

SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2018

9:00 AM

TOWN OFFICES, 50 MAIN STREET

Present:

Don Chabon, Chuck Cardillo, Terry Flynn, Danielle Fillio

Call to Order:

Don welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave a brief overview of the agenda.

Announcement/Reminder of Sock-Hop Friday 2/9

Don announced the Sock Hop to benefit Waldorf High School on February 9th from 7pm to 9pm to be held in the gymnasium of the Town Hall. The theme will be time warp. The school will be applying for an event license.

The Memorial Day Committee is looking for any veterans to come out and participate and he thanked them for their service.

Emergency Declaration – Ice Dam

Chris Marsden who spoke in regards to the Ice Jams that occurred Saturday morning following the warm weather. Ice jams became stuck under the South Street Bridge and caused major flooding.

Chris recommended that the Board make the formal emergency declaration which allows the Town to be able to make repairs immediately and potentially makes the Town eligible for Emergency services immediately.

Terry made a motion to approve the Emergency declaration dated January 13, 2018. Chuck seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Accountant Position Committee report:

David McCarthy of the Accountant search committee gave the Board their recommendation to post the Accountant position for 25 hours a week. David provided the Board with a posting and job description and thanked Terri Iemolini for her hard work.

Don moved to approve the recommendations and documents and to have Danielle to post as soon as possible. Chuck seconded. The vote was unanimous.

It was noted that the committee would review the applicants and present to the Board.

Stockbridge Bowl dredging project update:

Don gave background on the project and said that in 1996 due to silt build up and invasive vegetation the Stockbridge Bowl Association initiated an improvement plan for the lake health; diversion, dredging, and draw down. The Town was the contract holder with management and initiative left to the Stockbridge Bowl Association. An endangered snail was identified in the lake which required an appearance before National Heritage. National Heritage rejected the application citing damage to the

known snail habitat. Other options are partial dredging, use of herbicides, further exploration for greater habitat, or appeal. Forward steps will be discussed at a future meeting.

Response to accusation of open meeting law violation:

Attorney Ray Miyares sent a reply regarding an open meeting law complaint. Terry read the letter, which disputed the allegations and denied any wrongdoing. It was noted that the response from Attorney Silverstein was that they didn't intend it to be a formal complaint.

Response to comments on recent settlement agreement:

The Board discussed a recent settlement agreement with a former employee. The Board felt that it was a necessary decision to save the Town a potential costly law suit. Terry noted that this was never a secret settlement. It was done in executive session as required and the decision to use available funds was a part of procedure used many times in the Town.

Board Discussion on Special Town Meeting items:

The Board discussed who would present each article for the Special Town Meeting.

Chuck would do the Highway Garage.

Terry would do the Intersection Study.

Don would do Marijuana and Collector-Treasurer

Don made a motion that we ask the Town at the Special Town Meeting to borrow 2.3 million dollars in a State House note with the intention to eventually retire the note and go for a general obligation bond for the design, engineering, development, demolition construction, reconstruction, repair and upgrade of the highway garage and to ask the Finance Committee to recommend the same. Chuck seconded; all were in favor.

Don made a motion to include a non-binding debt-exclusion vote on the ballot for the Annual Town election for the Highway garage financing and to ask the Finance Committee to recommend the same. Terry seconded; all were in favor.

February schedule:

The Board set dates for their upcoming meetings.

Jan. 29th, Monday at 7pm

Feb 7th, Wednesday at 9am

Feb 12th, Monday at 7pm

Feb 21st, Wednesday at 9am

Feb 26th, Monday at 7pm

Mar. 5th, Monday at 7pm

Adjournment:

With no further business, Don made a motion to adjourn; Chuck seconded; the vote was unanimous.