

Bethlehem Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Bethlehem Town Building Meeting Room

December 2, 2013

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

At 6:06 Chairman Blanchard opened the meeting.

Rita Farrell came before the Board to discuss communication. She said she would like the Board to all use microphones so they will all be heard. She also said she would like an introductory explanation of each topic that is discussed. Mrs. Farrell also would like to see more info in the Town Report. Mrs. Farrell expressed concern about the DES notice sent to the Town. She said it should be of great interest to the Town.

Cheryl Jensen, Chris Jensen and Sarah Guild came before the Board to discuss the Mt. Cleveland Road property. The Jensen's said they didn't really understand the process and contacted NHMA and received information from them that makes it appear the former owner of the property should receive notice again from the Town giving option to repurchase. Cheryl said Attorney Bill Oliver confirmed what NHMA said regarding repurchasing. Chairman Blanchard said the Town's attorney has a different opinion. Selectman Laleme said the Town has followed legal advice. Selectman Fiorentino pointed out that the Town Attorney has spoken with the Attorney at NHMA. The Board said they need to talk about this further and review legal advice.

Fallon O'Brien came before the Board to discuss the skate park. She said the fundraiser was successful and raised a net amount of \$1250.00. She said Turtle Ridge is going to be the fiscal agent. Selectman Culver said he feels she is going about this backwards because she is raising money before approval from the Town. Selectman Laleme pointed out that it is going to cost \$6000.00 just to remove what is currently at the park. Selectman Laleme also said she is working on a project that she doesn't have approval for. Fallon said she is convinced the Town will vote the project forward and that she isn't sure of the sequence but that she has a vision. Selectman Laleme said Rhienna is not involved with this but aware of it. Selectman Culver said a plan needs to be presented to the voters. Fallon said she will have Warrant Article by end of December.

The Board reviewed the minutes from November 18, 2013. Chairman Blanchard moved to approve the minutes. Selectman Laleme seconded. 4-0 (Selectman Culver abstained).

The Board discussed the Cedarcroft property and the sale of it. It was mentioned that the school could benefit from having a portion of that lot for parking and the possibility of a lot line adjustment or subdivision. The Board will call the Town attorney about this.

The Board discussed the possibility of a gate on property on Hazen Road where garbage is being dumped on Town property. There was discussion about whether Town owned land could be gated off or not.

Selectman Culver said Mary would be coming up with an adjusted budget because of the special election for Ray Burton's seat.

Julian suggested adding 2 microphones to the table and expressed concern about the amount of the Rec budget. He said we should be able to have an ice rink with the amount of the budget.

Mary proposed her updated budget to the Board.

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

Chairman Blanchard moved to adjourn. Selectman Glavac seconded. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

April Hibberd

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