

MINUTES
Town of New Gloucester
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 17, 2016
At the Meetinghouse

For review of the complete discussions and motions, please see the recording available at the Public Library or on our website at www.newgloucester.com

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Vice-Chairman, Steven Libby, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Vice-Chairman, Steven Libby; Selectmen, Lenora Conger, Stephen Hathorne and Laura Sturgis; Town Manager, Paul First; and Recorder, Sharlene Myers. Chairman, Linda Chase, was absent.

II. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

Board of Selectmen Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 7, 2016

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

Mr. Libby said a committee application was received and will be added under Appointments.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. PUBLIC HEARING – Establishing a Moratorium on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs

Mr. Libby opened the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

George Colby, resident, said he is in favor of establishing the Moratorium.

There were no additional public comments. Mr. Libby closed the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

B. Other

Mr. Colby said he has noticed that range ways are not showing on the tax maps for New Gloucester and said he would like to see them placed back on.

Mr. Libby said he agreed and when the maps are redone, they could be placed back on.

Mr. First said he would speak to Mike O'Donnell to see what the challenges might be, if any, to place them back on the maps and get back to the Board.

Elijah Breton, candidate for State Representatives, said Ellie Espling spoke at the last meeting explained why she did not attend the Poland and New Gloucester candidate forums. He said the coordinator for the Poland forum did give Ms. Espling the choice of an alternate date but she refused.

Mr. Libby said he is Ms. Espling's campaign manager and that information was not told to her.

Richard Allen, resident and member of the Environmental Resources Committee, met with Mr. First recently concerning the erosion near the beach area of Sabbathday Lake, across from the grange hall. He said rip-rap has been placed in the area and he wanted to thank Mr. First and the Public Works Department for their speedy work to resolve the issue.

IV. SCHEDULED ITEMS

4.39 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Confirmation of Animal Control Officer

Mr. First said he wanted to introduce New Gloucester's new Animal Control Officer (ACO), Mikayla Trafford. He said she has experience with animals, domestic and livestock, has volunteered at the animal shelter, has raised and boarded animals. He said she is also the ACO for the Town of Gray. Mr. First said the following week, she would be attending a week long training for Animal Control in Orono and New Gloucester would be splitting the costs of the training with the Town of Gray.

Ms. Trafford said she wanted to thank everyone for the opportunity.

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to confirm Mikayla Trafford as the Animal Control Officer for New Gloucester. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Mr. Hathorne said he wanted to thank Mr. First for being the Interim Animal Control Officer.

4.36 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Signing of Special Town Meeting Warrant for Establishing a Moratorium on Retail Marijuana Establishments and Retail Marijuana Social Clubs

Mr. Libby read the articles for the Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Hathorne said he wanted some clarification as to who wanted to put this moratorium forward. He said there are no grass roots in New Gloucester currently and the referendum will not be decided until November 8th.

Mr. Libby said it was a collaborative effort with Mr. First and Ms. Chase.

Mr. First said a discussion at the Joint Leaders meeting spurred the idea of a moratorium and said he reached out the Board's Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Ms. Conger asked why this moratorium is needed.

Mr. First said the current ordinance was written many years ago. He said how the issue is addressed in the ordinance is will be determined by the voters.

Mr. Hathorne said there have been no public comments showing interest in this. He asked how smoking clubs can be established when there is a law stating public smoking is not allowed.

Ms. Sturgis said she believes the referendum will pass and it's good for the Town to be pro-active and the citizens have their say.

Ms. Sturgis moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

4.37 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to TIF Amendments

Mr. First said the DECD's preflight review of the TIF amendments is complete. He said the next step is the Board accepts the TIF amendments and moves the document forward to a Public Hearing.

Ms. Sturgis moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to accept the TIF amendments with minor wordsmithing and schedule a Public Hearing at a future meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

4.38 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Bid Proposals for Timber Harvest RFP

The following bids were opened and the dollar amounts are contained in the bids:

M W Trucking and Logging, Inc.
Norway, Maine

Andrews Timber Harvest
West Paris, Maine

Jim Everett & Son Logging
Waterford, Maine

M. H. Humphrey & Sons, Inc.
Parsonsfield, Maine

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion for staff to review the bids and bring their recommendation back to the Board at the next meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

4.40 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Selectmen's Meeting Schedule for November

Mr. Libby said the Town Manager and Chairman of the Board discuss this to determine if a meeting is needed on November 7th or postpone it until November 14th.

No action taken.

V. APPROVE FY17 WARRANTS AND PAYROLLS #13, #14, #15 & #16

Ms. Conger moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to approve FY17 Warrants and Payrolls #13, #14, #15 and #16. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Budget Committee – (three three-year vacancies)
Karen Gilles – would like to be appointed

B. Land Management Planning Committee – (two three-year vacancies)
Karen Gilles – would like to be appointed

Ms. Conger disclosed that Karen Gilles is her daughter.

Ms. Conger moved and Mr. Libby seconded the motion to appoint Karen Gilles to three-year terms on the Budget and Land Management Planning Committees. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

VII. LEGAL

None.

VIII. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

A. Approve Minutes of the September 19, 2016 Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Ms. Sturgis moved and Mr. Hathorne seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2016, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

B. Approve Minutes of the September 21, 2016, Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Public Works Building Design Committee

Ms. Sturgis moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2016, Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Public Works Design Committee. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0-1, with Mr. Hathorne abstaining.

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATION

A. Selectmen

Stephen Hathorne – said for those residents who are out of water, there is water available at the Public Works Garage and the Fairgrounds. He said the view of the foliage by Opportunity Farm on Gloucester Hill Road is breathtaking.

Laura Sturgis – said on October 19th, there is an open house/barbecue at the Fire/Rescue Station, 611 Lewiston Road, starting at 5:00 p.m.

Lenora Conger – no comments.

Steven Libby – said earlier that day, in the area of the Public Works Garage, a tractor trailer pulled out right in front of Roger Lund, who was driving Engine 3. He said thanks to Roger's quick reaction, a serious accident was avoided. Thank you Roger.

B. Town Manager

Mr. First said he wanted to remind everyone about the open house at the Fire/Rescue Station, on October 19th, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. First said there is a vacancy at the Public Works Garage for a truck driver/equipment operator. He said the position is being advertised in the newspaper, MMA and website, until filled. He said the position is for a truck driver/grader operator, opportunity to learn a skill, competitive pay with excellent benefits. He said if anyone is interested, to please get their applications into the Town Office.

Mr. First said there was an issue with the performance of a pump at the Water District. He said the pump, he believes, is still under warrantee.

C. Dept. Heads

D. Boards & Committees

X. ADJOURN

Ms. Conger moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:46pm. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

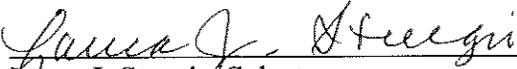
Approved November 14, 2016


Linda D. Chase, Chairman

Steven M. Libby, Vice-Chairman


Lenora R. Conger, Selectman


Stephen J. Hathorne, Selectman


Laura J. Sturgis, Selectman