

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Bethlehem Selectmen Office

March 24, 2014

Present: Chairman Blanchard, Selectman Culver, Selectman Laleme, Selectman Glavac, Selectman Fiorentino

Chairman Blanchard opened the meeting at 6:05pm.

The Bethlehem Elementary School Board along with principal Shelli Roberts and Superintendent Pierre Couture came before the Board to discuss the boundary line adjustment for the lot abutting the school property. Dave Wiley prepared a sketch with two different options. There was discussion about the different options, access, and new right of way for the back property. Selectman Laleme said the Board just needs to determine where to make the new boundary and the rest will be up to the school to determine. Dave Wiley will make another plan with an additional 10 feet added on to the access way on plan A. There was discussion about who would pay to move the power and water lines if that were needed with moving the right of way. It was determined that whoever purchases the lot would be responsible for that expense. Selectman Laleme moved to have Kevin Morse survey the lot. Selectman Culver seconded. Carried 5-0.

Jack Anderson came before the Board to discuss the scope of work for the Cruft building. He passed out copies to the Board to review. Jack said he would like to have a pre-bid meeting and also said included in the scope of work packet will be the environmental assessment and the tax card. There was discussion about insurance requirements and whether to remove the foundation or leave it. The Board all agreed that they would like the foundation removed. There was discussion about contacting Kevin Morse to survey this property. They decided to have it surveyed. Jack will create the ad for submitting bids and hopes to have it done mid April.

Rhienna Miscio and John Starr came before the Board to discuss the scope of work for the bath house to make it ADA compliant. John reviewed with the Board what he is going to do including taking out shower stalls and plumbing inside and widening 5 doorways. Mr. Starr also explained that he would cut the concrete curb and put in an ADA shower stall. Mr. Starr said there are unknowns so the price may be less but not more than the specified not to exceed price. It was verified with the pool committee that the work being started soon will not interfere with anything they will be doing. Selectman Laleme moved to accept the contract as written. Chairman Blanchard seconded. The Board signed the contract.

The Board reviewed the Liaison list. Selectman Culver is going to be secondary to Recreation now instead of Chairman Blanchard. Selectman Glavac will be secondary to Bethlehem Village instead of Chairman Blanchard.

The Board discussed the chairman position. There was discussion about having the same chairman year after year. Selectman Fiorentino moved to nominate Selectman Laleme as Chairperson and Selectman Blanchard as Vice-Chair. Selectman Glavac seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board discussed whether they should prorate the taxes for the properties sold by tax sale. The Board said yes they should be prorated.

The Board reviewed the bear packet to go out. Kevin said it will be mailed to everyone in town.

The Board discussed the letter for the right of way access of the Cedarcroft property and determined that the letter needs to be an agreement with the property owner and the Town of Bethlehem, not a Department Head.

The Board discussed the bill for the valve for the water at the country club. Chairperson Laleme said Darren Perkins will get documentation after the work is completed and inspected. Chairperson Laleme said the country club is tentatively opening on April 29th and said the restaurant will now be counter service.

The Board discussed a request from a health agency asking for their budget allocation to be paid to them now. There was discussion about how we usually pay all the agencies in December after receiving the tax money. The Board would like to continue paying those in December.

The Board reviewed the minutes from 03/03/14. Selectman Blanchard moved to approve the minutes. Selectman Glavac seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes from 03/10/14. Selectman Blanchard moved to approve the minutes. Selectman Glavac seconded. 4-0 (Selectman Fiorentino abstained).

The Board discussed whether or not to purchase the service contract for the old police copier that we purchased. The Board said they would like to purchase the service contract.

Public Input:

Julian Czarny said he would like the Board to consider selling the crufft building as is and not expend the \$55,000. He suggested selling the building as is with stipulations about it being cleaned up. Selectman Culver said that was discussed previously by the Board but they decided it would be beneficial to get the lot cleaned up. Selectman Blanchard said the voters voted for it. Selectman Laleme said she is open to saving money and if the bids do not come in under \$55,000.00 then it will have to be sold as is. Al an Jackson suggested if the foundation is taken out not to grade the lot.

At 7:40 Selectman Blanchard moved to go into non-public session per 91-A:3, II (a) and (c). Selectman Culver seconded. Selectman Blanchard did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board discussed personnel and raises for employees. Selectman Blanchard moved to give Chris Brousseau a \$1.00 an hour increase. Chairperson Laleme seconded. Carried 5-0.

Selectman Blanchard moved to give Kevin Clark a \$1.00 an hour increase. Chairperson Laleme seconded. Carried 5-0.

Selectman Blanchard moved to give Rick Robie a .30 cent an hour increase. Selectman Glavac seconded. Carried 4-1 (Selectman Fiorentino opposed).

Respectfully submitted,

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