

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Bethlehem Selectmen Office  
February 22, 2016

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

Chairman Culver opened the meeting at 6:02 pm.

Rita Farrell came before the Board to discuss the NCES Settlement Agreement. She asked what is in the binder in the office about the agreement and asked if it contained all the court ordered documents. She was told the binder has everything to our knowledge. Mrs. Farrell discussed a guaranty that was added and signed by Mr. Casella and mentioned the agreement was signed by the Select Board and Mr. Casella separately. Selectman Laleme asked Mrs. Farrell is she was questioning the legality of the agreement and Mrs. Farrell said she was not. She said the Tucker property cannot be used as part of the landfill because it is outside of District 5. Mrs. Farrell said the corp. guaranty didn't include all parts of #5. Chairman Culver said it is black and white in the agreement and that the guaranty is not needed. Selectman Laleme said the agreement with NCES has safeguards because the zoning district is confined. She also said the landfill can't go into the Tucker property because only district 5 allows solid waste and the Tucker property is not in District 5. Selectman Laleme also said it would have to be a town vote to change the zoning district. Rita Farrell said the guaranty eliminates #5 and said she has the court document. Selectman Glavac asked if #5 was in the court document and Mrs. Farrell said yes. Chairman Culver said no one can have a landfill anywhere outside of District 5 because we don't have zoning for it. Mrs. Farrell said the town voted once on the urging of the Select Board to change District 5 from 51 acres to 61 and said the town could vote again to expand. She said Casella has bought the Tucker property of 123 acres for 2+ million and said they could use that land if the town votes to expand zoning. Mrs. Farrell asked if the Board would now agree that it needs to expand. Chairman Culver said the Board has not discussed it. Selectman Blanchard said it is wise of Casella to take covering from next door instead of having it trucked in. He also said the taxpayers will take a hit when the landfill closes because of the expense of a transfer station and trash removal. Selectman Laleme said we have a Capital Reserve on the warrant this year to prepare for the cost of it. She also said any business has the right to apply at any time to the town. There was discussion about the host fee now being .75 cents per ton instead of .25 cents. Mrs. Farrell said of 220 answers about the landfill from the master plan survey, 175 don't want it or hate it. Mrs. Farrell asked where the 100 pages of documents are that comes up when the settlement agreement is googled. Chairman Culver said everything we have is in the binder.

The Board discussed the request from the Conservation Commission to appoint an alternate as a full-time member. Cheryl Jensen said Chris Jensen has resigned and Linda Moore is an

alternate they would like to appoint. Mrs. Jensen said Mrs. Moore is alternate #2 and Nicole McGrath is alternate #1 and they go in order but Mrs. McGrath asked that they ask Mrs. Moore first. Selectman Laleme moved to appoint Linda Moore as a full conservation commission member. Selectman Staples seconded. Chairman Culver asked if it was posted and Mrs. Jensen said it was. Chairman Culver suggested they now post they are looking for alternates and Mrs. Jensen said they would. Carried 5-0.

Road Agent, Brett Jackson, came before the Board to discuss a winter weather policy. He reviewed some sample policies from other towns with the Board. Mr. Jackson said New Hampshire Municipal Association said we should get a policy. He also said most towns have a 2-3 inch amount before going out to plow. Mr. Jackson will put together a policy to present for Bethlehem.

The Board discussed a letter from New Hampshire Municipal Assoc. asking if we wanted our records from prior to 2010 because they would be destroyed if we didn't. The Board said they would like to get copies.

The Board discussed a letter from North Country Council about the transportation committee rep from Bethlehem and the Board would still like Frank Claffey as the representation and Mr. Claffey agreed to still be the representative.

The Board discussed an abatement. Chairman Culver moved to authorize an abatement for Map 418 Lot 008 for \$109.60 due to an overpayment. Selectman Glavac seconded. Mrs. Farrell asked what the property owners name is and was told she could get that info by calling the office. Carried 5-0.

The Board discussed an extension for the sale property on Mt. Cleveland Road and how it is delayed because the mortgage company has been sold to another bank and our attorney is working on getting them to sign off on the property. Chairman Culver moved to grant a 30 day extension. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board discussed the minutes from 02/08/16. Selectman Blanchard moved to approve the minutes. Selectman Glavac seconded. Carried 4-0 (Selectman Staples abstained).

Selectman Glavac asked Selectman Laleme to discuss at the Master Plan meeting the possibility of adding more property to District 3 to offset what is proposed to be taken away from it in the warrant.

Chris McGrath asked if there would be a candidates night and was told no there wouldn't be.

The Board discussed a bill for repairs to the oil burner at Visitor's Center building and the Board determined this entire bill should be charged to GGB (General Govt. Buildings).

Rita Farrell asked the Board to find out if they can talk about an abatement without naming the person.

At 7:15pm Chairman Culver moved to go into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II d and e to discuss a pending legal matter involving Town owned property and to discuss personnel. Selectman Staples seconded. Chairman Culver did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board discussed personnel. Selectman Blanchard moved to increase rate of pay for TM from \$15.50 to \$16.75. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 5-0.

Chairman Culver moved to approve recreation new hire. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 5-0.

Selectman Glavac moved to hire Kim O'Neil for Country Club position at \$36,000.00 with incentive. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0 (Selectman Laleme abstained).

The Board discussed the sale properties. Selectman Blanchard moved to approve a 2 week extension for Main Street Property. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 5-0.

Selectman Glavac moved to grant extension for Beech Hill road property until March 7, 2016. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

At 8:35 Selectman Staples moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Laleme seconded. Chairman Culver did roll call with all members agreeing to come out of non-public session.

The Board discussed a tournament the Colonial wants to have on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the Board gave the ok for that.

The Board asked April to call LGC to ask question about abatements.

At 8:38 Selectman Blanchard moved to adjourn. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
April Hibberd