

**Center Harbor Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Harry Viens called the Board of Selectmen's meeting to order. Selectmen Richard Hanson and Richard Drenkhahn were present. Karen Ponton and Chief Mark Chase were also present. Robin Woodaman was excused for personal reasons.

AGENDA REVIEW: No changes were made to the agenda.

MEETING MINUTES:

- **January 18, 2017 Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes:** Copies of the minutes of the January 18, 2017 Board of Selectmen's meeting were not available and approval was deferred until the next meeting.

APPOINTMENTS: Chief Mark Chase updated the Board on his department's review of email services for their needs. Two options were presented and Mark asked if the Board had any preferences as both were priced about the same. The Board instructed Mark to choose the service he felt best met the department's ongoing needs.

Chief Chase requested that the Board authorize him to order the next replacement cruiser with a contract provision that actual delivery and acceptance of the cruiser would be subject to voter approval at Town Meeting, and non-binding on the Town without voter approval. This will speed delivery of the cruiser assuming voters approve the purchase. Mr. Drenkhahn motioned to authorize Chief Chase to order the cruiser subject to voter approval, Chair Viens seconded the motion and Mr. Hanson agreed.

Chief Chase asked if the Board would consider suspending the competitive bid requirements on the choice of vendor to fit the cruiser with lights and equipment noting that there were three companies that performed this work, one local, one in southern NH and one in Massachusetts. In the past this has been the practice and the work has been awarded to the local vendor. The Board indicated that their preference would be to select a local vendor for faster service and to support the local business community. Mr. Drenkhahn voted to suspend the competitive bid requirement but to negotiate aggressively to reduce the price, Mr. Hanson seconded the motion and Chair Viens agreed.

Finally Chief Chase said he wanted to update the Board on a personnel matter, but it could wait until after the Budget Hearing on Saturday. The Board agreed.

PUBLIC INPUT: Ms. Ponton advised the Board that the Heritage Commission enthusiastically supported the proposed warrant article to create a Stewardship Expendable Trust Fund for conservation and other Town properties. She also noted that she was working on a grant request from the NH Preservation Alliance for the Old Schoolhouse and was in the process of scheduling a site visit. She expects the grant application to be ready by Town Meeting.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS: Mr. Drenkhahn reported that he had inspected the snowmobile trail that runs behind the Town House and that the Road Department had re-marked the trail to direct snowmobilers through the woods behind the Town House rather than between the Town House and the woods. He felt the Road Crew should also be directed to not plow snow into the preferred trail opening, but to go ahead and pile it so it blocks the shortcut path directly behind the Town House.

Mr. Hanson reported that he had attended the ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly renovated Center Harbor Inn noting that the renovations were well done and the Inn is open for business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

SNOW FENCE ON CENTER HARBOR NECK ROAD:

The Board discussed resolution of the apparently illegal snow fence on the McClaskie property on Center Harbor Neck Road and noted that discussion between attorneys were still ongoing.

PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET: The proposed budget for 2017 was reviewed and will be presented as is at the first budget hearing on Saturday January 28th, 10:00 AM at Town Hall.

DRAFT 2017 TOWN WARRANT: The draft warrant article for 2017 was reviewed as well. The Board discussed the presentation of Articles 1-B through 1-E expressing some concern over the complexity of the articles as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

LUCT Funds – Red Hill Farm Road – a Land Use Change Tax (LUCT), in the amount of \$12,500 for property coming out of current use was reviewed. Mr. Drenkhahn moved to sign and authorize the LUCT. Mr. Hanson seconded and Chair Viens agreed.

Letters to residents abutting the right-of-way off Anthon Road were signed notifying them that the Board was recommending their choice of Colton Lane for naming the road for 911 notification services.

Final ambulance and paramedic costs from Stewarts Ambulance services in the amount of \$69,531 were received and included in the 2017 budget.

A check list for the required contents of the Town Report was received and reviewed.

The Manchester Monarchs are planning a Center Harbor Night for all residents of Center Harbor at the Monarchs game on March 12th at 3:00 PM. Adult admission is \$16 and

Children are \$12. The Board requested that Sandy Frost be sure to get some Press Releases out to the media, and that the event be posted on social media.

EMAIL: Mike Lavelle, of Certified Computer Solutions (CCS) submitted information on replacing the Town's current emails with expandable and more secure emails.

AXISGIS ONLINE PLATFORM: Aaron Weston, Business Development Manager for CAI, submitted information on CAI continuance to develop and release product enhancements and new functionality associated with the AxisGIS online platform, including new online data editing tools.

PUBLIC INPUT: Ms. Ponton asked if there were still plans to upgrade the bathroom facilities at the Town Docks. A brief discussion was held on beginning a planning effort to repair and upgrade the public restrooms at the Town Docks for this coming season.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

GENERAL JOURNAL ENTRIES: The Selectmen reviewed, and approved, the general journal entries as presented.

CURRENT BILLS PAYABLE: The Selectmen reviewed, and approved, the payroll and accounts payable manifests as presented.

ADJOURNMENT: At 8:06 PM. Mr. Drenkhahn motioned to adjourn the Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Viens, Chair