

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

November 17, 2014
Meeting held at Town Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Robert Merry, Vice Chairman Joseph Perry, Clerk Robert Snow, Jack Cook (Town Administrator Deborah Eagan, Assistant Town Administrator Amy Lydon) David Petersen - ABSENT

PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Lawrence White – Finance Committee; Patrick McManus – Fire Department; Vincent Gaudenzi – Fire Department; James C. Broderick – Fire Chief

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Merry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. He said the meeting is being audio and video recorded digitally.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Robert Snow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Appoint Stacey Apple as alternate member of the Agricultural Commission

Chairman Merry read the letter from Dianne Short regarding this appointment (COPY ATTACHED).

Joseph Perry made a motion to appoint Stacey Apple as alternate member of the Agricultural Commission, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0). Dave Petersen – ABSENT.

2. Letter from George Pacenka on Joshua Ian Terry receiving Eagle Scout rank

Chairman Merry read the letter from George Pacenka (COPY ATTACHED). Snow said Terry should be invited in before the Board to be presented a citation as has been done in the past.

Bob Snow made a motion to invite Joshua Ian Terry in before the Board to present him a proclamation for this achievement, Jack Cook second, all in favor - aye (4-0). Dave Petersen – ABSENT.

3. Email letter from Daniel G.B. Gibson regarding Small Reality TV crew in Rowley

Chairman Merry read the email letter from Daniel G.B. Gibson (COPY ATTACHED). Merry said when they notify us of the date they will be filming, we should let the Police and Fire Departments know when and where for safety reasons and if they receive any phone calls about the filming. Eagan said we cannot prohibit them from taking photos on private property.

Bob Snow made a motion to send a response letter asking them to let the Board of Selectmen, Police Chief and Fire Chief know where, when and what time they anticipate the filming, Jack Cook second, all in favor - aye (4-0). Dave Petersen – ABSENT.

7:05 – 7:15 p.m. CITIZEN QUERY

Citizen's Query opened.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rowley Veterans Association, Inc. Liquor License New Officer/Director application

Chairman Merry said, “We don’t have the completed application for this evening’s meeting. This needs to be postponed.”

Joseph Perry made a motion to postpone this agenda item, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0). Dave Petersen – ABSENT.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss status of stable license for Joshua Noble

Chairman Merry read the memo from Amy Lydon to the Board of Selectmen and the letter sent to Mr. Noble dated January 7, 2014 (COPIES ATTACHED).

Merry said Noble has ignored this letter and has increased the number of horses in his stable to ten from six, even though a permit is needed for four or more horses. Eagan said we can send him another letter and ask him to attend the December 1, 2014 meeting. Merry said we should send the letter and this is it. He said if he wishes to continue to stable horses, he needs to come here to discuss this.

Joseph Perry made a motion to send Mr. Noble a letter requesting that he attend the December 1, 2014 Selectmen's meeting to discuss this issue, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0). Dave Petersen – ABSENT.

7:05 – 7:15 p.m. CITIZEN QUERY

Citizen's Query closed. There were no Citizen's Queries.

7:15 p.m. Fire Chief James Broderick to present candidates for appointment as Probationary Call Firefighters

- Patrick McManus
- Vincent Gaudenzi

Chairman Merry said, "The references and background checks are complete for the two candidates. If the Board of Selectmen appoints them tonight, they will be enrolled in the 2015 Call Firefighter Recruit class which starts in January."

Chief Broderick said Gaudenzi works at Winfreys fudge and lives on the Georgetown/Rowley border, and McManus lives on Main Street in Rowley. He said both had good recommendations. He said within a couple of weeks they have been able to find five Probationary Call Firefighter candidates which makes him very happy. He said one permanent call firefighter is going to school to get certified, so Rowley will have six total in the class. He said they will all be certified after the class and the number of call firefighters in Town will increase to 26 from 21. He said these two candidates will fit in well.

