

Select Board Meeting
Monday October 4, 2021
7 PM
Nowak Room, Town Offices
Final Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Members present: Julie Gilman, Molly Cowan, Daryl Browne, Niko Papakonstantis, and Town Manager Russ Dean were present at this meeting.

Absent: Lovey Roundtree Oliff

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Papakonstantis at 7 PM.

2. Public Comment

Andrew Elliot of 42 Washington Street discussed the Washington Street speeding issue. The Police finished their second speed survey, and found that 4,000 out of 9,000 cars were going above the posted speed limit of 25. He submitted a letter to have town ordinances changed to reflect the posted speed limit of 25, on Washington Street as well as two other streets recommended by Chief Poulin.

Mr. Papakonstantis asked Mr. Dean to give an update on Chief Poulin's work. Mr. Dean said the town is in the midst of doing a couple of different speed surveys, on Elliot, Pine, and likely a few more. We're planning to do the ordinance changes all at once rather than piecemeal. The speed surveys usually take a few weeks. Mr. Papakonstantis asked Mr. Dean to give regular updates on the progress.

3. Proclamations/Recognitions

- a. There were no proclamations/recognitions at this meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting: September 27, 2021

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to approve the Select Board meeting minutes of September 27, 2021 as presented. Mr. Browne seconded. Ms. Cowan abstained as she was not present at the September 27 meeting, and the motion passed 3-0-1.

5. Appointments/Resignations

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to accept the resignation of Connor Barry from the Communications Committee. Mr. Browne seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 4-0.

6. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Bower Land Donation - Acquisition Vote

MOTION: Mr. Browne moved to accept the donation of Map 28 Lot 16 from the estate of Mary Bower. Ms. Gilman seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 4-0.

b. Tree Ordinance - Second Reading

Mr. Dean said that legal counsel had some concerns about the proposed tree ordinance, and Kristen Murphy has asked the Board to table the change. There were some issues having to do with tree ownership; if the trees are on an easement, the owner owns the trees, and the town has no authority to tell people they can't manage or cut down those trees. Counsel will give the town guidance on how to proceed.

MOTION: Ms. Gilman moved to table the reading of the tree ordinance to a future date to be determined. Mr. Browne seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed 4-0.

7. Regular Business

a. Tax Abatements, Veterans Credits and Exemptions

i. There were no abatements or exemptions considered at this meeting.

b. Permits & Approvals

i. There were no permits or approvals considered at this meeting.

c. Town Manager's Report

i. Mr. Dean met with the General Government budget subcommittee this morning.

ii. Tomorrow the Health Trust will do its rating exercise. We expect about a 1.6% increase, so that's good news for the budget. Dental should be a decrease.

d. Select Board Committee Reports

i. Mr. Browne had no report.

ii. Ms. Gilman attended a Rec Advisory Board meeting where they toured the property on Hampton Road proposed for purchase. The building is extensive and will do a lot for Rec programming. With the addition of an elevator, it will be much more accessible than the current building. It's contiguous to the playing fields. She asked that residents not yet use this property as Rec parking until the decision is made on this property. On Friday the Heritage Commission Demolition Review Committee is going to review a demolition of 35 High Street and the house behind it. There's also an upcoming Public Hearing on 7 Wadleigh Street. The redistricting informational meeting is at 6 PM Tuesday at Epping Courthouse in Brentwood.

iii. Ms. Cowan said she attended a lengthy Planning Board meeting where they approved the condition on the One Home Builders project on Charter Street which has wetlands, as well as the W. Scott Carlisle project, a 12 single family subdivision. Nouria Energy has torn down the old Jaguar Dealership on Epping Road. At the Water/Sewer Advisory meeting, they approved abatements.

iv. Mr. Papakonstantis attended the BRC meeting last Wednesday, where Mr. Dean went over the draft budget. The subcommittees are starting to get to work. There's a Sustainability Committee meeting tomorrow. He

thanked the Parks and Rec Dept and volunteers for the Powder Keg Beer Fest, which sounds like it was very safe and successful.

- e. Correspondence
 - i. There was no correspondence considered at this meeting.
- 8. Review Board Calendar
 - a. The next meetings are Oct 18, Nov 8, and Nov 22. The all-day Budget Meeting is Oct 22.
 - b. Mr. Papakonstantis said he and Ms. Oliff finalized their recommendations regarding Committees and Boards, and they will present them to the Board on the 18th.
- 9. Non-Public Session

MOTION: Ms. Cowan moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) and (c) Ms. Gilman seconded. In a roll call vote, the motion passed 4-0 and the meeting went into non-public at 7:19 PM.

The Board emerged from non public session.

MOTION: Selectman Browne moved to seal the minutes until resolution of all matters. Selectwoman Cowan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Selectwoman Gilman moved to adjourn. Selectwoman Cowan seconded. The Board stood adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanna Bartell
Recording Secretary