



**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

*Members Present:* Vaughan Morgan, Kevin Forrest, John McDevitt, Jim Rolston, Paul Sanderson

*Members Absent:*

*Staff:* Karen Anderson – Town Administrator, Paul Hayden – Property Maintenance Supervisor, Road Agent

Chair Morgan opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken by the Chair; he announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded.

**I. APPOINTMENT**

**1. Town Report Cover – Amy Bauer, Deputy Town Clerk**

The proposed cover for the 2016 Town Report was presented to the Selectmen. The cover will be a photo of the Wendell Peterson Store which was located at the corner of Cemetery Lane and Portsmouth Avenue.

**MOTION:** P. Sanderson moved to use the photo of the Wendell Peterson Store as the cover of the 2016 Town Report. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

**2. House Bill 486: Protection of Wetlands – Chip Hussey, Conservation Commission Chairman**

House Bill 486 establishes a regulatory buffer around wetlands. C. Hussey stated that the Conservation Commission doesn't support House Bill 486. Towns would have no control over wetland setbacks, and the bill would override the Town's ordinance; there are no exceptions. The Greenland Conservation Commission has agreed that wells can be set in the buffer; under this bill, that would not be allowed. Stormwater treatment would also not be allowed in the buffers. He added that it was a nice idea to standardize the wetland setbacks, but was badly written. The Planning Board reviewed it at their last meeting and left it to members to contact members of the House.

J. McDevitt noted that DES was not in favor, adding that he viewed it as borderline constructive taking and had serious concerns. J. Rolston was in agreement. The Town Administrator added that it is due out of committee by March 02, 2017. Dennis Malloy, State Rep, stated he will sign against the bill.

P. Sanderson stated it was heard on January 25, 2017 and a sub-committee was appointed. The execs have been rescheduled several times, and it's very likely to get a committee amendment. The current language may not be what is exacted during the Executive Session. D. Malloy stated that if DES signed off against it that was very powerful.

P. Sanderson added Senate Bill 30 would be coming forward on Thursday. That bill would change the Shore Land Protection Act; rather than being done in 50' segments, it would be done 25' segments. There will be a substantially increased set of regulations regarding shore land. It would still be 0' to 250'; however, the point system would be done in 25' vertical slices rather than 50'.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 1. Monday, January 23, 2017

**MOTION:** J. McDevitt moved to approve the minutes of Monday, January 23, 2017 as written. Second – J. Rolston; four in favor, one abstain (Chair Morgan). MOTION CARRIED

### 2. Wednesday, February 01, 2017

**MOTION:** J. Rolston moved to approve the minutes of Wednesday, February 01, 2017 as written. Second – K. Forrest; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

### 3. Monday, February 06, 2017

**MOTION:** J. McDevitt moved to approve the minutes of Monday, February 06, 2017 as written. Second – J. Rolston; four in favor, one abstain (P. Sanderson). MOTION CARRIED

## III. OLD BUSINESS

### 1. Coakley Update

The Town Administrator has received the results of water testing that was recently done through DES. The highest is 30.4 at 79 Windsor Green. There is a 12.2 on September Drive, and varies for different locations. The results are for the PFOA's and PFOS's combined number. The Town Administrator explained that the 70 parts per trillion limit is the two chemicals combined. Chair Morgan had asked the Town Administrator to look at the PFOA concentration for the Greenland well, which is 9. Chair Morgan stated that the Board's first priority was the health and welfare of the residents. The Board needed to establish if there was a potential hazard; if there was, they would need to proceed on the side of caution.

The Town Administrator received an email from Jillian Lane, Director of Greenland Safe Water Action, asking when the meeting between the Board of Selectmen and the Portsmouth City Council would take place. She responded that it would be moving forward as soon as the new Board was in place and the two new members were brought up to date. Although J. Lane understood, she felt it would be prudent to have the current Board meet with the City of Portsmouth. Asked by P. Sanderson if the City Council wanted to meet, the Town Administrator responded that one City Councilor has expressed interest in meeting and would try to coordinate between Greenland, North Hampton and Portsmouth. The Town Administrator suggested the Selectmen could request a meeting knowing it would take Portsmouth a few weeks to arrange. Chair Morgan felt there would be more direction if the meeting was after the election; the Board would know if there was any money available for professional fees, if needed. If the City Council wanted to meet, the Board wouldn't say "no"; however, he would like to wait until after voting. The Town Administrator will respond to J. Lane.

