

GOFFSTOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF FEBRUARY 29, 2016

In attendance were Chairman Peter Georgantas, Vice Chairman Mark Lemay, Selectman Collis Adams, Selectman Allen Brown, Selectman Scott Gross and Town Administrator Sue Desruisseaux.

6:00 pm CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Georgantas

The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Lemay made a motion to approve the public and non-public minutes to the Board of Selectmen's meeting of February 22, 2016. Selectman Brown seconded the motion.

VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Georgantas said starting next month the Selectmen's meetings will be on the second and fourth Mondays of the month, unless an emergency comes up. That's due to the great job all the department heads are doing. It reduces the amount of work the Selectmen have to do on a regular basis.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Selectmen's Meeting Schedule

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said this Wednesday the EDC meets at 6:30 pm followed by their meeting with the realtors at 7 pm. Vice Chairman Lemay said he would attend. On March 8th, from 7 am to 7 pm is Town elections. She distributed pages relating to Selectmen's duties during elections. Chairman Georgantas said Selectman Brown isn't allowed to participate because he is on the ballot. Selectmen Gross said for this election we have to open the polls and have duties at the end. But there isn't much during the day. Chairman Georgantas said they are required to have someone at the elections for the day. Between the four of us we can schedule it. He and Vice Chairman Lemay will cover Bartlett, and Selectmen Adams and Selectman Gross will cover the High School. Town Administrator Desruisseaux said on Wednesday, March 9th, the Highway Safety Committee meets at 9 am. On Thursday, March 10th, is the Planning Board meeting. Selectman Adams said he would attend.

Consensus Folder

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said there are employee status reports to fill vacancies for the IT Help Desk, Bookkeeper, Facilities Maintenance and Videographer. We have an event permit request for the Bartlett PTA Easter Bunny Breakfast & Egg Hunt on March 12, 2016. There is also a request for the Goffstown Junior Baseball Parade on April 30, 2016, and the Goffstown Rotary Car Show on June 4, 2016. There is also a Police Dispatch Agreement with New Boston.

Selectman Adams made a motion to accept the Consensus folder. Vice Chairman Lemay seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

Assessor's Recommendations

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said there are recommended Solar Energy exemptions for the 2016 tax year, for Map 5, Lot 13-1 and Map 11, Lot 16.

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Selectman Brown made a motion to accept the Assessor's recommendations. Selectman Adams seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said that makes 22 for the year. Chairman Georgantas asked how many of those were from the SolarUp program. Town Administrator Desruisseaux said she would check.

Out-of-State Overnight Travel Request - GTV

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said in the Selectmen's Packets is a request from the GTV Coordinator to attend a conference and training sessions for one week. This will be paid out of the GTV revolving fund.

Selectman Gross made a motion to approve the out-of-state travel request from GTV. Vice Chairman Lemay seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

Partnering with SNHPC and Standard Power of America for Energy Procurement

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said the Mutual Sharing Committee of SNHPC has partnered with Standard Power of America for the second year to procure the energy portion of municipal electric bills. Last year we were under a 2 year contract with ENH and therefore did not participate. We would solicit bids from 9 energy suppliers. She recommends that we participate this year as our contract expires at the end of June, and the energy costs have dramatically decreased. A motion is needed to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an exclusive agreement with SNHPC and Standard Power of America for pricing on the energy portion of the Town's electric bills. They told her if the renewal notice comes in from ENH and it is lower we can sign with them.

Vice Chairman Lemay made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into an exclusive agreement with SNHPC and Standard Power of America for pricing on the energy portion of the Town's electric bills. Selectman Brown seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said we are at .096 now and they expect it to go down to about .074.

Release of Impact Fees

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said the Police Chief requests release of \$85,515 in Public Safety impact fees for the Emergency Operations Center/Training Room at the Police Department. The project was approved by the CIP and the Planning Board for 2016. We took it out of the budget because the use of impact fees bypasses the budget process.

Selectman Gross made a motion to release \$85,515 in Public Safety Impact fees for the Emergency Operations Center/Training Room at the Police Department. Vice Chairman Lemay seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said the Parks & Recreation Director requests the release of \$65,000 in Parks & Recreation impact fees to start the development of athletic fields and parking on the Barnard/Pare property. This project was approved by CIP and the Planning Board for 2016. Chairman Georgantas said this has already been started. Selectman Brown asked if it

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would be done in house. Town Administrator Desruisseaux said it would be, so this is for materials.

