

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Bethlehem Selectmen Office
January 25, 2016

Present: Chairman Culver, Selectman Blanchard, Selectman Staples, Selectman Laleme, Selectman Glavac.

Chairman Culver opened the meeting at 6:03.

The Board discussed the intervener letter and having it sent for review by the Franconia attorneys. They discussed Peter Grote saying he would pay the legal expense if there was a charge generated but he did believe there would not be a charge. Selectman Laleme said the letter is great and doesn't think it needs to be sent to the attorney's and that we send it on our own and include the platform given to us by Mr. Grote. Chairman Culver agreed not to send it to attorney and to take out the Franconia reference (platform #3, #2) in the platform before sending it. Cheryl Jensen said she doesn't see any reason not to attach the platform and said at the meeting she asked SEC attorney about needing to list all concerns in intervener letter in order to mention the concern at the hearing and he hadn't heard that. There was discussion about the concern of SEC lumping towns with similar concerns together and Selectman Laleme said SEC is required to read each letter. Selectman Laleme moved to submit intervener letter and include the platform amended by Board. Selectman Staples seconded. Selectman Blanchard said Mrs. Jensen did an excellent job with the letter. Carried 5-0. The Board said the letter and platform will be emailed and sent by regular mail.

The Board reviewed a mutual aid agreement for \$250.00 for yearly dues. Chairman Culver moved to sign the agreement. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed some documents submitted by the Bethlehem Revolving Loan Fund for an administration plan and credit policy. The Board will review this further over the next week.

The Board reviewed minutes. Chairman Culver moved to approve the minutes from 01/11/16. Selectman Glavac seconded. Carried 5-0. The minutes from 01/19/16 were tabled.

Rita Farrell talked about the Northern Pass and the sale of the Tucker property to Casella. She said Casella paid 2.5 million dollars for the 123 acres. She said they (Casella) said they purchased it for the gravel and to help the roads so trucks don't have to truck in gravel. Mrs. Farrell said she asked the state what is used for daily cover at landfills and gravel is not what is used. Mrs. Farrell said in a letter from Casella it talked about a renewable energy park possibility and said Mr. Youransian had owned the rights to the gas and PSNH had told him it was too little to bother with. She said Mr. Youransian sued Casella over the gas rights and was awarded 1.3 million. Mrs. Farrell said per the settlement agreement the landfill will be at

capacity in 5.3 years and without solid waste there is not methane gas. She suggested the Board review the agreement and see what isn't guaranteed and said Mr. Casella sent a letter with guaranty. Selectman Laleme said Casella will be coming to the Planning Board on Wednesday night for a conceptual. Mrs. Farrell asked if both parties involved in an agreement agree to change it, is that ok. Chairman Culver said it depends if it is permitted in the zoning ordinance, if not, it would need zoning change and the Select Board cannot change zoning. He said it would need a town vote.

At 6:45 Chairman Culver moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91 A for matters of reputation and real estate. Selectman Glavac seconded. Chairman Culver did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board discussed deadlines on sale properties and gave a deadline of Feb. 12th to close.

At 6:50 Selectman Laleme moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Staples seconded. Chairman Culver did roll call with all members agreeing to come out of non-public session.

At 6:50 Chairman Culver moved to adjourn. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
April Hibberd
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