

Town of Bridgewater
Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2016
Bridgewater Town Hall
Draft Minutes

Present:

Curtis Read, Alan Brown, Nancy Hawley

Guests:

Members of the public

Mr. Read called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2016, Ms. Hawley seconded. All in favor, motion carries.

Public Comment:

Dennis MacDonald of the Board of Finance stated that the seat vacated by Nancy Hawley on that board was filled by Bruce Parker.

Ned Bandler spoke regarding the procedure for public comment at Board of Selectmen meetings (see attached statement).

Correspondence:

Eversource (see attached)

Diane Belford (see attached)

Resignations:

Alex McNaughton – Inlands/Wetlands (see attached)

Pat Barlow – Republican Registrar of Voters (see attached)

Appointments and Vacancies:

Planning & Zoning – Mr. Read stated that he has spoken with Michael Wellman about becoming a full member of the Planning and Zoning to fill a vacancy. Ms. Hawley made a motion to appoint Michael Wellman as a member of Planning and Zoning to fill a vacancy, seconded by Mr. Brown. All in favor, motion carries.

Mr. Read read letters from Alex McNaughton and Courtney Wilson expressing in interest in serving on Planning and Zoning (see attached). Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Alex McNaughton as a Planning and Zoning Alternate to fill a vacancy, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, motion carries. Ms. Hawley suggested that the selectmen send a letter to Ms. Wilson thanking her for her interest in serving.

ZBA Alt. –Mr. Read read a letter from Stephan Gerhard expressing interest in serving on the board. Mr. Brown made a motion to appoint Stephan Gerhard as a Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate to fill a vacancy, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, motion carries.

New Business:

Tax Refunds:

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the tax refunds as submitted by the Tax Collector, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, motion carries.

Tax Collector's Report: Read for the record (see attached)

Treasurer's Report: Read for the record (see attached)

Bank Signature Cards:

Mr. Brown read the resolutions from Webster Bank and Union Savings Bank to authorize Nancy Hawley to become a signer on Town accounts as Selectwoman. Mr. Brown made a motion to adopt the resolutions, seconded by Ms. Hawley, All in favor, motion carries.

Town-Owned Property Landmark Drive:

The selectmen discussed the Landmark Drive property that the Town owns. It has been appraised for \$800,000 and there are three people interested in purchasing the land. Mr. Read stated that the revenue from the sale of that land could provide the funds the Town needs to purchase land in other areas of Town for potential projects. A public hearing and town meeting must be held before anything can be sold.

Mine Hill East/West Paving:

Mr. Read stated that the Town received 9 responses to the surveys sent out to local residents of the Mine Hill area regarding the potential paving project (see attached). Several residents were also present at the meeting and stated their concerns that paving the roads would increase traffic and speeding in the area.

Oil Tank Contamination Update:

Mr. Read stated that the oil tank remediation project on the Grange property would begin soon (see attached insurance policy claim).

Sidewalk Bid Results:

Mr. Read stated that the Town received 3 bids for the sidewalk project on Main Street South near the center of Town. Discussion. Ms. Hawley made a motion to select Stone Construction Company as the contractor, seconded by Mr. Brown, all in favor, motion carries.

Joshua Heights Petition for Public Hearing:

Mr. Read stated that he plans on closing the petition for public hearing as enough signatures have been collected. Mr. Read explained that while 25 signatures were required, approximately 150 signatures were collected. Hearings will be held in Bridgewater and in Hartford.

Town-Owned Buildings & Projects Update:

Mr. Read discussed some repairs currently occurring on town-owned buildings

Old Business: None

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn at 8:34pm, seconded by Ms. Hawley. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh R. DiBella
Assistant Town Clerk