

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Bethlehem Selectmen Office  
November 16, 2015

Present: Acting Chairman Glavac, Selectman Staples, Selectman Laleme, Selectman Blanchard.

Acting Chairman Glavac opened the meeting at 6:02pm.

Cheryl Jensen and Margaret Gale from the Conservation Commission came before the Board to discuss the Northern Pass and the letter from the Society for the Protection of the National Forest (SFPNF) sent to the Board. Mrs. Jensen asked the Board about applying for intervener status. She explained that it doesn't mean you are stating that you are opposed but that you have something to say. She also said the Conservation Commission has asked for intervener status. There was discussion about there being a transition station near Baker Brook Pond which will be just under an acre. The Board discussed applying for intervener status and all agreed that they should. There was discussion about the potential development going in that area that could be affected by the transition station and the overhead portion of the Northern Pass. Don Lavoie said he inquired about whether they would need to come to local Boards to meet local building codes and was told they will not be applying with any local Boards. There was discussion about local Boards having a say on visual buffers and emergency preparedness. Mr. Lavoie said he would like to have a public meeting in Bethlehem and Acting Chairman Glavac said he would like to invite them here for a meeting. Mr. Lavoie said he would like to know what Bethlehem would actually get in taxes and if they would ask for an abatement. Selectman Laleme said they are very organized in Franconia with blocking the Northern Pass and suggested inviting them too. Mrs. Jensen said they (Northern Pass) are asking towns to do a 20 year agreement to a lower valuation and they agree not to sue the town. Selectman Laleme moved to apply for intervener status and arrange a meeting. Acting Chairman Glavac seconded. Selectman Laleme said she would contact Pat Kellogg to get information. Mr. Lavoie asked what input a town can have on a wetlands permit and Mrs. Jensen said the Conservation Commission can comment on it and the Ammonoosuc River Advisory can comment on the shoreland application. Carried 4-0.

Bill Keiler and Nick Storella came before the Board to discuss the skate park project. They explained that Fallon O'Brien no longer has the time to devote to the project so they have taken it on. They said they are looking for a space to build a skate park and said they have a wooden half pipe that White Mountain School donated. There was discussion about where the skate park could be and the maintenance for it. Selectman Laleme told them to measure out the current ice rink area and to come back with measurements and a plan. Acting Chairman Glavac said to work with Rhienna Miscio and have a solid plan when coming back. Selectman Blanchard said there are other towns in the area that have skate parks and asked if it was viable here. Mr. Storella said there are young kids that are not old enough to drive that are interested in skateboarding. Chris McGrath said he thinks it should be a warrant article to see what the

town wants. He pointed out that the pool is barely used and also asked what it would be to insure it.

## **BUDGETS:**

**TAX COLLECTOR:** Mary Jackson came before the Board to discuss the Tax Collector budget. She said it is down 10% and that it will be tight but realistic. She said there are no salary increases.

**TOWN CLERK:** Mary Jackson spoke with the Board about the Town Clerk budget and explained because of there being 4 elections next year she has increases in deputy, ballot clerks, election meals, etc. It was mentioned that the supervisor's of the checklist need laptops and Chairman Culver will contact Mrs. Jackson about that.

**DEBT SERVICE/TAN:** Frank Claffey came before the Board to discuss the Debt Service and TAN budgets. He explained he is keeping the TAN at 10,000.00 and went over the debt service amounts with the Board. Mr. Claffey also told the Board the credit card company he looked into with a 2% return to the Town would be beneficial for the Town to do. He said the person submitting the application will have to be the name on a card. Selectman Glavac moved to go with Capital One for our credit cards and have April Hibberd be on the application. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 4-0. Mr. Claffey brought up the Trustee of the Trust Fund issue and how it needs to be determined how the charges will be paid if they go with the management company.

The Board reviewed a sign permit application for Laflamme's for a 4x8 sign. Acting Chairman Glavac moved to approve the sign permit. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed a letter about a PILOT for Hillview apartments. The Town's assessor made a recommendation. Acting Chairman Glavac moved to follow KRT's recommendation for a PILOT for 2015 of \$6,071.00. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board discussed options for the website and would like to verify that a quote from Larcom Studios is still valid.

The Board reviewed a request for a car registration refund because the person donated the car to charity right after registering it. The state refunded the state fee and the customer would also like the Town portion refunded. Acting Chairman Glavac moved to refund the registration to Mr. Holbrook for \$161.00. Selectman Staples seconded. Carried 4-0.

Acting Chairman Glavac reviewed an email from NCES about the host fee increasing to .75 because the work on stage V has begun.

The Board discussed the sale property on Mt. Cleveland Road. Acting Chairman Glavac moved to grant a 2 week extension on the closing. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes from 11/09/15. Acting Chairman Glavac moved to approve the minutes as written. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 3-0 (Selectman Laleme abstained).

At 7:31 Acting Chairman Glavac moved to go into non-public session per RSA 91A:II for matters of personnel and reputation. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Acting Chairman Glavac did roll call with all members agreeing to go into non-public session.

The Board discussed personnel.

At 8:16 Acting Chairman Glavac moved to come out of non-public session. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Acting Chairman Glavac did roll call with all members agreeing to come out of non-public session.

At 8:16 Acting Chairman Glavac moved to adjourn. Selectman Blanchard seconded. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
April Hibberd  
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