

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Bethlehem Selectmen Office
March 09, 2015

Present: Chairperson Laleme, Selectman Culver, Selectman Blanchard, Selectman Glavac, Selectman Fiorentino.

Chairperson Laleme opened the meeting at 6:00pm and asked Rhienna Miscio to come before the Board to discuss the changes in her recreation handbook. Mrs. Miscio told the Board that all the pool rates are now included in the handbook. Chairperson Laleme moved to accept the recreation handbook. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairperson Laleme said the Conservation Commission has asked for Joshua Casey to be appointed to the Conservation Commission. Chairperson Laleme moved to appoint Joshua Casey to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Selectman Fiorentino arrived.

Chairperson Laleme said the Conservation Commission also voted to recommend Cheryl and Christopher Jensen to another term. Chairperson Laleme moved to appoint Cheryl and Christopher Jensen to another term. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

Chairperson Laleme said the abatements approved last week for Driscoll and Craig have different amounts because of interest. Chairperson Laleme moved to approve the abatements with the new amounts. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

Chairperson Laleme said there is a request to light up the Town Building blue for autism awareness for the month of April. Chairperson Laleme moved to approve the request. Selectman Glavac seconded. Carried 5-0.

Chairperson Laleme said she has answers to the questions about the Alteration of Terrain permit that were asked at the last meeting (write-up attached). She said she scanned the application and did find out that the 600,000 square feet does equal 13.7 acres because it encompasses all areas that will or may be affected. Chairperson Laleme said there is a detention pond (pond 5) outside the perimeter and that it has been in existence since 2005. She said there will not be any new structures and said the last report the Conservation Commission paid for and the pond and swale were referenced. Chairperson Laleme said the Site Plan Review application was reviewed to confirm it met the spec's and it did. She said she spoke with Tom Roy and he said the AOT permit is essentially the same at the Site Plan Review

but the AOT is more detailed. She said she asked Tom Roy about the pond and he said yes there was pond 5 and he believed pond 6 and the swale. He also told Chairperson Laleme that the 600,000 square feet did equal 13.7 acres and that the whole affected area needs to be looked at. Chairperson Laleme said Tom Roy also said DES is very capable of reviewing the plans and that 2 departments will review them. He told Chairperson Laleme that the Town might find some minor information that is locally known. He was unable to give a specific quote on the cost to review the application.

Chairperson Laleme said she talked with Brenda (Town Attorney) and she said the Board could vote either way. She also told Chairperson Laleme that the Conservation Commission can hire Tom Roy without any conflict and pay for it but she said the Conservation Commission wouldn't be representing the Town with their comments. Chairperson Laleme said the Ammonoosuc River Advisory also has the plans and will probably comment as well. Chairperson Laleme said she couldn't find the minutes from 1984 to get the answer for Rita Farrell about a restriction on the landfill. Rita Farrell said she could get the document at the registry of deeds and give us a copy.

Selectman Blanchard said he called Paul Gildersleeve and he said that his department doesn't review AOT permits and he was referred to the AOT division. Selectman Blanchard said he left a message and is still waiting to hear back.

Chairperson Laleme asked the Board if they want to take any action about the AOT permit. Nobody made a motion so Chairperson Laleme said the Board will not be taking any action on this.

The Board discussed the minutes and tabled them.

Chairperson Laleme said Selectman Fiorentino has served 2 terms and this will be his last meeting. She said Selectman Fiorentino has done a great job and thanked him for his service. Selectman Culver also thanked Selectman Fiorentino for his service. Selectman Culver also said people need to go to the School meetings next week. He said there is major money on the warrants. He also said Profile had unreserved funds and will be spending it on something instead of using it to offset the tax rate. He said the Town just used \$300,000.00 to offset our tax rate. The meeting for the elementary school is Monday the 16th and the meeting for Profile is Thursday the 19th. Selectman Culver said the big items on the warrant at Profile are approx. 116, 000 for building maintenance, 25,000.00 for special education capital reserve, and approx. 173,000 for tennis courts. The big item on the warrant at the elementary school is the pellet boiler. Cheryl Jensen said she knows a lot about the pellet boiler and said a grant will bring the cost way down but they have to raise the money initially and then it will be returned.

Selectman Blanchard read an email he received from some residents that experienced a chimney fire and wanted to thank the fire, police, and ambulance services for their excellent service.

Rita Farrell said Louigi Costello sold land to Roy Sanborn and it started in 1987 and believes there is a deed covenant and would like a response from the Board and NCES about that. Chairperson Laleme said she can't commit to a response from the Board or NCES. There was discussion about who sets the agenda. Chairperson Laleme said the Chairman sets the agenda and allows most everything to be on the agenda unless they have a full agenda.

At 6:35 Chairperson Laleme moved to go into non-public session per 91A for matters of reputation. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board discussed exemptions.

At 7:12 Chairperson Laleme moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board discussed purchasing a laptop for April. They will get a quote for this.

At 7:17 Selectman Fiorentino moved to adjourn. Selectman Culver seconded. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
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