

Draft Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Work Session
May 4, 2017

Selectboard Members present: Chairman Stubbings & Randy Subject

Others present: Tim Cole, Abby Metcalf, Diane Stelzner, A. George Mertz, Alex Nuti-de Biasi

Chairman Stubbings called the meeting to order at 7:01PM. He stated that the meeting was being recorded for the sole purpose of accurate minutes and others in the room may be recording but have not declared that fact.

Chairman Stubbings read the letter of resignation that was placed in his office mailbox by Ms. Mertz. The Board will not make comments. Selectman Subject made a motion to accept the resignation. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Chairman Stubbings clarified how a vacancy in the Board of Selectman is to be filled, as it was addressed incorrectly in the letter from Ms. Mertz. Advertisements will be placed in local newspapers seeking interested parties to contact the Selectmen's office. A replacement will be appointed to fill the vacancy until March 2018 at which time a selectman will be elected to fill the unexpired term of one year. Selectman Subject made a motion to place an ad in local newspapers to run for two weeks. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Zoning Administrator- Selectman Subject made a motion to re-appoint Terry Robie as Zoning Administrator. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Abatements were passed over until Tuesday May 9th so that Susan Belyea, Assessing Clerk can be present.

Chairman Stubbings gave an update on the property discussed at last week's meeting. Chairman Stubbings did meet with the former owner of the property to get the paperwork signed. The paperwork was signed and sent to town counsel. Chairman Stubbings suggested the former owner should be reimbursed for his mileage since he drove over from NY. Chairman Stubbings made a motion to sign mileage reimbursement paperwork. Selectman Subject seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Chairman Stubbings read a letter from Wayne Godfrey, Transfer Station Manager, discussing the need for security cameras at the Transfer Station/Recycling Center. Mr. Godfrey would like to have \$4100.00 transferred from the Transfer Station ETF for this purpose. The remaining cost will come from the operating budget of the TS/RC. There was a brief discussion. Selectman Subject made a motion to approve transfer of funds. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Chairman Stubbings gave an update on all legal cases as follows:

Camp Walt Whitman-

Tax Abatement 2012 +2013- partially completed

Tax Abatement 2014+2015 have been consolidated, awaiting decision from 2012+2013 case

Mertz vs Town, Stubbings and Subject- The case has been heard, we are awaiting judge's decision.

Shansab vs Town of Piermont- Tax Abatement- Two years have been consolidated into one case, the court rejected Mr. Shansab's objection to late submission by the Town. Mr. Shansab has requested a continuance of discovery for six months. Chairman Stubbings made a motion to agree to continuance. Selectman Subject seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Chairman Stubbings gave an overview of HB329- Governor's proposed ratification of Town Meeting decisions postponed due to weather. All election results have been ratified by Governor Sununu. Towns are responsible for any other decisions that may need to be ratified due to postponed meetings. To do this, towns must hold a public hearing where the governing body must vote to ratify those decisions. Selectman Subject made a motion to hold a public hearing. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Jen Rugar provided the paperwork required for flags to be displayed on the utility poles for Memorial Day. Chairman Stubbings reviewed the document. Chairman Stubbings made a motion to sign the permit application. Selectman Subject seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

ZBA will hold a Public Hearing on May 15th at 7PM in the Old Church Building regarding an application from Philip Allen, Jr (Bean Brook Rd) for a variance under Piermont Zoning Ordinance Article 5 Section 5. The property is located at R01 L04-1on the Piermont tax maps.

The minutes from April 20, 2017 were reviewed. A correction was made. Chairman Stubbings made a motion to accept with the one change. Selectman Subject seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0. The minutes from April 25, 2017 were reviewed. Corrections were made. Selectman Subject made a motion to accept as corrected. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Selectman Subject made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 PM. Chairman Stubbings seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jen Rugar
Administrative Assistant

Board of Selectmen:

Colin Stubbings, Chairman

Randy Subject

Approved: