

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Bethlehem Selectmen Office

August 11, 2014

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

At 6:30 pm Chairperson Laleme opened the meeting.

Chairperson Laleme invited Fallon O'Brien to come before the Board to talk about the skateboard park that she is proposing. Ms. O'Brien said she is doing all the work for the park and would like the Board to be on board with the project. She said she is applying for grants and said there will be no cost to the Town. Ms. O'Brien said she doesn't need the entire rink area for the skateboard park and said she has been talking with Sandy Noble who has designed many parks. She said Ms. Noble would be willing to come talk with the Board. There was discussion about what the cost would be for the town for monitoring, maintaining, storing, and insuring it. There was also discussion about the question if there is enough of a need/interest for it; will people even utilize it. The Board suggested she do a study and proposal based on this area and not the one presented that was for a town in Arizona. Chairperson Laleme suggested Ms. O'Brien come back in the spring with a full blown proposal and a bank account. Ms. O'Brien was also told that she could do a Warrant Article which would show a true indication of whether or not people want this. Ms. O'Brien said she would find out if she gets the \$25,000.00 grant in February.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Society for the Protection of National Forest that was asking if the Board was aware of any problems concerning solid or hazardous waste on 3 parcels that are being evaluated for conservation options. Chairperson Laleme moved to respond saying the Town has no way of knowing and it is not within our authority to determine this. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed a request from a taxpayer asking for interest to be waived on her late taxes. In the letter she explained she mailed a check but it was never received by the tax collector. The interest amount is \$19.73. Selectman Culver said the Board has not waived interest and should not start doing that. Selectman Culver moved to not forgive the interest. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board discussed a request from the Tax Collector to pay \$100.00 for her hotel room while at training. A scholarship was awarded to pay the expense of the training but there was not enough to cover a single hotel room and it was recommended to double up in a room with another training attendee or pay the additional cost. Selectman Culver moved to reimburse the Tax Collector the \$100.00 hotel expense. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Chairperson Laleme said the taxpayers shouldn't pay for someone's personal preference. Selectman Blanchard said he has attended many

meetings where he had to pair up with someone in a hotel room. Selectman Culver said he wouldn't want to share a room with someone. Motion failed 2-2.

The Board discussed a letter to proceed for Spears Brothers to proceed with the demolition of the Cruft Building. There was discussion about the necessity of the letter because they have already begun the demolition. Selectman Culver moved to sign the letter. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Selectmen Culver and Fiorentino withdrew their motion and second. Selectman Fiorentino moved to withdraw until talking with the Chief about the letter. Selectman Culver seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board discussed an overpayment on taxes for \$1,631.63. Chairperson Laleme moved to accept the refund. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board discussed an email from Profile Technologies saying that the Recreation Director's desktop computer needs to be replaced. Chairperson Laleme moved to ask Profile Technologies for cost estimated to replace it. Carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed a packet from Brien Ward which is the petition for mortgage release for the property on Pleasant Street that Habitat for Humanity is purchasing. The Board will review the packet.

The Board reviewed the minutes from 07/14/14. Chairperson Laleme moved to approve the minutes as written. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The minutes from 08/04/14 were tabled.

Selectman Fiorentino will review the documents from Economic Development and will determine if he is able to attend the meetings.

Chairperson Laleme moved to include in our next sale the following properties listed by Map/Lot #: 206/14, 415/17.4, 202/040, 403/020, 404/037, 411/050.002, 416/030, 420/013, 203/056, 204/001.003, 204/002, 204/003. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Chairperson Laleme moved to move the sale date to 11/22/14. Selectman Culver seconded. Carried 4-0.

At 7:15 Chairperson Laleme moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (c) & (e). Selectman Culver seconded. Chairperson Laleme did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board discussed personnel.

The Board discussed threatened litigation.

Selectman Culver moved to send a letter to property owner to remove any remaining belongings from his former place of business. Chairperson Laleme seconded. Carried 4-0.

At 7:54 Chairperson Laleme moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Fiorentino seconded. Carried 4-0.

At 7:54 Selectman Culver moved to adjourn. Chairperson Laleme seconded. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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