

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 – 5:00pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Barbara Miller, Karen Hatcher, Tyler Ward

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay, Alison Kreutz

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM

Finance Director Search

Chair Miller said that Finance Director Brenda Fox Howard's last day will be January 31st. Ms. Fox-Howard is leaving to pursue another career opportunity.

Ms. MacStay said that the position has been posted to town's website, GFOA (Government Finance Officials Associate) website, the NH Municipal website, Massachusetts Municipal Association, also to Indeed.com and LinkedIn.com. The position offers competitive compensation (based on experience) and benefits package.

Ashley Saari from the Monadnock Ledger Transcript asked if Ms. Fox-Howard's departure might impact the budget process.

Mr. Bartlett said it will have an impact, but he didn't believe it would be a 'significant' impact relative to budget process. There will be a roughly three-month transitional period before the role is filled and operational, but administration will be working with existing Finance staff to distribute and complete all the duties necessary in the interim.

Motion to Appoint Jason Pellettieri as Alternate Member of Heritage Commission

Heritage Commission Chair Peggy Shaunnessy came to recommend Mr. Pellettieri, who is a Biology professor at Keene State College, as an alternate member of the Heritage Commission. Mr. Ward relayed that he had opportunity to interact with Mr. Pellettieri last year when the Planning Board was doing outreach and Mr. Pellettieri had expressed an interest in the demolition review process.

Motion: Mr. Ward made a motion to appoint Mr. Pellettieri as an alternate member of the Heritage Commission.

Vote: Ms. Hatcher seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Review and Approve the Minutes of December 18, 2018 and January 2, 2019

Motion: Ms. Hatcher made a motion to accept the minutes from Select Board Meeting held December 18, 2018 and January 2, 2019.

Vote: Mr. Ward seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Other Business

MacDowell Colony Demolition

Mr. Ward reported that there was a recent demolition public hearing regarding a very old building on Union Street, owned by the MacDowell Colony. As it had historic value, the Heritage Committee decided it was prudent to have a public hearing. The MacDowell Colony had decided after many years of consideration to demolish the building, which was beyond repair, but came up with a plan to salvage many parts of it. Ms. Shaunnessy added they will be saving the foundation and creating a garden within it. Mr. Ward said the MacDowell Colony is putting a lot of money and energy into retrofitting older buildings.

Chair Miller asked what criteria determine if a demolition must be reviewed by the Demolition Review Committee. Mr. Ward explained that any demolition application where the involved building is 50 years old or more than 450 square feet goes to the Demolition Review Committee, and then he explained the timeline and process.

Ms. Shaunessy said there will be a pamphlet made specific to demolition for Community Development to distribute with demolition applications.

Welding Course at MAxT Makerspace

Mr. Ward told the group about Phaze, the Welding Technology Center at MAxT Makerspace. There will be an open house on January 16th from 5:00-7:00 PM. Phaze is offering a 130-hour course that will provide participants with the skills needed for certification. Welders are needed in the workforce and hard to find, and welding can be a lucrative occupation.

Town Ice Skating

Ms. Hatcher attended the recent Recreation Committee meeting. She said the ice skating is at the Adams Playground parking lot is very popular, and the rink is a great asset to the town.

Education Funding Fairness Group

Ms. Hatcher said that, following the Community Conversation on statewide education funding, a group of 8 or 9 interested citizens (informally called Education Funding Fairness Group) have been meeting with the focus on how to be a force for educating the public while keeping legislators active and accountable. A goal is to see legislation passed that would balance local and state funding of education 50/50. The next meeting will be held on February 8th at 4:00 PM and anyone interested in learning more should reach out to Ms. Hatcher.

Community Conversation

Ms. Hatcher said the next Community Conversation will be on Tuesday, January 15th at 7:00, at Bass Hall in the Monadnock Center. The topic is the legalization of cannabis. It should be a “robust” conversation.

Cast of Thousands

Chair Miller said the ‘Cast of Thousands’ campaign for the new library is ongoing. There is currently a donor match of \$1,000 for every \$1,000 donation. Current amount raised is \$60,000 so there is a \$40,000 balance remaining.

Ashley Saari inquired if tickets for the next Peterborough Concert Series show on January 19th were available for purchase at a physical location. Alison Kreutz said she believed they were available at Toadstool, but would confirm and let Ashley know.

The next Select Board meeting, which will be a joint meeting with the Budget Committee, is scheduled for Tuesday, January 15th. The Board will be looking at a draft budget for fiscal year 2020, which spans July 1st, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Motion: Chair made a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (d) (acquisition)

Vote: Ms. Hatcher seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Session adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Non-Public Session

Chair Miller called non-public session to order at 5:27 PM.

Motion: Chair Miller made a motion to exit the non-public session at 6:08 PM.

Vote: Ms. Hatcher seconded. Motion carried.

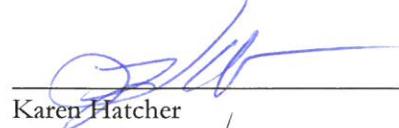
Motion: Chair Miller made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session.

Vote: Ms. Hatcher seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alison Kreutz, Administrative Assistant

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Barbara Miller, Chair


Karen Hatcher


Tyler Ward

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

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