

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016
MINUTES

Present: First Selectman Bruce Farmer; Selectmen, Carol Walter, John Giannotti and William W. Fritz, Jr.

Absent: Lynn Pinder

Everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM.

VISITORS

K. Carr spoke about the formation of Ad Hoc Committees.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to approve the minutes from September 14, 2016. The minutes were unanimously approved.

RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to accept the resignation of Robert Smith from the Public Works Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVE THE FORMATION OF THE CLINTON CENTER SOUTH AD HOC COMMITTEE

Farmer consulted with the town attorney regarding who has the authority to form ad hoc committees. The First Selectmen can seek advice from citizens of the street or an informally constituted group. The committee does not have the authority to spend money and they have no real power. They can only recommend. The Clinton Center South Ad Hoc Committee is only scheduled to meet 4 times. They have already held 2 meetings. At this time it is not necessary to approve the formation of this committee.

DISBAND THE GIS TASKFORCE COMMITTEE

Fritz made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to disband the GIS Taskforce Committee as recommended by the chairman Kirk Carr. The motion is unanimously approved.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION – DISCUSSION ON NOISE ORDINANCE

Gary Bousquet, chairman of Planning & Zoning, discussed the details involved in instituting a noise ordinance. Planning & Zoning receives a lot of testimony at public hearings about creating a noise ordinance. The Board of Selectmen has held several public hearings on this subject throughout the years but in the end they have found that it's a very difficult subject to address. It would also involve a lot of enforcement from the police department.

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BPAC INDIAN RIVER FOOTBRIDGE PROPOSAL

Debbie Lundgren, chairman of the Bike Pedestrian Alliance Committee (BPAC), reviewed plans to construct a footbridge over the Indian River. The proposed bridge site is on Cream Pot Road. The footbridge would cross the Indian River and connect to the Indian River Recreation Complex. Lundgren presented a site plan of the project prepared by Art Barden. Peter Neff, Director of Public Works, Robert Potter, Director of Park and Rec and the Park & Recreation Commission have all approved the site plan. Public Works will assist with the implementation of the bridge and the staging area. BPAC has raised \$20,000 for the project. Public Works and Park & Rec will maintain the bridge once established. The next step is to get approval from Inland Wetlands. Walter made a motion, seconded by Giannotti to approve the bike and pedestrian footbridge over the Indian River and path leading from Cream Pot Road to the Indian River Recreation Complex and send to the Inland Wetlands Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Reported by Fritz

- Fritz reported on the new high school. The first home game for the Football team is this Friday night.

Reported by Giannotti

- Municipal Building Committee has a meeting scheduled for tonight. The school maintenance facility is complete and they will be moving in on Monday. The steel building will be delivered next week.

Reported by Farmer

- Harbor Commission has approved an overnight parking policy. The board will review their policy at the next meeting.
- Mill Pond Project – the actual purchase of the property has been pushed back to April 2017 due to environmental testing and state approvals. One partner is no longer involved so paperwork had to be redone. All these delays have pushed back the project timeline. Mill Pond has a lot of top notch retailers interested in the project.

ADJOURN

Walter made a motion, seconded by Giannotti and unanimously adjourned the meeting at 8:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Schettino