

Board of Selectmen
Municipal Office Complex
Meeting Rooms 1/2
April 4, 2018
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: E. Lyman; S. Link; R. Smith

Also Present: H. Aitken; A. Blaschik; E. Blaschik; K. Blaschik; C. Brownell; T. Dickinson; R. Dill; C. Gelston; T. Gelston; J. Moreau; S. Wheeler; L. Zemienieski, and other members of the public

1. First Selectman Lyman called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the Agenda as written. Unanimous aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of March 24, 2018

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 24, 2018 as written. Unanimous aye.

4. Correspondence: No correspondence was discussed at the meeting.
5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Lyman reported that, at the March 28th Town Meeting, the public had voted to codify the ordinance book and we have informed the company handling this project of the positive vote. They are now preparing the document that will link to our town website. He noted that now the Board can begin the ordinance review process as had been discussed during the codification project. Mr. Lyman distributed a copy of a proposed draft revising the "Trailer Ordinance" and a draft proposal from the Agriculture Commission/Land Use Department to adopt a "Control of Animals Ordinance". He noted that the board would also need to work on revisions to the "Solid Waste Ordinance" and a new proposal for a "Review Board Ordinance". These will be the first four ordinances dealt with in the review process.

Mr. Lyman distributed a copy of a Certificate of Foreclosure, issued by the Middlesex Superior Court, for the Milan Cais property. He noted that the Town plans to make a pocket-park out of the two acres of land.

6. Citizen's Concerns: The following citizens' concerns were brought up at the meeting:
 - In response to Mr. Dill's concern that some Town ordinances may be in conflict with state statutes, Mr. Lyman stated that the update to the ordinance book should have cleaned up those conflicts; however, he requested anyone who has a concern about a conflict to put it in writing so the Town can investigate the issue.
 - In response to Ms. Gelston's questions regarding the Control of Animals ordinance updates, Mr. Lyman advised that the Selectmen will be considering a first draft; however, the final version would come before the citizens for discussion at a Public Hearing and for approval at a Town Meeting.
 - In response to a concern raised by Ms. Dickinson regarding dumping at the Harris property, Mr. Lyman stated he would visit the site and research whether or not improper fill is being dumped there.

- In response to a concern raised by Ms. Dickinson regarding the sidewalk in front of the new Municipal Office Building, Mr. Lyman advised that the Building Committee is aware of the problem and it will be addressed once there is no longer any threat of frost.
- In response to a concern raised by Mr. Brownell, Mr. Lyman assured him that the Town is working on where they will be relocating the History of East Haddam sign and Vietnam Memorial currently located at the old Town Office Site.
- In response to questions from Mr. Gelston, Mr. Lyman advised that the property foreclosed on, which was discussed earlier in the meeting, is the Milan Cais property and provided additional information on the location of the property. Mr. Lyman also confirmed that any revisions to the Control of Animals ordinance would be discussed at a Public Hearing and have to be approved at a Town Meeting.

7. Unfinished Business

- A. Horizontal Curve Safety Project Update: Mr. Lyman confirmed that the state has not yet turned the project over to the Town. Mr. Smith recommended a pro-active approach in anticipation of when that happens and suggested Public Works Director Lunt attend a Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss the Town's options.

8. New Business

- A. Beer & Wine Request – Grange Hall: Lyman called the Selectmen's attention to a copy of an email from Barbara Bielawski, dated March 25, 2018, requesting permission to serve beer and wine at the Grange Hall for their Baptism celebration on April 29th.

Motion made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to approve the serving of beer and wine at the Grange Hall for a "Baptism Celebration" on April 29, 2018. Unanimous aye.

- B. Board/Commission/Committee Changes: There were no Board/Commission/Committee changes discussed at the meeting.
- C. Tax Refunds: There were no tax refunds discussed at the meeting.

9. Public Comment

In response to a comment from Ms. Dickinson, Mr. Lyman reiterated that Fuss & O'Neil will test the Municipal Office Building for mold and mildew after all the painting and sanding has been completed. He stated that he does not anticipate multiple tests being done.

10. Selectmen's Discussion: In response to questions raised by Mr. Smith, Mr. Lyman provided more information about the 5,000 gallon water tanker that will be permanently located at the community gardens on the Harris property and the Seagrave fire truck located at Fire Company 2. He noted that the Seagrave truck will only be used for parades and no upgrades will be done to it. Mr. Smith noted that there will be some expense associated with the gifts, such as insurance coverage, and it was confirmed that both gifts will have to be accepted at a Town Meeting.

The Selectmen discussed signs directing visitors to the Balfour properties to park in the municipal parking lot.

A. Budget Public Hearing (April 10, 2018): Mr. Lyman reminded the board of the budget public hearing on April 10, 2018.

11. Adjournment: There being no additional regular business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lyman, seconded by Mr. Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,
Susan Link, Secretary