MINUTES
Town of New Gloucester
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 19, 2016
At the Meetinghouse

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

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

II. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

Board of Selectmen Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 9, 2017

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

Ms. Chase said the Board received two Committee Applications that will be discussed under appointments.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. **Public Hearing** – Junkyard Application

Ms. Chase opened the Public Hearing at 7:04p.m.

Annette & Kenneth White, of 113 Sabbathday Road, spoke to the Board with their concerns about the renewal of Larry Wedge's junkyard license. They said the fence has not been repaired and they still have concerns with the storage trailers.

Debby Parks Larrivee, Code Enforcement Officer, said the items addressed as directed by the motion at the last meeting, the vehicles, the storage trailers, the tires and the fence, have been addressed to her satisfaction. She said the barrels that contained fluids and the wood chips have been removed from the property. She said the cars in front of his business are allowed and when he is done working with them, he moves them out back.

Mr. Hathorne said he visited the property and said there is still a hole in the back corner of the fence.

Ms. Chase closed the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

B. Other

Mr. Hathorne asked where the Town stands pertaining to paying of firefighters.

Mr. First said the Fire Chief and himself have been working on this. He said they are in hopes to present this to the Board during the Selectmen Budget Workshops but to keep in mind that the final debt payment on the Fire Station ends in FY18.

Mr. Hathorne said an electronic petition has started to circulate in the community concerning this topic. He said his recommendation to those behind this petition is to not circulate it.

IV. SCHEDULED ITEMS

4.65 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *Junkyard License Renewal for Larry & Vicki Wedge Junkyard*

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to grant the Junkyard License Renewal for Larry & Vicki Wedge Junkyard.

Mr. Hathorne said he has concerns with the barrels that were full of fluids in the watershed area and he is not satisfied with the fence repair. He said he would like to see the CEO revisit the junkyard in 180 days and wanted to state that in the motion. Mr. Hathorne said he would like to withdraw his motion. Ms. Sturgis agreed.

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to grant the junkyard license for Larry & Vicki Wedge Junkyard for 180 days, repair the fence if determined it belongs to the junkyard and the CEO revisit and report back to the Board.

Ms. Chase said the junkyard license application is good for a year. She asked if the Town can revoke the State license.

Mr. Hathorne said he would like to withdraw his motion. Ms. Sturgis agreed.

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to grant the Junkyard License to Larry & Vicki Wedge Junkyard; the permit expires December 31, 2017 as stated on the license; after 180 days, the CEO revisits the junkyard and if it does not meet the State standards, it will come back to the Board of Selectmen. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

4.66 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *Acceptance of Grants for Morse Road Culvert Replacement*

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to accept the grant and authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

4.67 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *Acceptance of the FY16 Audit and Management Letter*

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to accept the FY16 Audit Management Letter. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

4.68 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *Ordinance for Establishing Term Limits for Members of the Board of Selectmen Petition*

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to send the Ordinance for Establishing Term Limits for Members of the Board of Selectmen Petition to the attorney for review. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

4.69 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *2017 New Gloucester Facilities Holiday Schedule*

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to accept the 2017 New Gloucester Facilities Holiday Schedule, as a working document. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

4.70 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *2017 Board of Selectmen's Meeting Schedule*

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to accept the 2017 Board of Selectmen's Meeting Schedule, as a working document. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

V. APPROVE FY17 WARRANTS AND PAYROLLS #20, #24 & #25

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to approve FY17 Warrants and Payrolls #20, #24 & #25. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0-1, with Ms. Sturgis abstaining.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. ***Budget Committee – (one three-year vacancy)***
Joe Bean – would like to be appointed

B. ***Land Management Planning Committee – (one three-year vacancy)***
Jamie Duncan – would like to be appointed

C. ***Environmental Resources Committee – (five three-year vacancies)***
Jamie Duncan – would like to be appointed

D. ***Planning Board – (one three-year vacancy)***
Jamie Duncan – would like to be appointed

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to appoint Joe Bean to the Budget Committee and Jamie Duncan to the Land Management Planning Committee, Environmental Resources Committee and Planning Board.

Ms. Chase asked if there were conflicts if appointed to both LMPC and Planning Board.

Mr. First said yes there could be but the application shows committees listed in order of preference for appointment.

Mr. Hathorne said he would like to withdraw his motion. Ms. Conger agreed.

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to appoint Joe Bean to the Budget Committee and Jamie Duncan to the Land Management Planning Committee. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

VII. LEGAL

None.

VIII. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

A. Approve Minutes of the December 5, 2016 Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2016, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0-1, with Ms. Conger abstaining.

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATION

A. Selectmen

Stephen Hathorne – said the Fire Department battled a fire in Town during the extreme cold temperatures and said he wanted to thank the New Gloucester Fire/Rescue Department as well as the mutual aid Towns for their work.

Laura Sturgis – said she wanted to thank Jim Gallant for his performance at the Christmas in New Gloucester held at the Congregational Church. She said over $1,400 was raised for fuel assistance in New Gloucester.

Lenora Conger – no comments.

Linda Chase – said she wanted echo Mr. Hathorne's comments about the fire and personnel. She said warm cookies were waiting for the crew when they returned to the station. She said wanted to also thank the Public Works Department for all their work all weekend long. Ms. Chase said to please keep an eye out on your neighbors; if they are in need, please let someone know.

B. Town Manager

Mr. First said he wanted to also thank the firefighters for their heroic efforts in very trying conditions.

Mr. First said he wanted to also thank the Public Works Department. He said the roads were looking good today.

Mr. First said the Public Works Department is rescheduling the road closure on Gloucester Hill Road from Church Road to Short Bennett Road. He said the new date is Tuesday, December 27th, from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Mr. First said the Greater Portland Council of Government (GPCOG) is holding a meeting on Monday, January 30th, at 7pm at the Gray Town Hall. He said the Selectmen have a budget workshop that night and is asking if they want to reschedule the workshop or ask GPCOG if they can change the date. He said this meeting involves the Town of Gray, North Yarmouth, Durham and Pownal, as well as New Gloucester.

The consensus of the Board was for Mr. First to see if GPCOG could change the meeting date to Thursday, January 26th.

Mr. First said the Public Works Director informed him that the chipper needs a new fuel pump and starter, which is estimated to cost around $2,200.

Mr. First said currently there are three members on the Marijuana Ordinance Adhoc Committee. He said no additional applications have been received and he will contact the current members to set up a meeting to begin drafting the two proposals.

Ms. Chase said she would volunteer as the Board Liaison to this committee.

C. Dept. Heads

D. Boards & Committees

X. ADJOURN

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

Approved January 9, 2017

Linda D. Chase, Chairman

Steven M. Libby, Vice-Chairman

Lenora R. Conger, Selectman

Stephen J. Hathorne, Selectman

Laura J. Sturgis, Selectman