

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 – 5:30pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Ed Juengst, Barbara Miller, Tyler Ward

Also Present: Rodney Bartlett, Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Fash Farashahi

Chair Ward called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Review and approval of minutes from March 27, 2018

Motion: Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes from March 27th.

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

Appointment of Elizabeth Thomas as alternate member to Conservation Commission

Motion: Mr. Ward made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Thomas as an alternate member to the Conservation commission.

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

Appointment of Nate Morison as member to Economic Development Authority

Mr. Morison explained his involvement and ownership of a landscaping company and Vicuna Chocolates.

Motion: Ms. Miller made a motion to appoint Nate Morison as member to the Economic Development Authority

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

Cross Connection Program: Failure to Comply with Mandated Testing Frequency

Mr. MacLean explained that Mr. Brown manages the cross connection program. He explained there is a backflow device that separates potable and non-potable water for some customers. The State requires inspections twice a year of these backflow devices. He proposed a sixty dollar charge for repeat visits when customers fail to be present for the inspection, per attempt. Mr. Ward asked if town code should be rewritten to make clarifications on this issue. Mr. Bartlett said it can be reviewed in the future. The Board has the authority to set any fees, which could fix the problem and will use this management system to modify the code. Mr. Juengst asked how many backflow devices there are. Mr. Brown said about three hundred. Mr. MacLean and Mr. Brown explained the notification process and explained that the customers would be notified of the impending bill.

Motion: Ms. Miller made a motion to give advanced warning of a bill incurred for defaulted appointment visits.

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

CRM Presentation – Task Management System for Public Works Divisions

Mr. MacLean presented the task management system for workflow and tracking system for public works requests.

Review the Use of the Select Board Email List

Ms. Miller said that she received a request to use the Select Board email list for announcing a certain event. Mr. Juengst asked if public hearings could be added to the distribution to the list. Mr. Bartlett said we need to be cognizant of the quantity and quality of the messages being sent out and recommended reviewing social media distribution and focus. Mr. Juengst said an effort needs to be

made to get people to take the initiative to subscribe to the Select Board email list. Mr. Ward suggested using Facebook more to distribute the information via the Town of Peterborough Facebook page. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the decision was to not change the purpose of the Select Board list, only Select Board meetings would be broadcast from that list. Mr. Jonathan Erickson suggested using the email list to send out cancellations of meetings.

Potential Lease of Town Owned Property off Cheney Ave – Initial Discussions

Mr. Stanley Fry explained that he has been raising cattle for last five to six years on 450 acres in Dublin, and off Sand Hill Road. The purpose is to produce grassfed beef. He is proposing a project, asking to lease the land on Cheney and Old Street Road for grazing of a small herd. It would be ten to twelve animals for the summer only. The practice is defined as intensive grazing, which strengthens grass growth. The electric fencing to fence off the trail pathway would be solar powered. Additives of bio char to the fields and amendments would be necessary. Mr. Ward asked about methane capturing methods. Mr. Fry explained that intensive grass feeding solves the methane problem. Ms. Miller asked about pollinator gardens and the impact of the loss of pollinator area of this site. Mr. Fry said fruit trees, via apple blossoms can mitigate the pollinator garden concept. Jim VanValkenburgh asked about the size of the fenced in area. Mr. Fry explained the rotation system of moving the cattle using portable fencing sections. Mr. Ward mentioned this is conservation land, with easement for agricultural use. Mr. VanValkenburgh asked if the fencing would remain during the winter. Mr. Fry said it would. Mr. VanValkenburgh explained that the abutters pay for the maintenance of the field. Karen Campbell asked about the nesting birds. Mr. Fry said he has ^{the} same issue in Dublin and the birds seem to co-habitate. Peggy VanValkenburgh expressed concern about accessing the field and hiking trails and asked about presence of a bull, abundance of flies, and heat mooing. Mr. Fry said gates would be left open when the fields aren't being actively used, expressed that flies are not a problem in Dublin, no bull would be grazed there, and they breed the cows so they deliver in the summer, heat mooing would not be an issue. Ms. VanValkenburg asked about the legality of the lease. Mr. Bartlett explained the conservation easement has agricultural uses included and includes a provision for an annual lease amount. If used by a third party, the property would be subject to real estate taxes, taxed as Open Space or Current Use. The Board will reach out to Conservation Commission and Agricultural Commission, a public hearing will be scheduled, as well as notice to abutters of the property before any final decision is made. Mr. Bartlett said the initial consideration was up to fifteen years but these details have not been finalized. Ms. Manfre asked about the fencing impacting the sledding hill. Mr. Fry said the plan would be to put in access gates along that area. Mr. VanValkenburg requested a map be created with fencing lines, property lines, and other pertinent details. Mr. Fry said he needs to do some surveying first in order to create a map. Ms. VanValkenburgh said as a person that keeps bees, she is concerned about the food base for the bees. Mr. Fry said it would not be a problem. Mr. VanValkenburgh asked about time frame. Mr. Fry said he would like to try for this year if ~~at all~~ possible.

Review of PowerPoint Presentation for the Open Session

Mr. Bartlett went over the PowerPoint Presentation to fill in who will be presenting each motion at the Open Session of Town Meeting.

Mr. Ward adjourned the meeting at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Vanessa Amsbury-Bonilla, Department Assistant

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Tyler Ward, Chair

Barbara Miller



Karen Hatcher

