

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting May 8, 2018

Members Present: Lynn Sweet, Chairman, Bryant Scott, Scott Young
In attendance: Charlie Moreno, Rick Ferreira, Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse

The Selectmen's Meeting was called to order at 5:28PM.

Minutes from April 24, 2018 meeting were read and approved. Payroll and checks were reviewed and payment was approved. The Selectmen signed a contract for mowing the Town Hall property, the Police Station property and the grassy area at the beach.

The Board reviewed the staffing for the beach which will open on June 17th. Several interested and qualified lifeguard candidates have contacted the Selectmen's Office; filling the positions does not appear to be a concern.

To alleviate congestion caused by boat trailers in the parking area below the dam, boat trailers will not be permitted to park along the fence on Province Road. Signage will be posted to indicate this.

The Selectmen discussed progress on the new shed at the Recycling Center which will house the electrical equipment to operate the compactors. It will replace the concrete building currently on site. Ben Francum met with a gentleman from Atlantic Recycling who made some suggestions about wiring and recommended several commercial electricians. Mr. Francum will meet with possible commercial electricians. At this point, it appears that an 8'x8' building will be sufficient. Greg Messenger will prepare the site; a footing and floor will be poured, with elevation to ensure the equipment stays dry. Mr. Francum would like to see it built just a bit closer to the compactor, and that seems possible. A well-built pre-constructed shed was discussed and will be investigated.

Charlie Moreno, Chairman of the Planning Board and Rick Ferreira, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Adjustment were in attendance to discuss operations of their respective boards. The Planning Board members, like the Board of Selectmen are elected positions; the ZBA positions are appointed. The work of both boards can be very time consuming and requires a great deal of knowledge about our Town, its ordinances as well as the State statutes. The Selectmen thanked the men for their service. The Board's objective in the discussion of this meeting was to offer suggestions that would help their meetings run more professionally, without losing sight of our small town character. Several recommendations were made, including the encouragement to have board members attend training sessions. NHMA offers on demand training that may be held at the Town Hall and available to both boards. This would help clarify what each board does. It was suggested that the Chairmen restrict private conversations, so that all that is said can be heard by everyone in attendance. Microphones were discussed, especially with larger crowds. The Selectmen would like each board to adopt its own rules and procedures. Those procedures would hopefully include the Fire Chief, Building Inspector, and Road Agent in email notifications as well as regular updates about situations the boards are handling. The Selectmen are attempting to keep informed from the minutes of the meetings.

The Selectmen discussed the property on Deer Lane that has been of concern to neighbors. Scott Whitehouse reported that the Fire Department had done their due diligence in preserving the building following the fire, but it does not appear that the current owners have done any work. The Building Inspector has had no success in reaching the owners by phone in the last month or so. The Selectmen's Office will seek counsel from the Town attorney.

The Board also discussed the progress of the cleanup at 1489 Parker Mountain Road.

The congratulatory proclamation was presented to Marjorie Stiles at the celebration of her 100th birthday.

The Selectmen's Office will send a letter to the bank which owns the property at 1251 Parker Mountain Road and the real estate company that is offering it for sale to insist that the garbage and debris be removed.

There being no further business to address, it was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.