

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Bethlehem Town Building Meeting Room

July 22, 2013

Present: Chairman Blanchard, Selectman Culver, Selectman Laleme.

Chairman Blanchard opened the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Dawn Ferringo came before the Board to go over the proposed new welfare guidelines. Dawn said she called surrounding towns and they do not use the workfare program. She is suggesting the workfare program be taken out of the guidelines at this time. Selectman Laleme moved to approve the guidelines as proposed. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Julian Czarny suggested leaving in the workfare program in case it could be utilized in the future. It was discussed that the workfare program could be worked on and included at a later time. Carried 3-0.

Dawn also presented to the Board updated allowances for shelter, food, transportation etc. Selectman Laleme moved to accept the new allowance amounts. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Carried 3-0.

Chairman Blanchard reviewed a request to quitclaim a portion of Oxbow Drive to Anna Ruggles Rev. Trust. The Board would like Mary Jackson to look at and do some research before they make this decision.

Chairman Blanchard read a notification about a fire at the landfill on July 17th.

The Board discussed questions from Katherine Ferrier about Cultivate. She is requesting the use of the Gazebo on the Sat. the 17th. The Board said that was ok. Katherine also asked about parking a vendor camper on a Town parking lot and possibly having a hot air balloon on Town property. The Board wants to check with LGC about liability on those items.

Chairman Blanchard stated that a letter from the State of NH is saying Hawkers and Peddlers will need to get criminal background checks and the Town will need to adopt an ordinance saying that.

Chairman Blanchard announced that Walmart donated a TV to the fire department. Selectman Laleme moved to accept the donation of the TV. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes from 07/10/13 and 07/17/13. Selectman Laleme noted one correction that needed to be made in the 07/10/13 minutes....2nd paragraph in her motion

change \$220.00 to \$250.00. Selectman Laleme moved to approve the minutes from 07/10/13 as amended and approve the minutes from 07/17/13 as written. Chairman Blanchard seconded. Carried 3-0.

Selectman Laleme referenced a newspaper article about NCC and grant funds. She thought the liaison should contact NCC.

Selectman Laleme updated the Board on a meeting she had with resident Fallon and Rec. Director Rhienna Miscio. Fallon would like to raise money and redo the skate park. Fallon gave Selectman Laleme a picture of what she wants it to be. Selectman Laleme said she explained to Fallon the procedure for doing something like that and suggested to her that she come back to the Board with a proposal with all the details and where the money would come from.

Selectman Laleme also told the Board that she talked with Rhienna about a fundraiser to raise money for the fencing at the ball field. She said the fencing is in rough shape and should be done now and would like to get the fencing but would have to go over budget in that line item (services or supplies) but overall budget would not go over. Chairman Blanchard moved to take the monies needed for the fence out of services and/or supplies. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board discussed the Casella sign in the flower garden on the Country Club property. Selectman Culver said the minutes from 2011 when the Board discussed the sign were not clear. Selectman Culver moved to allow the sign to stay in the garden on the opposite end of the welcome to Bethlehem sign. Selectman Laleme seconded. There was discussion about moving the sign away from the welcome to Bethlehem sign. Chairman Blanchard pointed out that Casella was not the one that requested the sign be put there. Carried 3-0. The Board asked April to send Rita Farrell a copy of these minutes.

Chairman Blanchard said he has received some emails expressing concern about the landfill. He said he has contacted Paul Gildersleeve and Mr. Guilfooy and is waiting for a response. He also said he has just forwarded the emails to the other Board members. Until the rest of the Board is up to speed and he hears back from DES he cannot speak on the concerns.

At 7:10pm Chairman Blanchard moved to go into non-public session per 91a for matters of personnel and reputation. Selectman Laleme seconded. Chairman Blanchard did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board discussed payment arrangements for impending deeded properties.

The Board discussed personnel issues.

At 7:50 Chairman Blanchard moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board discussed which newspapers to put the Sale of Town Property ad in and decided on Union Leader, Concord Monitor and the Caledonian.

At 7:55 Chairman Blanchard moved to adjourn. Selectman Laleme seconded. Carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

April Hibberd

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