

Final Minutes

Exeter Board of Selectmen

March 9, 2015

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Julie Gilman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room of the Exeter Town Offices building. Other members present were Vice Chair Dan Chartrand, Selectwoman Nancy Belanger, and Selectman Don Clement. Selectwoman Anne Surman was absent. Town Manager Russell Dean was also present.

2. Bid Openings/Awards

None.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Minutes and Proclamations

a. Proclamations/Recognitions

None.

b. Regular Meeting: February 23, 2015

A Motion was made by Vice Chair Chartrand and seconded by Selectwoman Belanger to accept the minutes of the February 23, 2015 BOS meeting. Motion carried – all in favor.

c. Special Meeting: February 18, 2015

A Motion was made by Vice Chair Chartrand and seconded by Selectwoman Belanger to accept the minutes of the February 18, 2015 BOS meeting. Motion carried – all in favor.

5. Appointments

None.

6. Discussion/Action Items

a. New Business

i) Update: WISE (Watershed Integration Exeter Squamscott)

Jennifer Perry talked about the WISE project and introduced Dr. Robert Roseen, Project Director.

Mr. Roseen said they had been working on this project for two years. The project is looking at a couple of timely elements with respect to nutrient management in Great Bay. The primary focus is looking at the Exeter Squamscott watershed. Mr. Roseen included an informational sheet in the packet. The project will help Exeter, Stratham, and Newfields meet new wastewater and stormwater permit requirements. Newfields has a permit to upgrade. The idea is to evaluate how to manage more cost effectively. He said they are now at project completion and about to release a report to that effect which will be presented to the DES and EPA.

He went on to say the estimated present value for the stormwater management in Exeter is \$8.6 million over 30 years. The annual cost paid by Exeter is estimated to be \$163,000 per year. He continued talking about major findings that were discovered throughout the project.

Mr. Roseen said this type of effort can have tremendous savings. The draft plan will be out in about three more weeks for comment then it will go to final version.

Ms. Perry said WISE has brought some very high level technology down for everyone to get a better understanding. She acknowledged the WISE team for their hard work and said she gained a lot of insights from the team.

There was discussion about getting suggestions from other towns.

Selectman Clement said 75% of Nitrogen in the Great Bay watershed is coming from other than the wastewater treatment plant. He said they need to try to get as much Nitrogen out of the Bay as possible.

Mr. Roseen said this goal is not achievable unless all other communities are involved. Other communities are going to have to participate.

They went on to talk about costs. Mr. Roseen said they are looking at \$1 per pound of Nitrogen removed in some scenarios. Chairwoman Gilman said it is great to see big agencies pay attention to this. Mr. Roseen said he is positive that they would accept this as the Nitrogen control plant.

ii) Set 2015 Goals Meeting Date

Chairwoman Gilman talked about the next goal setting meeting. She said they are getting there on their goals. She said the end is in sight for some of them. Selectman Clement said they usually do these meetings on Saturday. Chairwoman Gilman agreed. Selectman Clement said he wants to bring back Rick Alpers from Primex. Mr. Dean asked the Board if they want to meet a little earlier this year, perhaps a week. Last year the meeting was April 19, and the Board agreed to tentatively meet on April 11. They will confirm when Selectwoman Surman is present.

iii) Committee Appointment List

Mr. Dean said there is a draft list in the packet of terms ending and current board/committee vacancies. Chairwoman Gilman said they would send out letters to see if people wanted to continue on their boards or committees.

b. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

7. Regular Business

a. Tax, Water/Sewer Abatements & Exemptions

A Motion was made by Selectman Clement and seconded by Selectwoman Belanger to approve abatement for map 72, lot 79 in the amount of \$570.71. Motion carried – all in favor.

A Motion was made by Selectman Clement and seconded by Selectwoman Belanger to approve abatement for map 70, lot 76 in the amount of \$1701.72. Motion carried – all in favor.

A Motion was made by Selectman Clement and seconded by Selectwoman Belanger to approve abatement for map 111, lot 5, unit 1B in the amount of \$166.78. Motion carried – all in favor.

A Motion was made by Selectman Clement and seconded by Selectwoman Belanger to approve two Veteran's Credits both in the amount of \$500.00 for map 65, lot 85 and map 85, lot 70. Motion carried – all in favor.

A Motion was made by Selectman Clement and seconded by Selectwoman Belanger to approve two Elderly Exemptions both in the amount of \$152,251 for map 65, lot 6 and map 104, lot 79, unit 121. Motion carried – all in favor.

A Motion was made by Selectman Clement and seconded by Selectwoman Belanger to approve a Disability Exemption for map 104, lot, 79, unit 132C in the amount of \$125,000. Motion carried – all in favor.

A Motion was made by Selectman Clement and seconded by Selectwoman Belanger to deny a Disability Exemption for map 111, lot 5, unit 1B. Motion carried – all in favor.

A Motion was made by Selectman Clement and seconded by Selectwoman Clement to correct records for a Current Use Land Change Tax for map 47, lot 9. Motion carried – all in favor.

b. Permits & Approvals

There were no permits or approvals.

c. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Dean included his Town Manager's Report in the packet and talked about the following:

- State of the Town Presentation to Rotary was on Feb. 23
- EPA meeting on Feb. 24 attended by different communities
- He attended a HealthTrust Board of Directors on March 6
- He attended a Dr. Seuss reading to the Lincoln Street School on March 4
- The Regional Manager's meeting on March 4
- Great Bay Kids Groundbreaking Ceremony on March 5
- A meeting with a proponent of 80 Epping Rd Project
- He worked with Selectman Clement on efforts toward a Town "tree program" to formalize more tree plantings in Exeter

d. Committee Reports

Selectwoman Belanger reported Water/Sewer will meet on March 11th.

Vice Chair Chartrand reported an Economic Development Commission presentation last week.

Selectman Clement reported a WISE meeting, and EPA summit meeting, and said the Epping Rd project is coming before Conservation Commission tomorrow. Also, Planning Board will meet on the 12th. Conservation Commission hosted a snowshoe at Rayne's Farm.

Chairwoman Gilman reported a Heritage Commission meeting on March 11th. She said they are getting ready to host a seminar on house colors.

e. Correspondence

The following correspondence were included in the packet:

- A letter from the Town of Seabrook regarding Household Hazardous Waste Project
- A Press Release from the Town of Newmarket about the elimination of COAST Route 7

8. Review Board Calendar

The next BOS meeting will be March 23, 2015. March 10 is polls day and the Board encouraged residents to vote. Selectman Clement suggested meeting March 16 to meet the first Monday after voting day.

10. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Vice Chair Chartrand and seconded by Selectwoman Belanger to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm. Motion carried - all in favor.

Respectively submitted,

Nicole Piper
Recording Secretary