Snow asked McManus and Gaudenzi why they wish to become Call Firefighters. Gaudenzi said he wants to help the community and the Winfreys have been trying to get him to join. McManus said he has always wanted to do this, he wants to make an impact, serve the community, and he is going to college for criminal justice. Snow thanked the candidates for volunteering.

Bob Snow made a motion to appoint Patrick McManus and Vincent Gaudenzi as Probationary Call Firefighters, Jack Cook second, all in favor - aye (4-0). Dave Petersen – ABSENT.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discuss and re-issue aquaculture license to Michael Cook effective April 1, 2014

Chairman Merry read the following:

At a prior meeting, at the request of Fred Hardy and Michael Cook, the Board of Selectmen transferred Mr. Hardy's aquaculture license to Mr. Cook. Since that time, we

reviewed the file and found that Mr. Hardy's aquaculture license expired, making it ineligible to be transferred.

We have discussed this with Jack Grundstrom of the Shellfish Department and he agreed that the license had expired.

In order to remedy this situation, the Board may want to issue the aquaculture license to Michael Cook effective April 1, 2014, the date Mr. Hardy's license expired.

If the Board so votes, please sign the attached aquaculture license for Michael Cook.

Perry said the Board was agreeable to this before and we are just changing the date to correspond with Hardy's expiration date.

Joseph Perry made a motion to issue the aquaculture license to Michael Cook effective April 1, 2014, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (3-0). Dave Petersen – ABSENT; Jack Cook – ABSTAINED.

The Selectmen signed the license (COPY ATTACHED).

3. Sign Girl Scouts Land Purchase and Sales Agreement

Chairman Merry read the following:

The purchase and sales agreement is ready to be signed. The Board needs to vote to sign it. Principal Assessor Sean McFadden will notarize the document.

Debbie will give it to the director tomorrow while she is in Boston tomorrow.

Merry said there have been several drafts and Town Counsel agrees that we can now sign this document (COPY ATTACHED). Perry said he is hardily in favor of signing the Purchase and Sales Agreement.

Joseph Perry made a motion to sign the purchase and sales agreement for the Girl Scouts Land, Bob Snow second, all in favor - aye (4-0). Dave Petersen – ABSENT.

The Selectmen signed two original copies and they were notarized by Sean McFadden.

MINUTES

The minutes of September 8, 2014 were tabled until the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Library Events: Landscapes – Oil Painter Priscilla Serafin’s work is on display during the months of Oct. & Nov.
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day – Saturday, November 22, 2014 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Rowley Highway Department. See Town website for more information.
- The Town has the following vacancies:
 - a) **Fence Viewer**– three positions;
 - b) **Wood, Lumber & Bark Inspector**; and
 - c) **Zoning Board of Appeals Associate** – two open seats
 - d) **Historical Commission-Historic District Commission** - three seats
 - e) **Parks and Recreation Committee** - two seatsFor more information on these positions, please contact the Selectmen’s Office at 948-2372
- Rowley Food Pantry is in need of donations. The Food Pantry is open Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Merry called for a motion to adjourn. Joseph Perry so moved, Bob Snow second, all in favor – aye (4-0). Dave Petersen – ABSENT.

Open meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Lydon
Assistant Town Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Letter from Dianne Short regarding appointment of Stacey Apple as alternate member of the Agricultural Commission
2. Letter from George Pacenka on Joshua Ian Terry receiving Eagle Scout rank
3. Email letter from Daniel G.B. Gibson regarding Small Reality TV crew in Rowley along with certificate of insurance naming the Town as an additional insured
4. Memo from Amy Lydon to the Board of Selectmen regarding stable license Joshua Noble – 424 Main Street
5. Letter sent to Mr. Noble dated January 7, 2014 regarding stable license
6. Employment application from Patrick McManus
7. Employment application from Vincent Gaudenzi
8. Aquaculture license signed for Michael Cook
9. Email correspondence between Jack Grundstrom and Amy Lydon regarding Michael Cook’s aquaculture license
10. Signed Purchase and Sales Agreement for Girl Scouts Land