Selectman Gross made a motion to release \$65,000 in Parks & Recreation impact fees to start the development of the athletic fields and the parking area. Vice Chairman Lemay seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

CMAQ Cancellation Meeting

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said a meeting has been scheduled with NHDOT on 3/2/16 at 11 am to discuss the cancellation of the CMAQ grant construction phase of the project. NHDOT invites a member of the Board of Selectmen to participate. The “good faith” clause of the contract may mean that we will not have to reimburse CMAQ the grant funds used for the design of the intersection. Selectman Adams said he’d like to go but he’d like DOT to stop scheduling these meetings during regular work hours. This is unreasonable. They should be able to accommodate municipalities. Town Administrator Desruisseaux said she would attend the meeting. They won’t enter into any agreement without a vote of the Board.

Mutual Aid Agreements with New Boston & Weare for Building Inspector Coverage

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said we have mutual aid agreements with the towns of Weare and New Boston for Building Inspector Coverage for vacations, which have expired. Renewal agreements have been sent to the other towns for signatures by their Boards. If our Board votes tonight on signing these agreements, then they can be placed in your signature folder when they arrive.

Vice Chairman Lemay made a motion they enter into an agreement for mutual aid with the towns of New Boston and Weare for a two year term. Selectman Gross seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT—6:10 PM—there were no public comments made.

SELECTMEN’S DISCUSSION

Committee Reports:

HDC

Vice Chairman Lemay said the operating budget is at \$3,200.00. The Heritage Fund is at \$4,855.00. They talked about the Grasmere Town Hall fire escape. We are working on it. We have to get a hold of MerriLoo. The companies involved have all been contacted. The windows have been ordered and it’s going to happen. We are in touch with Marc Tessier to see who needs to get the request for the Certificate of Approval for the fire escape. The infilling of the windows has been ordered. The lights upstairs are going to be put in shortly. Our next meeting is March 23rd at 6:30 pm. Phil D’Avanza has talked with the sheet metal company and with the company that is going to do the work for the fire escape. We made a motion to spend \$800.00 out of the Restoration Fund for the emergency lighting to be used for the fire escape and the lighting inside as well.

Planning Board

Vice Chairman Lemay said we had the conceptual review of Map 4, Lot 20. They talked about lot sizes, road widths, and cisterns. It was the only application for the night.

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10 Year Road Plan

Chairman Georgantas said he and Vice Chairman Lemay attended this meeting. DPW Director Jacobs made a presentation. There was a good turnout from Eversource, the Water Precinct and Liberty Utilities. There was a lot of talking and it was interesting to see some of the plans they are looking for. Liberty is looking to expand some of their natural gas lines. Vice Chairman Lemay said they are talking about possibly going all the way up to the Villa Augustina. Chairman Georgantas said they want to go to the High School, but they have to determine if it is feasible. They have to make a certain payback.

Vice Chairman Lemay said he addressed Daniel Plummer Road and the hope to bring natural gas up that road. They are going to re-do College Road. There is a question as to whether or not they will bury the line in the road when the road is redone next year, so it will be ready to go. Town Administrator Desruisseaux asked if they would do the same thing for Main Street and South Mast. Chairman Georgantas said that would need a cost analysis.

Vice Chairman Lemay said he is going to ask a couple of individuals to come speak to the Economic Development Committee. Town Administrator Desruisseaux suggested reaching out to the owners of the Villa property to let them know. Chairman Georgantas said they have to do a cost analysis and see how many people in Pinardville would want to sign up. Vice Chairman Lemay said they want to get 144 people to bring natural gas to their homes. Town Administrator Desruisseaux said the line runs to the county farm. Vice Chairman Lemay said Chief O'Brien talked to these guys. He's very interested. From the Road to the building the pipeline is free. They only thing they'd be responsible for is the heating inside the building. Town Administrator Desruisseaux said the Police Department is on propane now and natural gas is less than propane. Chairman Georgantas said that's not a big conversion. Selectman Adams said when the line came up there was lack of communication to the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule to work the polls on 3/8/16

Chairman Georgantas said we talked about this earlier in the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Action Matrix

Town Administrator Desruisseaux said we can remove the EDC meeting with developers and realtors. They are still working on a time to get here for EDSAT. Chairman Georgantas confirmed Vice Chairman Lemay is going to the EDC meeting.

