



Selectmen Meeting 6/28/2016

Approved Minutes

**Present:** Selectmen Bernie O'Grady, Charlie Moser and Louise Lavoie; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley, members of the public.

**Called to Order:** Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Louise Lavoie.

**Approvals:**

- It was noted that the accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.
- Minutes of the June 14, 2016 meeting was reviewed, Charlie noted a typographical error on p. 2. Bernie moved to approve the minutes with the spelling correction, seconded by Charlie. 3 votes to approve with correction,
- Letter from DRA regarding the PA-28 forms (property inventories) for FY 2017. Louise recommended the Town opt out again. Charlie and Bernie were in full agreement. Signed by all 3 selectmen.
- Reports of cut were reviewed – 2 reports were discussed, in terms of how timber values are set by assessor, then signed off on by all three selectmen.
- 2 property related forms, A-5 and A-5W, were reviewed. These were regarding a property coming out of current use, and were signed.
- A letter of thanks to Curt Dunn, for his donation covering expense of connecting the PD generator to the Mann House, was read and signed; a card will also be delivered by Bernie.

**New Business:**

- Cathy Schwenk, moderator, was here to discuss the setting of election hours and location for the upcoming State Primary and Federal Elections. The Primary has been set for Sept 13, 2016, with voting at the Town Hall from 11-7. That information has already been posted, and the Moderator pointed out she should have been part of that process.

After discussion about increased numbers of absentee ballots, and concerns regarding providing enough opportunity for people to vote, Charlie moved to hold the Nov 8, 2016 Federal Election at the Mason Elementary School, with voting hours 8:00-7:30. Bernie seconded, three votes to hold the election at MES from 8:00-7:30. Louise further shared concerns about the location of the fundraising table, as it disrupted flow of voters; agreed that table will be moved either into the hallway or the cafeteria area. Louise further shared her observations that the location of the CVA table seemed confusing to many voters entering the room, and it was agreed that it shall be moved toward the Ballot Clerk area. Cathy will be sharing her floor plan proposal, and the selectmen will walk through before voting begins to be sure there is ample room and traffic flow space.

On a related note, the selectmen meetings scheduled for those election days, 9/13 and 11/8 were re-scheduled for 9/12 and 11/7, Monday instead of Tuesday evenings, so that Selectmen were available for the elections. These changes will be posted.

- Mike Davieau spoke as a 35 year resident and tax payer, 20 year member of BOA and an abutter to the Driving Range. He presented, on behalf of the signing abutters, an application for a rehearing on the recent zoning bylaw amendment. He also advised the BOS that they (the abutters) as a group were in process of obtaining counsel. Reasons for their application included their concern about the importance of the ordinance, potential for future effects for the town in terms of future businesses and owners, and that the process seemed to have been too hurried. The application was accepted by the selectmen, who added that it will go straight to town counsel to advise them on how to proceed. The submissions, and the applicant's copies, were date stamped as received 6/28/16.

There was conversation regarding the process, abutters' feelings that their interests had been neglected by selectmen, that preferential treatment was being given to an individual business, and that not enough notice had been given abutters about the hearing. There was a request for a police presence on Thursday evenings as cruise night activities end. There was further concern that the individuals who had signed the application were fearful of retaliation, and had registered that concern with the Police Department.

Everyone agreed that it was important for the whole process to be played out, and that everyone affected have a chance to participate in that process.

- Bob Bergeron spoke on behalf of Phil Garside, who the BOA was recommending for a position on that Board. Phil spoke with selectmen, explaining he had been to one BOA meeting before speaking with Bob about potentially joining. He had been looking for a way to volunteer within the Tow, and felt he had the time to make a commitment at this time. He had extensive volunteer experience, mostly through sports associations his children had played with. He has known Mason since 1957, as his parents owned property in town, and was glad to finally be able to be living in town. Louise moved, seconded by Charlie that Phil Garside be appointed to the BOA. Three votes affirming the appointment.

Kathy was asked to draw up appointment papers for a term to end in two years; Phil will be contacted by the office once those are ready for him to sign.

### **Old Business:**

- IT improvement plan was discussed. Louise has almost completed the request for proposals on the wiring, and will have it for the next meeting.

### **Informational Items:**

- Louise reported that our dues for NRPC will be increasing for 2017, approximately \$25. The fee for our circuit rider is projected to remain the same. Louise asked Kathy to include the information in our FY 2017 planning folder.

- Recent mailing from Eversource regarding a survey of wetlands/wildlife along their ROW was discussed. Short time between the actual mailing and the completion of the survey, along with suspicions about reason for the survey. Louise said that her communication from the conservation commission was that they had invited the Eversource contact to the next meeting of the CC on Weds July 13. Selectmen and the public are also encouraged to attend.
- There was a hearing notification from the County of Hillsborough for meetings of the County Executive Committee and Convention. It was noted that the notice had been received the day before the hearing. Charlie asked for a copy of the notice and would look into why that occurs.
- NHMA sent a mailing regarding an upcoming policy conference on Sept 23. Charlie expressed possible interest in attending and asked the information be kept on hand.
- Receipt of a letter from Executive Councilor Dave Wheeler congratulating the efforts of so many in turning away the proposed NED Pipeline was noted
- **Public Forum:** no comments were offered

**Non-Public:**

Motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RAS 91-A:3,IIa and b, was made by Louise, seconded by Bernie, three votes to enter non-public were made at 8:50 PM.

Public session was reconvened at 9:32 PM.

**Adjourned:**

Louise moved to adjourn, seconded by Charlie, unanimous vote to adjourn at 9:32 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathy Wile