

SELECTBOARD MEETING

September 24, 2018 6p.m.

Present: Chairman Mark Humphreys; Vice Chair Shelly Patten; Town Administrator Barbara Ashe; Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker and Finance Director Vicki Eugley. Board Member Zak Hollingshead and Road Commissioner Amon Morse were excused.

Roads & Bridges:

Miscellaneous:

Town Administrator Barbara Ashe told the Board that Road Commissioner Amon Morse would not be able to attend the meeting, but had discussed matters with her earlier in the day. Ashe stated that Dan Ford will begin brush cutting in the morning.

Ashe said Morse will be looking at the intersection of Beech Hill Road and Knights Pond Road to check on a complaint he received about brush crowding the road.

Nealey Road:

Ashe provided the Board with an update on the Nealey Road project. She stated that she had talked with Andrew Hedrich, of Gartley & Dorsky, and learned that bid notices have gone out. Hedrich said that the bids would be received and available for review and award at the October 15, 2018 meeting. The Board discussed the timing and how much would be completed this year and what would have to be finished in the spring. Ashe stated that Morse had said that the road could be conditioned and graded before winter, then graded again in the spring before completing the project. Hedrich had told Ashe that, due to a low response from contractors when he sent the information out, it may be better to consider this a spring project. Hedrich noted that it is possible contractors may have enough work to get them through this year and may be more interested in lining things up for spring.

Property tax Abatements & Supplements:

Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker presented the Board with two property tax abatements and one supplemental property tax requiring their approval and signatures. Tucker explained that one of the abatements was assessed to a previous owner in error, which will be corrected with the supplemental bill. She stated the second abatement is a similar situation, except for this parcel was assessed to both the purchaser and the former owner in error. The Board reviewed the documents as presented.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chair Shelly Patten, the Board voted 2-0 to sign the abatements and supplement as presented.

Saturday Cove Floats:

Ashe spoke to the Board about demolition of the old floats from Saturday Cove. She stated that Belmont Boat Works provided a quote of \$232 for demolition of each float, or demolish one float at \$232.00 and repair the other for almost \$1,000.00. The Board decided to have both old floats demolished since there did not appear to be a need for either of them this year.

Ashe asked the Board if they would like the gangway lifted up with the gallows for winter, or placed on the pier. She stated that she received mixed responses from other towns when she inquired about how they store gangways in the winter. She said some leave the gangway

elevated on the gallows, with caution tape or snow fence blocking it off from public access while other towns place theirs on the floats after they have been set on shore or place it on the pier. Ashley told the Board that she had not heard how Harbor Master Gordon Fuller would prefer to store it.

The Board discussed the options and the process involved.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chair Shelly Patten, the Board voted 2-0 to use the gallows to raise and store the gangway this year, as long as the pier is blocked off from public access for safety.

Recycling Committee:

Ashley spoke to the Board about the recent Recycling Committee meeting held in her office. She stated that the committee consists of four members and they have divided the duties so that they can cover more area at once. Ashley said the committee feels as though educating the public will help on eliminating the contamination problem, a result of discarding unrinsed items or including waste in with the recyclables. Vice Chair Shelly Patten noted that a lot of attention has gone into educating people on the importance of recycling and then the bottom fell out of the market.

Ashley told the Board that they are looking at teaming up with other towns and doing a cooperative type recycling program, even though there is no facility or organization processing recyclable materials at this time. One of the members is looking into what can be done with Fibright when that facility is functioning. The Municipal Review Committee (MRC) is supposed to find buyers for recyclables.

Broadband and Internet Committee:

Ashley informed the Board that the Broadband and Internet Committee meeting has been tabled due to an illness of one of the members. She will inform the Board when another meeting date is set.

Northport Village Corporation (NVC) Zoning Ordinance Changes:

Ashley told the Board that Town Attorney Bill Kelly has been on vacation and has not provided input on the proposed changes to the NVC Zoning Ordinance.

Vice Chair Shelly Patten asked if there has been any word from the Village about who their new liaison will be; Ashley replied that has not been determined yet.

Knights Pond:

Ashley talked to the Board about a concern someone had brought to her. A resident had noted that guests of Athena Point Lookout have been using the Knights Pond area quite frequently, either kayaking or hiking the trails. The concern was raised about the lack of facilities at the park and the possibility of Athena Point Lookout supplying a portable toilet. Ashley and the Board discussed what has been at the park in the past, such as picnic tables and other items that were destroyed by vandals. The Board agreed to not consider placing a portable toilet at Knights Pond.

Temple Heights Right of Way (ROW) Request:

Ashey provided the Board with an update on the request from Mr. Corey, who had asked for permission to place a set of stairs leading toward the shore in a Town ROW in Temple Heights. Ashey noted that the Temple Heights Association, since disbanded, had determined at one of their meetings that the slope of the bank was too steep in that area and decided to work with a property owner further down the shore to gain public access. She stated that the bank is very steep and she is not able to determine that it is a Town ROW, but will be meeting with Mr. Corey and the abutting property owner to review the site.

Finance Director:

Finance Director Vicki Eugley presented the Board with Accounts Payable and Payroll warrants for review and signatures. The Board reviewed and signed the warrants as presented.

Eugley also asked the Board to review and sign the annual payroll distribution statements. She told the Board that each employee has already signed their respective statements and that the auditors would like to see the Board countersign them. The Board reviewed, and signed, each employees wage statement.

Eugley provided an update on how the collection of information by the auditors went. She explained that two representatives from Purdy Powers were at the office from Tuesday September 18, 2018 to Thursday September 20, 2018. Eugley said they have all the information necessary to complete the Town audit, but are still waiting for the final audit from the school. She added that there had been recent regulation changes that are causing a delay.

Fire Department:

Ashey informed the Board that Fire Chief Paul Rooney is in the process of applying for a grant to purchase new turn out gear. She stated that the paperwork requires at least one signature from the Board. The Board reviewed the documents and Chairman Mark Humphreys signed on behalf of the Board.

Minutes:

Town Clerk Jeanine Tucker provided the Board with draft minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting for review and approval. The Board reviewed the minutes as presented.

Under motion by Vice Chair Shelly Patten, second by Chairman Mark Humphreys, the Board voted 2-0 to approve the September 10, 2018 minutes as corrected.

Under motion by Chairman Mark Humphreys, second by Vice Chair Shelly Patten, the Board voted 2-0 to adjourn at 7:20p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanine Tucker
Town Clerk