Town Administrator Desruisseaux asked if the Board is considering changing the numbering of the streets in Pinardville rather than the street names. If they want to pursue that, they can get a number range from Manchester of the 30 streets with the same name. Vice Chairman Lemay said that would be the least painful option. Chairman Georgantas said we are bailing out the post office of their responsibility. Town Administrator Desruisseaux said it could be saving a life. She doesn't know how E911 works, but in this day of technology she doesn't know why they can't put in the addresses that are in Goffstown. Some of the streets of the same name in Manchester aren't even in the same zip code. Selectman Adams said we've not made the situation any better. Selectman Gross said he's heard from people out there who think it will be

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more inconvenient to let every credit card company, bank, etc, they do business with of an address number change. Selectman Adams said we need to go on record saying that if we do nothing, it is going to be an ongoing threat to public life. Selectman Gross said he's also heard that with cell phones and an anticipated change in the E911 system that won't be so dependent on land line that this problem may go away in five years. The folks in Pinardville knew the issues and consequences a couple of years ago. When the survey went out they voted that way. He believes they knew the severity of it. It was well publicized. As elected officials we are supposed to look out for the community. But their will at that time was that they don't care. They didn't want to change.

Vice Chairman Lemay suggested a letter stating that the people of Pinardville have made their choice. Selectman Adams said it would be public record that it poses an unreasonable risk to public health and safety but the people have spoken. They can't say the Board of Selectmen didn't do anything about it. Town Administrator Desruisseaux said there are about 1500 households to notify. Selectman Gross suggested doing it in conjunction with the tax mailing. The letter can outline what steps we have taken with the reminder that they need to notify emergency services that they live in Pinardville. Town Administrator Desruisseaux said she would do that with the June tax bill.

Selectman Gross said he looked it up and read that a Selectman can work the polls but he cannot touch the ballots. If the moderator says you can't work, that is contrary to law. We should clarify that with him. He (Selectman Brown) has an obligation and a right to be there because he is one of the 5 Selectmen. It's not right for him to stay away. He just can't touch ballots.

DEDICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT

Chairman Georgantas said one of the privileges of the Board of Selectmen is that we get to dedicate the annual report. This year's dedication is to the Reverend William Exner.

The dedication reads: "The Rev. William Edward Exner was born in Clifton Springs, NY on April 8, 1954. He grew up in upstate New York where his family was active in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Fairpoint, and New York. St. Luke's became his sponsoring parish for ordination into the diaconate after earning his Masters of Divinity degree at The Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1981. Exner was priested in 1982 at the Trinity Church, Watertown, New York where he served as Curate and Vicar of the Christ Church, Sacketts Harbor. While there, he and his wife, Jane Bluhm Exner began raising a family of four children, Ellen, Joseph, Stephen, and Anna, before coming to New Hampshire in 1985. Exner began his ministry as Rector of St. Matthew's Church on September 1, 1985 where he served faithfully until June 12, 2016. During that time the parish grew in numbers and spirit. In 1987 the altar window was discovered and restored. In 1989 the accessibility ramp was designed and built by local members and friends. In 2002 the Parish House was built to serve the needs of the church, food pantry and local service organizations. In 2010 St. Matthew's Community Clothing Center was established in the 9 North Mast building, which St. Matthew's purchased with a diocesan Advance Fund loans and generous member support in 1999. The ministries of outreach, music, spiritual formation and fellowship were strengthened by Exner's leadership and through the witness of committed members throughout his tenure.

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St. Matthew's emphasis on being an intentionally inclusive parish dedicated to the worship and outreach sustained its steady growth and reputation. With the encouragement of parish leadership Exner served the community by supporting public schools, and local youth programs like Crispin's House, on whose board he served for two decades. He also witnessed to social justice concerns statewide, nationally and internationally by chairing the Diocesan Outreach Commission, achieving Senior Deputy status with a Diocesan Deputation to General Convention and by serving as Vice Chair of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and representing it on The Consultation.

He and his wife Jane enjoyed a 31 year long relationship with the people of St. Matthew's, each year creative and rewarding. Jane's generosity in offering her business experience, musical skills, friendship and commitment to children has contributed greatly to the vitality and spirit of the parish along the way. He retired thankful to God and upheld by a long, grace filled experience as Rector of St. Matthew's Church."

Reverend Exner was presented with a copy of the Annual Report and congratulated by the Board.

6:38 pm Selectman Brown made a motion to enter non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) adversely affect reputation. Selectman Adams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Georgantas-aye; Vice Chairman Lemay-aye; Selectman Adams-aye; Selectman Brown-aye; Selectman Gross-aye. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

7:59 pm Selectman Gross made a motion to exit non-public session. Selectman Adams seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Gross made a motion to seal the non-public minutes. Selectman Adams seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Chairman Georgantas-aye; Vice Chairman Lemay-aye; Selectman Adams-aye; Selectman Brown-aye; Selectman Gross-aye. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

Selectman Gross made a motion to approve a one week vacation. Selectman Brown seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

8:00 pm Selectman Gross made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Adams seconded the motion. VOTE: 5-0-0. All in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Labrecque
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board of Selectmen on 3/14/16 with no corrections.