

MINUTES
Town of New Gloucester
SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Monday, October 23, 2017
At the Meetinghouse

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I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chairman, Linda Chase, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman, Linda Chase; Vice-Chairman, Steven Libby; Selectmen, Lenora Conger, Joseph Davis and Stephen Hathorne; Town Manager, Carrie Castonguay; and Recorder, Sharlene Myers.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

**Joint Meeting of Board of Selectmen and Water District Trustees – 6:00 p.m.,
Monday, November 6, 2017**
Board of Selectmen's Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 6, 2017

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Chase asked those in attendance who would be speaking under Public Participation to please come to the podium once, state their name and address, and to be respectful. She said there would be no discussion about the posting of yes signs by the Public Works Department, as that is a personnel matter.

James Hutchinson, Carlton Wilcox, Patrick O'Brien, Peter Bragdon, Kelley Young, and Frank Staton spoke to the Board about the Special Town Meeting, Ganneston Contract and pending petition.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS

4.30 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Public Works Department Pavement Management Schedule

Mr. Libby moved and Mr. Hathorne seconded a motion to approve the Public Works Department Pavement Management Schedule, as a working document. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

4.31 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Public Works Vehicle/Equipment Replacement Schedule

Mr. Libby said he had questions for the Public Works Director.

Mr. Libby moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to table this item. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

4.32 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Transfer Station Equipment Replacement Schedule

Mr. Libby said he had questions for the Public Works Director.

Mr. Libby moved and Mr. Hathorne seconded a motion to table this item. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

4.33 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Fire and Rescue Vehicle Replacement Schedule

Mr. Libby said he had questions for the Fire Chief.

Mr. Libby moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to table this item.

Mr. Davis asked to remove the word "Apparatus" from the title.

The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

4.34 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Authorizing the Town Manager to sign the New Public Works Garage Contract

Mr. Libby moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign the New Public Works Garage Contract with Ganneston Construction, after review by the Town Attorney.

Mr. Davis asked if the pending petition could affect the contract.

Mr. Libby said the pending petition would need to be received, verified and reviewed by the Town Attorney. He said Ganneston Construction needs to begin the process, in which they are thirty days behind schedule and the cost of steel are increasing.

Mr. Davis asked if this could be tabled until the November 6th Selectmen's Meeting.

Mr. Hathorne said he is not in favor of moving forward with a signed contract.

Mr. Libby said references were reviewed and are impeccable; Ganneston has been in business a long time; and they have been exceptional for the Public Works Design Committee to work with. He said the Town attorney is currently reviewing the contract.

The motion carried on a vote of 3-2, with Mr. Davis and Mr. Hathorne opposing.

4.35 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to FY18 Wage and Salary Schedule

Mr. Libby said it has been protocol that if a wage(s) needed to be adjusted, the Town Manager would bring forth this information during the budget process.

Ms. Castonguay said the wages of Town Planner, Parks & Recreation Director and Town Manager are below the minimum.

Ms. Chase said the Town Planner and Town Manager are new to the Town.

Mr. Libby moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to approve the FY18 Wage and Salary Schedule, as a working document. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

VI. APPROVE FY18 WARRANTS AND PAYROLLS #15, #16 & #17

Mr. Libby moved and Mr. Hathorne seconded a motion to approve FY18 Warrants and Payrolls #15, #16 and #17. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

None.

VIII. LEGAL

None.

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

A. Approve Minutes of the October 2, 2017 Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2017, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

X. ORAL COMMUNICATION

A. Selectmen

Stephen Hathorne – said the following:

- Thank you to all who attended the meeting and the passion they have for this Town, whether they voted yes or no on the issue.
- 290 residents signed the petition in two days, which is a monumental achievement for those in the Town.
- Many complaints on how voting is done in New Gloucester. He said the time of day, day of the week. He said the Board could charge a committee to research/change the voting process so the voting currently done at a Town Meeting would be put on a ballot and done at the polls.

Joseph Davis – said the following:

- Gray-New Gloucester Middle School is having a craft fair on Saturday, November 4th, from 9:00am to 2:30pm.
- He was new to the process of Town Meetings and would like to see changes/improvements on how it is handled in the future.
- Anyone wishing to help with the planning of the Community Fair is urged to fill out an application to be on the Committee.
- Hunter's Breakfast on Saturday, October 28th, at the New Gloucester Fire Station, from 5:00am – 10:00am.

Lenora Conger – said the following:

- Thank you to all those who attended the Town Meeting.
- Thank you to the Moderator, for doing her best.

Steven Libby – said the following:

- In order for the Town to change how voting is done for Town Meetings would require a charter.
- It's important to remember how we handle ourselves during a Town Meeting. He said 330 people attended the meeting and believes that is in part to the women who joined forces and sent an every door direct mailer. He said he hopes everyone can move on and bring the Town back to the town he grew up in.

Linda Chase – said the following:

- Thank everyone who came to the Special Town Meeting and also those who were in attendance that evening.
- Thanks to local electrician, Danny Spurling, who was responsible for connecting the lights on the Veteran's Monument, so it is illuminated at night.

B. Town Manager

Ms. Castonguay said the following:

- Like to thank Sharlene, Kim and Debby for all their hard work at the Special Town Meeting. She said its thankless job and they did well to check people in twice. Kudo's to all of them.

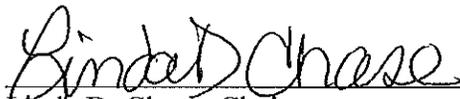
- Tuesday, November 7th, is Election Day. Polls are open from 6:00am to 8:00pm at the New Gloucester Fire Station, 611 Lewiston Road.
- There will be a free Senior Thanksgiving Lunch and Learn at Camp Sunshine on Wednesday, November 15th, beginning at 10:30am. RSVP is required. Safety issues is one of the topics of discussion.

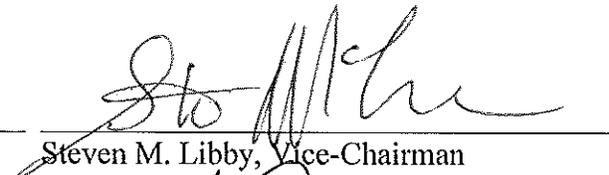
- C. Dept. Heads
- D. Boards & Committees

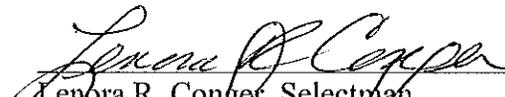
XI. ADJOURN

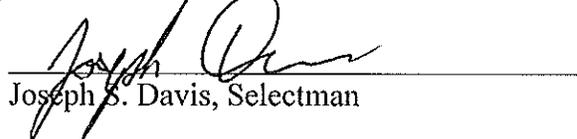
Mr. Libby moved and Ms. Conger seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:04p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

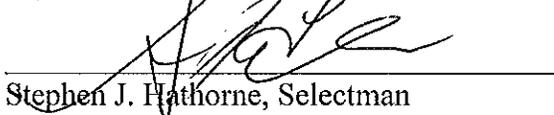
Approved November 6, 2017


 Linda D. Chase, Chairman


 Steven M. Libby, Vice-Chairman


 Lenora R. Conger, Selectman


 Joseph S. Davis, Selectman


 Stephen J. Hathorne, Selectman