

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting February 26, 2019

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman and Scott Young

In attendance: Barrington Selectmen Dan Ayer and Town Administrator John Scruton, Greg Messenger, Scott Whitehouse, Steve Leighton, Town Clerk Chris Bane

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:18PM.

The Board members reviewed and approved payroll and payment of bills.

The business portion of the Selectmen's Meeting adjourned at 6:03PM to convene the public hearing to discuss the renaming of Dillon Drive. The Selectmen's Meeting reconvened at the close of the public hearing at 6:09PM.

With one member of the Board absent from the meeting, the Selectmen will wait for a full board to be present, before making the decision about the new name for Dillon Drive. They noted that names previously suggested by residents for the renaming of Dillon Drive are Silver Birch, Eagles Nest, and Cedar Drive.

The next Planning Board Meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup>. Selectman Young confirmed that he will be in attendance.

John Scruton, Barrington Town Administrator, presented a proposal to open Old Settler's Road in Barrington through to Strafford's Old Canaan Road, and exiting onto Province Road, on Steve Leighton's property. A map of the project was reviewed and the scope of the project briefly discussed. The purpose of the request is to give Barrington homeowners access to their property while the bridge on Old Settler's Road is being replaced. Mr. Scruton doesn't anticipate much local traffic, but some construction traffic and believes this will be for 2 or 3 months and probably not until 2023. The reason for the request years in advance is to permit engineering costs to be determined; they need to know for planning purposes if they are to use the alternate route, involving a temporary bridge in the Town of Barrington. Mr. Leighton expressed some concern about the road becoming a permanent thruway. Mr. Leighton presented a proposal by which he would be willing to work with the Town of Barrington. Mr. Scruton asked the Selectmen if Barrington could have an answer within the next few months.

The Recycling Center will be closed on Easter Sunday. Sufficient notice will be given to alert residents of the change.

The Selectmen reviewed correspondence from the engineering firm that monitors the Town's landfill. Expenses in 2019 for budget line will be higher than anticipated to cover additional monitoring expenses.

The Selectmen briefly discussed the set up for the upcoming election with Town Clerk Chris Bane. She is working with Jessica Almanzan to organize a bake sale to benefit the Bicentennial Fund to be held at Town Hall on Election Day.

The Board members discussed correspondence from NHDES with regard to the recent inspection of the Bow Lake Dam. Some repairs are planned in the near future.

The Selectmen will be looking for a different electrician to transfer the trash compactor's electrical equipment from the cinder block building to the new building at the Recycling Center. The Town contracted with a local electrician who has not fulfilled his contractual agreement. The first priority is to have the necessary work completed, and then they will proceed with legal action against the initial contractor.

A 911 Public Hearing is scheduled on March 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the name change of a portion of Whig Hill Road to Hill Street.

The next regularly scheduled meeting falls on the night of the Town Election. The Board will instead hold a work session in the morning for review of bill and payroll and last minute Town Meeting preparation.

There being no further business to be brought forward, it was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM