

MINUTES
Town of New Gloucester
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Monday, May 18, 2015
At the Meetinghouse

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chairman, Steven Libby, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman, Steven Libby; Vice-Chairman, Linda Chase; Selectmen, Nathaniel Berry, Joshua McHenry and Laura Sturgis; Town Manager, Paul First; and Recorder, Sharlene Myers.

II. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

Board of Selectmen's Meeting– 7:00 p.m., Monday, June 1, 2015

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

Mr. McHenry moved for Item 4.96, To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Revisions to the Personnel Policy, be restricted to discussion only and no vote taken. There was no second, motion failed.

Mr. First asked that Item 4.97, To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Spending \$4,600 from MainePERS Surplus for Employer MainePERS Contributions during the Month of June 2015, be removed from the agenda. He said a motion made at a prior Selectmen's meeting covered this item.

Mr. McHenry moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to remove Item 4.97, from the agenda. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. MSAD #15 Budget Presentation

Bruce Beasley, Superintendent of MSAD #15, gave a brief presentation of the FY16 School Budget, which is looking to impact the New Gloucester tax rate by .5%.

Mr. First said the Budget Validation Referendum Warrant before the Board that evening for signatures, did not include Question 2 that is on the ballot.

Mr. Beasley said he would look into it and have his secretary call in the morning.

B. Other

None.

IV. SCHEDULED ITEMS

4.89 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Bid Specifications for a Dump Truck Cab & Chassis

Ted Shane, Public Works Director, said the specifications are the same as the ones used for the 2014 purchase and does not limit any manufacturer. He said he added under Section 18, air ride equipped.

Ms. Sturgis moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to approve the Bid Specifications for a Dump Truck Cab & Chassis. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

4.90 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Bid Specifications for Combination Dump Body/Sand Spreader and Plow Gear

Mr. Shane said the specifications are the same as the ones used for the 2014 purchase with a couple additions. He said he added under the Wing Section, page 4, two moldboard shoes installed. He said this increases the longevity of the edges.

Ms. Chase moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to approve the Bid Specifications for a Combination Dump Body/Sand Spreader and Plow Gear. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

4.91 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Outlet Bridge Bid Proposal Recommendations

Mr. First said recommendation from the Project Engineer and Staff is to award the Outlet Bridge contract to Glidden Paving.

Mr. Berry moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to award the Outlet Bridge contract to Glidden Excavating & Paving, of Gorham, ME, for a bid of \$107,584. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

4.92 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to SAD #15 Budget Validation Referendum

Mr. Libby said, as previously discussed, the SAD #15 Budget Validation Referendum Warrant does not have Question 2 on the paperwork.

Mr. Berry moved and Mr. McHenry seconded a motion to sign the SAD #15 Budget Validation Referendum Warrant signature page contingent on a revised page one with both referendum questions. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

4.93 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Town and SAD #15 Election Warrant

Mr. Berry moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to sign the Town and SAD #15 Election Warrant. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

4.94 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to a Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week

Ms. Chase moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to sign the Proclamation for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Mr. McHenry said New Gloucester EMS is holding an open house on Wednesday, May 20th, from 5:00 – 7:00p.m.

4.95 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to a Proclamation for National Public Works Week

Ms. Chase moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to sign the Proclamation for National Public Works Week. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

4.96 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Revisions to the Personnel Policy

The Board discussed the draft Personnel Policy and made the following changes:

Page 17, sixth paragraph, change the words “8 hours” to “a normal work day”

Page 18, fifth paragraph, second sentence, remove the words “when it appears because of the past record of the employee or”

Page 18, fifth paragraph, remove proposed wording “The employee must exhaust all paid benefits (including vacation, sick and compensation time) prior to requesting such leave.”

Page 25, fourth paragraph, remove the words “and the Town’s dollar cap on contributions”

Mr. McHenry said he enjoyed working with Linda and Paul on this project and said it's a shame he cannot vote in favor of the personnel policy as it stands due to the political activity section. He said if this section went to a vote of the Town and they voted in favor of it, then he would be okay with it.

Mr. Libby said he was in favor of the political activity section but said he would have liked to see the wording from MMA used.

The other Board members were in favor of this section.

Mr. Berry moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to accept the Personnel Policy as presented, with amendments. The motion carried on a vote 4-1, with Mr. McHenry opposing.

V. APPROVE FY15 WARRANTS AND PAYROLLS #42, #43, #44, #45 and #46

Mr. McHenry said he was concerned with payment of an invoice in Warrant #46, to Opportunity Alliance, for \$650. He said the bill shows this amount was for 13 hours on one case and would rather see the money going towards helping residents than to administration.

Mr. Berry moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to approve FY15 Warrants and Payrolls #42, #43, #44, #45 and #46. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

VI. APPOINTMENTS

None.

