

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Bethlehem Town Building Meeting Room

May 20, 2013

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

Chairman Blanchard opened the meeting at 6:33 pm and announced that our former Select Board Chairman, David Lovejoy, had a heart attack. He told the public if they wished to send cards they could be dropped off at the Selectmen's office to be forwarded to him.

Rhienna Miscio spoke to the Board about her proposal for a batting cage at the Elm Street ball field. The money for this will come from the money previously raised and donated with the remaining amount to come from the \$500.00 donated by Littleton Chevrolet. Mr. Caswell from Round Hill Fencing will provide the labor for free. Selectman Laleme moved the Board authorize payment of \$1747.85 to Round Hill Fencing for the batting cage from money donated and raised. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Carried 5-0.

Rhienna spoke to the Board about her proposal for new playground equipment and wood chips. She is requesting the Board approve 15,230.00 for equipment and wood chips, \$1000.00 for ground work including drainage, and \$300.00 for a sign in memory of..totaling \$16,530.00. She would like this money to come the Capital Reserve Fund.

Chairman Blanchard moved to approve the proposal of \$16,530.00 for playground equipment, woodchips, drainage and sign and to take it from the Capital Reserve Fund for Recreation/Pool. Selectman Laleme seconded. Selectman Laleme said there is over 20,000 thousand in that account so it won't be depleted. Selectman Laleme also said the other deficiencies at the playground have been corrected. There was discussion about the layout of the playground and Rhienna said the guy who gave the quote provided the other equipment we have so he knows the layout and also knows the codes. Rhienna also said Tim Parsons from LGC offered to come up and help with rules and code questions.

Selectman Laleme said the company gave the Town 30% off the equipment price. Rhienna said it will be installed within 3 weeks after drainage is complete. Selectman Culver asked about the wording for the Capital Reserve account. Selectman Laleme said it is for Recreation and/or pool. The Board tabled this while Frank went to get a copy of the warrant article.

Doug Harman was in to give the Board an update on the Library and told them of the groundbreaking at 5:00 on Wednesday.

Kevin Roy was in to remind the public of the Hazardous Waste Day that is June 8th from 9am to 1pm. He said posters are out to inform the public.

Kevin also brought in a compost container that will now be available for Bethlehem residents to purchase for \$50.00. He said the containers retail for \$120.00 and he purchased them for \$48.00 each.

At 6:50 Chairman Blanchard opened the public hearing for the noise ordinance. Chairman Blanchard said he would like to have new comments, not duplications from the previous hearing. Bill Symonds did some research on what other towns have for Noise Ordinances. He said he looked at Pittsfield, Franconia, Belmont and Moultonborough and they have short ordinances that mostly deal with motor vehicles for persistent nuisance.

Peter Roy said the proposed Ordinance doesn't quantitatively define noise and said he feels a meter would be needed to define noise. He also asked if the Police have equipment to measure noise.

Selectman Culver moved to pass the noise ordinance as written. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Motion did not pass 0 – 5. At 6:55 Chairman Blanchard closed the public hearing.

Frank provided the warrant article for the Recreation/pool so Selectman Culver read the Warrant Article for pool/recreation facility. Selectman Fiorentino said he believes the intent is for a building for the pool and that he thinks a facility is referring to a building. Selectman Laleme believes it can be used for a playground and thinks a playground can be a facility. Selectman Culver asked if any money from the fundraising for the pool was added to this account. Frank said no money has been added to this account since it was established. Selectman Culver said he does think the town should relocate the playground at some point. Chairman Blanchard said the parking situation at the pool will need to be addressed also. There was discussion about the fence separating the parking lot from the playground not being adequate and Selectman Laleme said she has been talking with Rhienna about having some fundraisers for fencing. Carried 4-1 (Selectman Fiorentino opposed).

Dan Del Re came before the Board requesting permission to serve liquor and have live entertainment at the old Social 2055 at 2055 Main Street. Mr. Del Re said he signed a one year lease to run a business there and will serve similar items that the Social served. He said his hours will be Tuesday through Sunday from 12 – 9 with some later hours on Friday and Saturday nights. Chairman Blanchard moved to provide him with the letters of approval he needs to serve liquor and have live entertainment. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 5-0.

Alan Jackson asked about the access to the playground and if it would be possible to have it from Maple Street instead to eliminate the concern of children walking through the Town Building parking lot. Selectman Laleme said the state would need to be contacted about having a crosswalk on Maple Street because it is a state road. Alan asked about the possibility of having a sidewalk on the Town Building side. Brett Jackson said he witnessed a firefighter coming into the parking lot way too fast in his own vehicle to respond to a call. Brett said the Town Building used to have a tone to warn that there was a call and thinks we should have that again.

Frank asked the Board to approve two TAN advances, one for 50,000.00 that he would like to get on Wednesday and the other for 450,000.00 for the last day of May. Chairman Blanchard said the TAN is needed because of the huge amount of back taxes not paid. Chairman Blanchard moved to accept Frank's request for 2 TAN advancements of 50,000.00 and 450,000.00. Selectman Glavac seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed a sign permit from Dan Del Re for 55 N. He said he would be putting it in the same spot that Social 2055 had their sign. He said it will not be lit. Selectman Culver moved to approve the sign. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed a veteran exemption application. Chairman Blanchard moved to approve. Selectman Culver seconded. Carried 5-0.

Chairman Blanchard signed the close out agreement for the WREN grant.

The Board reviewed a Timber Tax Warrant that needs the Board's signature. Nicole needs to know from the Board if she is supposed to take the % value of the cut from the applicant or our assessor if there is a difference. The Board agreed that if we are paying our assessor to do this we should go with his %. Selectman Culver moved to accept our wood assessor's value. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 5-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes from 05/13/13. Chairman Blanchard moved to accept the minutes as written. Selectman Glavac seconded. Carried 4-0 (Selectman Fiorentino abstained).

Brett asked about the decorations on the poles because of the rules we received from PSNH about that. He also said we should pass this info on to WREN because the banners are theirs.

At 7:25 Chairman Blanchard moved to go into non-public session per 91a for matters of personnel and reputation. Selectman Glavac seconded. Chairman Blanchard did a roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board discussed tax deeding notices for 2010.

The Board discussed personnel matters.

At 8:45 Chairman Blanchard moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Carried 5-0.

At 8:45 Chairman Blanchard moved to adjourn. Selectman Glavac seconded. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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