Senate Bill 240 was discussed. D. Malloy stated that the bill was introduced by Senator Innis and contained language that upset a number of people. Senator Innis assured D. Malloy that it was being

revised to remove the language regarding municipalities being responsible; it will be changed to “the responsibility party”. P. Sanderson stated that Senator Innis entered in an amendment which removed the language and was replaced with what he had worked on with DES. The trigger was ambient groundwater standards and much more acceptable to DES. P. Sanderson testified at the hearing and told those present the bill didn’t go far enough, and updated them on the situation in Greenland. They were shocked to learn there was no place to go for a remedy when a franchisee says “no”. He suggested that the two franchise statutes be repealed; Senator Clark thought it was a great idea. He added that if the amendment is entered, the meeting may be scheduled quickly. Repealing the statutes would send the message that Portsmouth no longer had the franchise and the Town was free to seek another solution.

J. McDevitt voiced concern that Senator Innis didn’t consult towns prior to submitting his bill. It was noted by P. Sanderson and D. Malloy that he was a first term Senator, and this was his first time holding an elected office and sponsoring a bill. D. Malloy will suggest that Senator Innis attend a Board of Selectman meeting. P. Sanderson added that he also spoke to Cordell and gave him all the background facts. The important part for HMA was that they couldn’t get into a potential dispute between houses; they will not be taking a position. D. Malloy offered to help in any way he could.

P. Sanderson also spoke to Mike Wimset, DES Waste, and Sarah Pillsbury, DES Water. This was the first time DES Water had been at a Coakley matter. The Governor, during his address, suggested that Senator Morris had protected MTBE money (\$300 million +/-); that could become the source of funding to obtain loans, grants or a combination of both to acquire some of the water services. It hasn’t been spent, and DES regards it as their base for financing some of these issues. P. Sanderson suggested the Planning Board consider what could happen if a water pipe is put down Breakfast Hill Road to serve 287 customers. They needed to consider all the other places in Town with municipal water and what that pressure will become; smaller lot sizes may be the solution—septic and wells would not be needed.

## 2. Other Old Business

- J. McDevitt asked the status of snowplowing funds. The Town Administrator responded the bookkeeper has just received bills from Jim Jones. Last month, there was \$240,000 available; there is approximately \$135,000 remaining. Clearing fire hydrants was not listed separately on the bills. P. Hayden questioned the loader hours. The Town Administrator responded she had questioned it last year and was told someone had to stay with the loader, and each time the trucks returned they were loaded with salt.

Chair Morgan stated that he was questioned about the firemen not clearing fire hydrants. He followed the contractor and timed clearing hydrants; it took 6 minutes. It took him and a neighbor 35 minutes to clear a hydrant. There are 67 fire hydrants in Town. It would take two firemen at least a week to clear hydrants, where it takes the contractor (J. Jones) a day.

- Chair Morgan reminded Board members that at the Board meeting on February 06, there was a discussion about a five year plan for road repairs. P. Hayden has a meeting on Thursday morning, February 23, 2017 at 9:00 with Underwood Engineering at their office about the five year plan. P. Sanderson reminded him that he would need to get their recommendations for the three different types of repairs.

There was a discussion about road improvements on Great Bay West. P. Sanderson stated there was an easement only on the top and no subsurface rights. He added that the deed was only to the

surface. The Town Administrator responded that the Town has a Quit Claim deed to the title, rights and interest that Mr. Bracket had.

Willowbrook is ranked as the first road to be repaired, followed by Great Bay West and Bayside. P. Sanderson stated right-of-way clearance and tree clearance for Willowbrook will be important. Significant engineering will also be required.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE

##### 1. Review of Town Administrator's Bi-Weekly Report

There was no discussion regarding the Town Administrator's report.