VII. LEGAL

Mr. First said the Sacco case went to mediation in April and a settlement was not reached and that the case is moving forward.

Mr. First said the Town was supposed to close on the Parsons property the previous Wednesday but an item came up at the last minute. He said the closing should be in the near future.

VIII. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

A. Approve Minutes of the April 13, 2015, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Mr. Berry moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to approve Minutes of the April 13, 2015, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

B. Approve Minutes of the April 30, 2015, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Ms. Chase moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to approve Minutes of the April 30, 2015, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0-1, with Mr. McHenry abstaining.

C. Approve Minutes of the May 7, 2015, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting

No action taken.

IX. ORAL COMMUNICATION

A. Selectmen

Laura Sturgis – said the Cable TV Committee is taping the Selectmen's Candidates Forum being held on Friday, May 29th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Meetinghouse. She said questions from the public may be submitted via email to ngcabletv@gmail.com or you may ask questions in person. She said all certified candidates will be present.

Joshua McHenry – said there have been several national incidents, some racially charged. He said he wanted to encourage everyone to be kind to our neighbors.

Nathaniel Berry – said he wanted to reiterate what Mr. McHenry said. He said he doesn't understand why we can't get along better.

Linda Chase – said she wanted to Congratulate EMS and Public Works. She said she wanted to remind everyone about the EMS Open House on Wednesday, May 20th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. She said she also wanted to remind everyone about the SAD #15 School Budget vote on Thursday, May 21st, at 6:30 p.m., at the GNG High School.

Steven Libby – no comments.

B. Town Manager

Mr. First said Parks & Recreation was contacted by the Royal River Conservation Trust (RRCT) about installing a Kayak Station at the Fairgrounds, next to the river. He said the Trust received a grant and all items would be donated to the Town. He said details on how and where the kayaks would be checked out is still in the planning stages. He said he has checked with the Town's insurance company and this activity would be covered and would obtain it in writing. Mr. First said there is no guarantee on equipment damage or missing equipment. He said RRCT would also like to install a sign in the area.

Ms. Chase moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to work out details with Royal River Conservation Trust; accept the gifts offered; work out details on usage/checking out with the Parks & Recreation Department/Library; and allow placement of sign at the location. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Mr. McHenry asked the Town Manager to report back to the Board with development and updates.

Mr. First said he received a call from Karen Peaco, Animal Control Officer, that she is not seeking re-appointment. He said he has begun the search for applicants.

Mr. First said Debby Parks Larrivee, Code Enforcement Officer, said new construction in the Town is on the rise. He said nine new homes are being built. He said Ms. Larrivee recently sent out another batch of letters for code violations. He said once 30-days is past, she will bring them before the Board.

C. Dept. Heads

D. Boards & Committees

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Title 36, M.R.S.A. 841 (2)

Discussion of Poverty & Hardship Abatement

Mr. Berry moved and Ms. Chase seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session per Title 36, M.R.S.A. 841 (2), Discussion of Poverty & Hardship Abatement, at 9:30 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Libby brought the Board out of Executive Session at 9:49 p.m.

No action taken.

Ms. Chase moved and Mr. McHenry seconded a motion to extend meeting time to 10:30 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Per Title 1, M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (C)

Discussion, Consideration or Disposition of Publicly Held Property

Ms. Chase moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to enter into Executive session per Title 1, M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (C), Discussion, Consideration or Disposition of Publicly Held Property, at 9:52 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

XIII. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

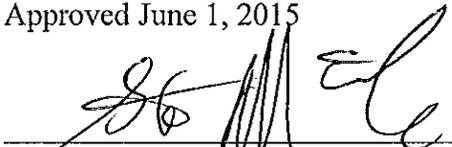
Mr. Libby brought the Board out of Executive Session at 10:33 p.m.

No action taken.

XIV. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

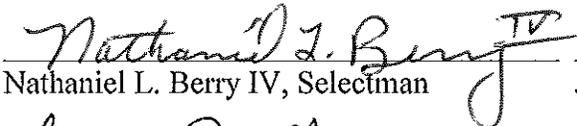
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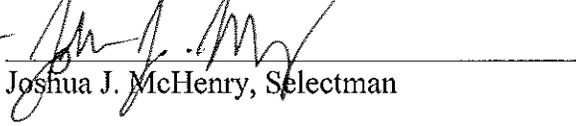
Steven M. Libby, Chairman



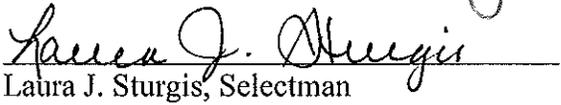
Linda D. Chase, Vice-Chairman



Nathaniel L. Berry IV, Selectman



Joshua J. McHenry, Selectman



Laura J. Sturgis, Selectman