with were resolved easily however he doesn't want to wait until there is something that comes up which isn't easy to resolve. He

said there is a change in the demeanor of the individuals when they know they are being recorded. A brief discussion took place with regard to accessibility to the videos with regard to the public. The Board agreed that he shouldn't wait any longer to order them.

Chief Roarick said another item he waited to purchase to find out how the cash flow would be in spite of COVID is the new cruiser. He would like to move forward and order that as well since skipping one this year would put the department in the same situation when they came out of rotating vehicles the last time (too many miles and costly repairs). The Chief feels it will be quite a bit longer until it arrives considering many departments, especially those who have cruisers that are being destroyed as part of riots, have ordered them this year. Ms. Buono said if it hasn't arrived by the end of the year the money can be encumbered. The Selectmen also agreed with moving forward with ordering the cruiser.

5. LONG-TERM PROJECTS

Manahan Boat Dock – Chairman Bailey said they are still waiting for DES approval for the dock and they are planning to build it in the Spring.

250th Celebration – Ms. Buono said she attended a zoom meeting this past Saturday with the Historical Society with regard to the kicking off the planning of the 250th Celebration and will be meeting with Christina Chadwick tomorrow to discuss further ideas.

6. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 16040 - 16078 a/k/a Vouchers 34 & 35 in the amount of \$175,590.62 (includes 127 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check number 023612 – 023682 a/k/a Vouchers 27 in the amount of \$149,564.63. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda for August 25, 2020. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- John Hancock Client Contact Change Forms (2)
- Intent to Cut – Map 1 Lot 56 Cooledge Road
- Cemetery Deed – Pinel
- Welfare Lien Discharge – Map 22 Lot 51 (Chairman only)

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2020 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2020 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

9. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Bailey moved to go into nonpublic session at 6:58 p.m. under RSA 91A:3II (c) reputation. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Bailey – yes; Selectman Stohrer – yes; Selectman Rogers - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In attendance: Chairman Bailey, Selectman Stohrer, Selectman Rogers, Town Administrator Laura Buono, Chief Roarick.

The Board discussed a complaint lodged having to do with an ongoing neighborhood issue.

Chairman Bailey moved to come out of nonpublic session at 7:47 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Bailey – yes; Selectman Stohrer – yes; Selectman Rogers - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

James C. Bailey III, Selectman

John P. Stohrer, Selectman

David J. Rogers, Selectman