

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, January 6, 2015 – 5:00pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Barbara Miller, Tyler Ward

Ed Henault, Ron MacIntire, Bob Lambert, Gordon Kemp, Leslie Lewis, Roland Patten, Donald Parkhurst, Steve Jones

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Nancie Vaihinger, Nicole MacStay

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Acceptance of Land Gift from the 1833 Society

Mr. Bartlett explained that the program to renovate the library has been in process for a number of years now; the 1833 Society has taken the point in that. Part of the process has been to look at the future need for parking.

Discussions have gone on for quite some time between the 1833 Society and Fairpoint for the purchase of the back half of their property. Mr. Bartlett then reviews a concept drawing of the new parking lot.

Ron MacIntire, Chair of the 1833 Society, said that this parcel of land is important because it gives the architects more leeway and room to be creative in designing a new facility. They are completing the steps necessary to acquire the property, and are asking the Select Board for their support and intent to accept the gift.

Mr. Bartlett said that RSA 41:14-a allows the Select Board to sell or acquire property after two public hearings with input from the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. The timeframe for the process could be a month. The first step to show good faith moving forward is to acknowledge the desire to accept the gift.

Fairpoint will need to go through the subdivision process, and then after acceptance there will be a lot consolidation process.

Motion:

Chair Miller made a motion to support the 1833 Society in the successful execution of the signed purchase and sales agreement, and further to agree to accept the land gift from the 1833 Society as identified in the purchase and sales agreement; Mr. Ward seconded.

Vote:

Chair Miller and Mr. Ward voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Acceptance of Tax Deeded Property

Ms. MacStay explained that the Tax Collector had recently taken by tax deed a piece of unimproved property located on Granite Street. The Tax Collector has made numerous attempts to contact the property owner via mail and email. She explained that first the Select Board must accept the deed, and should the Board decide to sell the property, they can do so through the process outlined by RSA 41:14-a. Ms. MacStay then reviewed a map showing the location of the property, the grade of the property, and the abutting properties. She said that both Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Throop have reviewed the parcel, and both recommended that the Select Board move towards selling the parcel.

Motion:

Chair Miller made a motion to accept Parcel U018-059-000 as Town-owned property; Mr. Ward seconded.

Vote:

Chair Miller and Mr. Ward voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Appointments**Motion:**

Chair Miller made a motion to appoint Michael Henry and Gary Carpenter as alternate members of the Economic Development Authority; Mr. Ward seconded.

Vote:

Chair Miller and Mr. Ward voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Motion:

Chair Miller made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Marsh as Tax Collector; Mr. Ward seconded.

Vote:

Chair Miller and Mr. Ward voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Motion:

Chair Miller made a motion to appoint Clarissa Johnson as Deputy Tax Collection; Mr. Ward seconded.

Vote:

Chair Miller and Mr. Ward voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Review and Approval of Minutes of December 16, 2014**Motion:**

Mr. Ward made a motion to accept the minutes of December 16, 2014 as presented; Chair Miller seconded.

Vote:

Mr. Ward and Chair Miller voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

As there was no further business, Chair Miller made a motion to adjourn the Select Board portion of the meeting; Mr. Ward seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Joint Select Board and Budget Committee Meeting

Chair Patten called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Cemetery

	FY 2015	FY 2016	% Inc. or Dec.
Net Operating	\$36,403	\$42,108	15.7%
Net Capital	\$0	\$0	0%
To be raised through taxation	\$36,403	\$42,108	15.7%

Mr. Bartlett said that the most substantial change is a new more user-friendly database for the public. Chair Miller asked if a lot of people call; Ms. Guyette said that they do get many time-consuming inquiries. Ms. Lewis asked if it will work with the Town's GIS system; Mr. Bartlett said that it can all be linked with photographs of each headstone. Mr. Lambert noted that there is an offsetting revenue from the cemetery trust fund.

Parks

	FY 2015	FY 2016	% Inc. or Dec.
Net Operating	\$69,803	\$68,723	-1.5%
Net Capital	\$0	\$0	0%
To be raised through taxation	\$69,803	\$68,735	-1.5%

Mr. Bartlett said that the Parks budget is down 1.55%, noting that the numbers are generally consistent from year to year. He noted that there was one small increase in general supplies, which is used by the Parks Committee for the maintenance of the parks.

Buildings and Grounds

	FY 2015	FY 2016	% Inc. or Dec.
Net Operating	\$278,348	\$265,514	-4.6%
Net Capital	\$55,000	\$140,000	154.5%
To be raised through taxation	\$333,348	\$405,514	21.6%

Mr. Bartlett said that operating expenses are down nearly 5%; the overall increase is tied to fixed assets. With the approach of the Town House's 100th birthday, They are requesting an appropriation of \$80,000 for an historic structure review. This will be partially offset by a \$10,000 LCHIP grant; Mr. Bartlett said that they are actively pursuing other grants. Also in fixed assets is \$60,000 for a dump truck. Building repair and maintenance includes \$15,000 for painting at the Kyes-Sage House. Mr. Patten asked if they will be addressing the handicap access needs at the Town House; Mr. Bartlett said that accessibility, particularly from Main Street, is a real issue; that will be reviewed, but an elevator of some sort may be the only true solution to that access.

Landfill

Mr. Bartlett explained that this budget deals with the ongoing groundwater monitoring requirements at both of the closed landfills; some of those costs have gone down.

Recycling

	FY 2015	FY 2016	% Inc. or Dec.
Net Operating	\$197,206	\$229,686	16.5%
Net Capital	\$0	\$40,000	100%
To be raised through taxation	\$197,206	\$269,686	36.8%

Mr. Bartlett said that the majority of the increase is the purchase of a new Load-All for \$70,000. Building repair and maintenance is for the replacement of the windows at the front of the main building; those are all original from when the building was constructed. With regards to revenue, Mr. Bartlett said that Mr. Bradford has made his best estimate for the recycling, and there is a transfer from the reclamation trust fund, which will go towards offsetting the cost of the Load-All. There was a brief discussion about the Load-all.

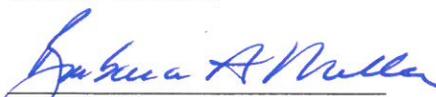
Pay as you Throw

Mr. Bartlett said that the cost of disposal has actually gone down.

As there was no further business, Chair Patten adjourned the meeting at 6:32pm.

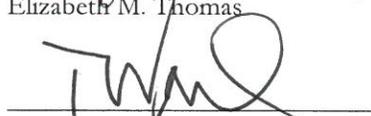
Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant Town Administrator

PETERBOROUGH
SELECT BOARD:


Barbara A. Miller, Chair

NOT PRESENT

Elizabeth M. Thomas


Tyler Ward

ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST

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