

## Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting February 23, 2016

Selectmen in attendance: Jim Andersen, Chairman, Lynn Sweet, Bryant Scott

In attendance: Don Coker, Sam O'Clair, Ken Rodgers, Christine Stover, Dianna Monehan, Judy Dupré

The Selectmen's Meeting commenced at 6:00.

The Selectmen reviewed the status of payments on 2013 tax lien properties with Judy Dupré, tax collector. They also discussed a request from the former owner of a property recently taken by the Town to redeem that property. The process, fees and limitations were reviewed. The Selectmen will require all interest, penalties, and associated expenses to be paid promptly. No date was set. The property, if redeemed will revert back to the former owner(s) and name/title

With Mr. Coker, Parker Mountain Road alternate on Planning board, the Selectmen reviewed the background on a preliminary proposal for a commercial business discussed with the Planning Board. There are several aspects to consider, including zoning regulations, federal guidelines, site review and a business plan. The Planning Board requests a visit to be scheduled by Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse and Building Inspector Bill Booth to review the location and condition of the building.

The Selectmen granted permission for the Strafford Scout Troop to sell Girl Scout cookies outside the Recycling Center. Mr. Andersen had spoken to the Recycling Center manager who thought it would be fine. Some history of the past policy of the use of public land was explained and the Girl Scout representatives outlined the policies they employ for such events. The safety of participants and drivers was their main concern. The Selectmen asked the 2 representatives in attendance work with the police department to set up a date, giving them a week's notice. The police will determine how to handle traffic flow; orange cones were suggested.

Scott O'Clair and Ken Rodgers representing the assessing firm KRT were introduced to all in attendance. They signed contracts for the 2016 Statistical Update and General Assessing for the year as well. Several matters of general assessing which need to be addressed prior to April 1 were discussed. They will work with Keith Gagnon from NHDRA and the Selectmen's Office to arrange a time to meet and arrange office hours. The Selectmen assured them of their support and availability as they work through the Statistical Update. Mr. O'Clair demonstrated the device they use to measure buildings and explained its capabilities. They assured the Board that they have a great deal of experience with waterfront.

The Selectmen's Office will send a reminder about the change in health insurance plans and 90/10 payments effective April 1, 2016 to full time employees. Changes in contracts, as have been previously discussed, were addressed; the Selectmen's Office is awaiting advice from the Town attorney. The Selectmen will review the personnel policy in the near future and make some clarifications to some of the policies currently in place.

The Selectmen signed and HealthTrust Insurance transmittal form and NHDRA assessment ratio survey. Board members signed an appointment slip for Chris Dustin as part time officer. Fire Wardens appointments were also signed.

A representative from Senator Kelly Ayotte's will be at the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 to 10:15 AM.

Some Town Meeting preparations were discussed as well as some suggestions from residents about making budgeting information more available. A meet and greet the candidates for Selectmen and School Board was discussed; the Board members were not interested in hosting such an event. The library has in the past sponsored candidate forums.

The Selectmen gave hearty approval to Fire Chief Scott Whitehouse's request to take 3 classes – commercial kitchen inspection, an Instructor I class, and a residential sprinkler systems class.

The Selectmen accepted applications for Conservation commission positions to be filled in 2016. The applicants are Susan Barnes, Randal Jacunski, and Eric Rowe. The Board will review the applications after Town Meeting.

As a follow-up to the earlier discussions with Metrocast, it was reported that Ed Merrill from Metrocast had stopped into the Selectmen's Office to pickup some background information pertaining to service "over the mountain" and believes the company will pursue the matter of cable service to those potential customers.

The Selectmen reviewed and approved minutes from the Budget Hearing, the February 2, 2016 Selectmen's Meeting , and the January 28, 2016 Selectmen's Work Session.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded, and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.