

**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 – 5:00pm  
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

**Present:** Barbara Miller, Karen Hatcher, Tyler Ward

**Also Present:** Rodney Bartlett, Nicole MacStay, Ed Henault, Alison Kreutz

---

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Chair Miller recognized the success of the recent Veterans Day celebration and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town House and Historical Building. She thanked all those involved, including (but not limited to) Peggy Shaunessy, Michelle Stahl, and Dee & Wayne Thomas. Ms. Hatcher mentioned that the recreation of the 1918 town photo on the steps of the Town House had taken place and appeared in the Monadnock Ledger Transcript.

**Ed Henault – Open Space Committee**

*Request to Expend Funds from Land Acquisition Capitol Reserve Fund for Morrison Conservation Easement*

Chair Miller introduced Mr. Henault, chair of the Open Space Committee, and thanked him for his involvement. Mr. Henault presented a topographical map of the easement (SEE ATTACHED) and described the layout of the area. The easement is continuous to other conserved lands, which allows wildlife to roam freely across the parcels. The area consists mainly of red oak and white pine forest, and is very healthy from a forest stand-point. The land also has about 1,500 feet of frontage on Old Farm Road, and so has a lot of exposure to people passing by. Ms. Hatcher inquired as to the history of the property in regard to the involvement of the Open Space Committee. Mr. Henault explained that when the project started initially, there was a complex system of rating areas of land in town over 50 acres that would be good prospects for conservation. The Committee then sent letters to the land owners informing them of the potential of the land for conservation purposes and requesting their participation. It took about three years before the project was able to progress. The Open Space Committee has been meeting with owner Mr. Mike Morrison regarding the property. Mr. Henault asked that \$8,000 is granted to the Forest Society out of the Capital Reserve Fund to go towards related expenses. There is \$390,000 in the fund presently, though Mr. Henault informed the group that the Open Space Committee will be asking for \$250,000 out of that fund for Cunningham Pond land.

Mr. Ward clarified that any money granted would not go to the land owner, but to the Forest Society.

*Motion:* Mr. Ward made a motion to grant the Open Space Committee the \$8,000 in requested funds.

*Vote:* Ms. Hatcher seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Chair Miller said she believed 29% of the land in town was currently conserved and asked Mr. Henault to confirm. Mr. Henault said the question is complicated, as there is conserved land, town-owned land, and government land, but that the conserved land was at about 30%.

**Setting of 2018 Tax Rate**

POSTPONED due to technical issues. Meeting to address the tax rate will be scheduled and posted as soon as possible.

**Review and Approval of the Minutes of October 17, 2018**

*Motion:* Ms. Hatcher made a motion to accept the minutes from Select Board Meeting held October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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

**Other Business**

Chair Ward recognized Mr. Bartlett's appointment to EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). Mr. Bartlett was appointed to the Small Communities Advisors Subcommittee, and the position will be active through 2020. Mr. Bartlett said that there will be a teleconference on November 14th, and an annual conference in Washington D.C. in January.

Ms. Hatcher said there will be a Community Conversation at 7:00 PM on Education Funding Fairness. Executive Councilors Andrew Valinski and John Tobin will be two of the three guest speakers, and a full house is expected. Ms. Hatcher encouraged all who are interested in how to solve the problem of education funding to attend.

Regarding the EDA (Economic Development Authority), Ms. Hatcher said there was a series of interviews and meetings last Friday (November 9) with a reporter from the New Hampshire Business Review, which will result in a story about Peterborough.

Mr. Ward said Planning Board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM, following the Select Board meeting.

Chair Miller reported that the Library Capital Campaign has been extended through April of 2019, and the 'Cast of Thousands' aspect encourages donors to give \$1,000.00 or more. The new Hoopla digital media service has been highly successful.

Advisory Committee for the NH101/US202 Corridor Improvement Initiative is now doing a survey. Conservation Commission has decided that, instead of doing NRI (Natural Resource Inventory) for the entire town, they will do ecological assessment on town-owned conserved property. Eversource has given the town a grant for 2019, the 'year of the bridge,' to help pay for administrative support in managing activities while the bridge is closed.

Chair Miller said that at the next meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> the Select Board will be hosting all town committee chairs to thank them for their good work this year. There will be a Select Board meeting on Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> if needed.

Mr. Bartlett requested non-public session regarding RSA 91-A; 3-II (personnel) to begin following commencement of public session.

Chair Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM and requested roll-call vote to go into non-public session.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alison Kreutz, Department Assistant

PETERBOROUGH  
SELECT BOARD:



Barbara Miller, Chair



Karen Hatcher



Tyler Ward