



Selectmen Meeting 9/10/2018
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Bernie O’Grady, Louise Lavoie, Charles Moser; Kathy Wile, Brenda Wiley; members of the public.

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bernie at 7:30 PM.

Approvals:

- Noted that accounts payable and payroll manifests were signed.
- Minutes of 8/28/2018 had been read. Charlie motioned, second from Bernie, to approve as written. 3 votes to approve the minutes of 8/28/2018 as written. Minutes of the 9/4/2018 work meeting were also reviewed. Bernie motioned, second from Louise to approve as written. 2 votes to approve the minutes of 9/4/2018 as written, with Charlie abstaining due to absence from that meeting.
- Application for line of credit with Diesel Direct needed signatures. By way of explanation, Diesel Direct has taken over Volta Oil, from whom the fuel is purchased for town vehicles, and requires the use of their form for former Volta customers.

New Business:

- Nicole Ruggiero, representing the Driving Range, brought Cooper from the sound production company doing the work for the Sept 21 concert. Focus of conversation was to be on modifications made to the performance platform in order to be in compliance with the conditions of both the ZBA exception and the PB site plan, as agreed to by both town and Driving Range. Nicole reported they have completed skirting around the base of the platform, added railings and will be putting a rug on the platform to achieve the decoupling required. They opted to not add walls at back or sides, in order to allow the platform to remain categorized as a temporary performance platform. Charlie noted that, according to the ZBA Appeal summary that both decoupling and use of designed structures and or materials to reduce noise from rear and sides of stage are specified and must be in place. Cooper said that the skirting was part of the overall solution, along with the carpeting on the platform, use of drum risers and speakers on the ground or suspended and directed toward the crowd, under the awning of the platform. He further said there was no point or level of decibel measurement specified for behind the stage to monitor sound behind or to the sides, which makes it at best difficult to know how much work should be done. Selectmen briefly discussed the use of an outside, independent sound consultant. Cooper continued to say that he will be reviewing the (2) sound monitoring locations, and will assign a person to each location. He would like to field test the system – selectmen said that would be appropriate, as long as people (abutters and town officials) were notified and it was a daytime testing. Nicole said they have sold 837 tickets so far of the 1000 ticket capacity.

Selectmen expressed frustration with the fact that the event was this close, so big, and so late in the process to be having to clarify conditions and rules in place since each of the decisions were made. Sound is the remaining issue, and MUST be done correctly. Lacking a more precise definition of extent of deadening sound to the rear and sides required, the Range must make a good faith effort to be in compliance. Cooper said the use of pipes and drapes would most likely be their attempt.

Selectmen asked that they communicate their plan as soon as they have it, to which Nicole agreed.

- Fire Chief Fred Greenwood was at the meeting to discuss the ambulance service. He said they had originally been contracted as the transport agency, and as daytime availability of Mason volunteers has decreased, they picked up more and more of the first responder role, and would be looking to be compensated as such. Conversation included the possibility of charging for ambulance services, as many insurance programs cover that. That could happen, but the cost recovery is never 100% of transports or actual cost. Fred was proposing the Town consider hiring 1 or 2 full time Firefighter/EMT's to supplement the usual 1 first responder and 2 volunteers typically available M-F. Discussion from BOS included asking if, having built up the PD as people had requested, was it time to do the same for the FD? Perhaps an outside consultant familiar with similar size/populations could be helpful providing options. Perhaps a warrant article to see if people are interested in a study, or even a move to a fulltime department? Definitely need to find out what residents are thinking about this, and how much cost they are willing to bear. In other FD news, Fred said the cost of moving the building onto the foundation with a crane will be about \$10,000. There is enough in the funding for renovations to cover that. He will also be asking the Road Agent to move the sand piles a bit further from the new addition; selectmen felt there is no problem with that once the building is completed there will be room in the other direction.
- There was a draft letter of report from the auditors, which required no signature or official response.
- People's Bank offers a rewards program when using their debit card – it was agreed that having the rewards go back as credit to the account is the best way to use them.

Old Business:

Informational Items/Communication:

Public Forum: Harry Spear quickly reported that Forestry Committee was working on bids for surveys (of Lot G-61), and waiting for the final 2 responses.

Non-Public:

Adjourned: There being no further business, Bernie motioned to adjourn, second from Louise. Three votes to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 PM.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday Sept 25, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Mann House.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Wile
Administrative Assistant