##### 2. Deliberative Session Amendments

- Article 11 – Operating Budget: Amended to increase the recommended amount by \$2,500 to \$4,151,127. The \$2,500 came from the Welfare Officer's stipend that was removed, and amended on the floor. J. McDevitt recommended staying with the original budget amount; the Town Administrator responded that was not an option. Chair Morgan recommended the amended budget. He stated that, historically, if voters who do not attend the Deliberative Session see "Recommended by the Budget Committee" and "Not Recommended by the Board of Selectmen", a town will normally end up with the default budget. The Town Administrator added it's still a bottom line Selectmen's budget; they don't have to spend the \$2,500. C. Hussey stated that there was an intent to the motion; P. Sanderson responded that the actual motion was to change the bottom line, there was no purpose attached to the motion. He continued that the discussion was irrelevant, there was a motion voted on the Deliberative Session floor.
- Article 12 – Purchase of New Truck: Amended to delete the reference to the tie vote. If there is a tie vote, it becomes "not recommended". P. Sanderson added that after the Deliberative Session, more members of the Budget Committee were present; members voted against this article and it was no longer a tie vote.
- Article 18 – Chest Compression System: Amended to clarify that training equipment and training associated with the compression system is included in the funding. The Board had no objection to the clarification.
- Article 19 – Professional Fees: Amended to increase the funding from \$25,000 to \$75,000 based on estimates received. The Board had no objection to the increase.

##### 3. Veterans Credits (2)

The residents qualify for Veterans Credits based on their years of service.

**MOTION:** J. McDevitt moved to approve the two Veterans Credits in the amount of \$500 each for Dustin Kee and Francis Giebutowski. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

##### 4. RPC Representative, MPO – Steve Gerrato, Reappointment

Chair Morgan stated that Steve Gerrato has been doing a good job with Rockingham Planning Commission. The Town Administrator added that he is willing to continue as the representative from Greenland.

**MOTION:** K. Forrest moved to approve the reappointment of Stephen Gerrato and Karen Anderson, Alternate, as the Greenland representatives to the Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization. Second – P. Sanderson; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

5. Other New Business

K. Forrest discussed naming of the multi-purpose field at the Maloney Complex with the Board. He suggested naming the field after Brian Pafford for his years of service on the Recreation Committee. Many members of the Recreation Committee felt that B. Pafford built the organization and invested himself in the development of the programs. The Recreation Committee discussed renaming facility structures at Caswell and Krasko Fields; however, naming one of the multi-purpose fields at the Maloney Complex seemed more appropriate. The field would be named the Pafford Multi-Purpose Field.

**MOTION:** K. Forrest moved to name one of the multi-purpose fields at the Maloney Sports Complex after Brian Pafford for his years of service to the Recreation Committee and Town. Second – J. McDevitt; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

A plaque will be placed in the vicinity of the multi-purpose field in the spring.

V. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2017

1. Payroll Manifest 04

**MOTION:** P. Sanderson moved to approve Payroll Manifest 04 in the amount of \$46,258.42. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. General Fund Manifest 04

**MOTION:** P. Sanderson moved to approve General Fund Manifest 04 in the amount of \$338,022.42 (School - \$160,000). Second – K. Forrest; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

3. Fire and Safety Revolving Fund Manifest 02

**MOTION:** P. Sanderson moved to approve Fire and Safety Revolving Fund Manifest 02 in the amount of \$322.95. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

VI. NON-PUBLIC SESSION [RSA 91-A:3, II(c)]

1. Review – Personnel Evaluations

**MOTION:** K. Forrest moved to enter into non-public session at 8:05 p.m. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION:** J. Rolston moved to leave non-public and return to public session at 10:04 p.m. Second – J. McDevitt; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** J. Rolston moved to adjourn at 10:04 p.m. Second – J. McDevitt; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

## NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 06, 2017 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted – Charlotte Hussey, Secretary to the Boards

Approved: Monday, March 06, 2017