

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING MAY 15, 2012

Chairman Petraitis called the meeting to order in the Senior Center at 5:35 PM with Mr. Chabot also present. Mrs. Walter joined the meeting at 5:40 PM.

Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, because an open session may have a detrimental effect on the Town's negotiating position, and also to conduct negotiations with the North Brookfield Highway department. Roll call: Petraitis, yes; Walter, yes; Chabot, yes. So voted. Mr. Petraitis announced that the Board would exit Executive Session shortly before 7 PM in order to convene its regular weekly meeting.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:05 PM. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to recess until the regular meeting. So voted. Mr. Petraitis called the meeting back to order at 7:20 PM. He announced that the meeting was being both audio and video taped.

I. Mr. Chabot moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of May 8, 2012 as written. So voted.

IA. There were no warrants this week.

IB. There was no one present for the Public Comment Period.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mr. Petraitis noted that last week the Selectmen were approached by Joe Holway about the revitalization of the Town Park on Route 148. Mr. Holway stated that Andrew Paquette is interested in doing some work on the park as his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Paquette was present to tell the Selectmen a bit about his plans; he would like to clear some brush to enlarge the parking lot and install picnic tables, fencing, and signs. Mrs. Walter asked whether Mr. Paquette was going to work on the side of Route 148 where the parking lot is, and not across the street where there has been some talk of building a Frisbee golf park. Mr. Paquette answered in the affirmative. Mr. Chabot offered the Board's congratulations on making it this far in scouting, they acknowledged that it is a great accomplishment. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to appoint the following people to the new Town Park Committee: Joe Holway, Ryan Holway, Dave Martin, Jeff Martin, George Nolette, Dan Roma, Richard Paquette, Andrew Paquette, Bob LaFlamme, Eric Hevy, James Bartlett, and Paul LeBlanc. So voted.

B. Mr. Petraitis noted that he spoke with Eric Rosen of the Quabaug Corporation, who said that he would like to speak with the Selectmen about the recommendations of the Quabaug Building Study Committee. Mr. Rosen will contact the Selectmen's office to schedule a time.

C. Mrs. Walter read a letter from Moderator Gene Caille asking the Selectmen to dissolve the Quabaug Building Study Committee. (Available in the Selectmen's office) Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to accept the letter and dissolve the committee. So voted.

D. Mrs. Walter reported that she still has some information to gather on a letter to be sent to the towns of Brookfield, West Brookfield, and Warren about the highway equipment sharing program. She asked that this item be placed on next week's agenda.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to set June 22nd at 7 PM as the date and time for a Special Town Meeting. The last day to submit articles to the Selectmen is Friday, May 18th, and the last day to register to vote is June 12th from 9 AM to 8 PM in the Town Clerk's office.

B. The Selectmen discussed the revolving fund for activities at the Senior Center, which is currently over its \$7,000.00 spending limit as set by the voters at last year's Annual Town Meeting. The spending limit on the fund for FY13 has been raised to \$15,000.00, but the Selectmen and Finance Committee must approve any increase in this year's limit. Mr. Chabot moved, and Mrs. Walter seconded, a motion to increase the limit for FY12 to \$12,000.00. So voted. A letter will be sent to the Finance Committee asking them to vote on this matter as soon as possible.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Mr. Petraitis read an announcement from the Water Department that they will be flushing hydrants through May 25th. (Available in the Selectmen's office) The Water Department states that there may be temporary discoloration of the water during the flushing process.

B. Mr. Petraitis announced that the Selectmen will be doing the annual appointments on June 19th. Anyone interested in any town committee should contact the Selectmen's office. Mrs. Walter suggested that all town officials be notified of the appointments, and ask that they inform their committee chairmen if they are interested in reappointment.

C. Mr. Chabot announced that there will be a Town-wide yard sale on Saturday, May 26th. There is no rain date. The cost to register is \$20, and maps will be sold for \$1 each on the day of the sale.

D. Mr. Petraitis reviewed a listing of events scheduled for the Town's 200th anniversary. (Available in the Selectmen's office)

V. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Selectmen will be doing the annual appointments on June 19th.

There being no further business, Mrs. Walter moved, and Mr. Chabot seconded, a motion to adjourn at 7:45 PM. So voted.

Respectfully submitted,

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