

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
April 20, 1999
7:00 PM in the Town Office

ATTENDANCE: Stephanie Bubier, Chairman; Ada Brown; Michael McClellan; Betty McDermott; Michael O'Donnell, Assessor; and Nathan Poore, Town Manager.

Call to order. Stephanie Bubier called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm at the Town Hall.

2. Consideration of previous meeting minutes.

a. April 6, 1999.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Minutes as written. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Consideration of several property tax abatement applications. Assessors' agent, Mike O'Donnell will be present for assistance.

a. Ganderbrook.

Map 19, Lot 15 \$3,649.60

Map 19, Lot 31 \$ 639.39

Map 16, Lot 1 \$1,105.38

Map 26, Lot 33 \$ 244.81

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to approve the abatement. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

b. Various abatements for personal property which are deemed uncollectable by the Tax Collector.

G0145P Grubb, Tim	\$730.81
J0070P Johnson Products Inc.	\$399.33
J1212P Johnson, William	\$385.72
J0075P Jordan Bay Tavern	\$366.82
J0080P Joslin, Guy	\$343.10
L0015P Labreque, Kathleen	\$315.89
L3121P Leeman, Robert	\$416.98
L0125P Legassie, Gary	\$490.00
N1212P Nason, Betty	\$126.81
R0245P Room to Grow	\$277.10
S0185P SLB Enterprises	\$397.60
S0320P Stults, Everett II	\$104.80
A1122P Valadas, Cynthia	\$412.61

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the list of abatements. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

c. Map 6, Lot 23 Dielectric a tax reduction of \$491.89.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to approve this abatement. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

d. Map 3, Lot 28 for an abatement of \$1,257.27.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to approve the abatement. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

e. Map 9, Lot 8 for an abatement of \$735.45 in taxes.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the abatement. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

f. Map 66, Lot 6 Mr. O'Donnell felt there was no basis for a reduction. Value \$215,993.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to deny the abatement. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

g. Map 66, Lot 5 for a tax reduction of \$187.00.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to approve the abatement. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

h. Map 40, Lot 24 for an abatement of \$400.96.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to approve the abatement for one year. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

i. Map 4, Lot 94 Mr. O'Donnell recommended denying this abatement.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to deny the abatement. Seconded by Ada Brown.

VOTE: Unanimous.

j. Map 49, Lot 1 Mr. O'Donnell suggested that they wait to vote on it until the court case concerning this property is finished.

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to postpone. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: Unanimous.

k. Map 59, Lot 32 .

MOTION: Michael McClellan motioned to approve the abatement as requested of \$35,000 and make the area's taxes more equitable for next year. Seconded by Betty McDermott.

VOTE: 2 in favor (Bubier, McClellan) 2 opposed (McDermott, Brown) Denial.

l. Map 7, Lot 34

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell felt that this would at best be considered two lots only because of the access problem to the land. Mr. O'Donnell reported that Mr. Cooper said that access

would be problematic in any plan for this land to be subdivided. Mrs. Bubier thought it might be interesting to see what its highest and best use would be if it were considered an island property. It was decided that Mr. Cooper's opinion should be obtained in writing and that they have a workshop with the town planner to discuss this land.

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m. Map 3, Lots 16A, 16D, 17, 17A, 18, and 18A.

DISCUSSION: Mr. O'Donnell explained the problem with this piece of land and said that other than relocating a house from lot 17 to 17A, the front lots should remain the same but the back lots could be reduced to about \$60,000. Lots 16A and 16D are lots owned in common by four different owners and is not buildable.

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4. Review the status of Board of Selectmen Goals and Strategies for the 1998-1999 fiscal year.

a. Time Warner contract.

NOTE: The committee is still working and hopefully will have a contract by the end of the summer.

b. Road Plan.

NOTE: The Road Commissioner would like more time to complete the computer plan in house if the company can ever get the program to the Town. Mr. Poore said that if nothing is forthcoming by this fall he would consider hiring the plan done by an outside firm.

c. 1999-2000 Goals

NOTE: Have ready for the next meeting.

5. Communications and other business.

a. Carleton E. Edwards Scholarship.

NOTE: Mr. Edwards sisters benefacted the Edwards scholarship fund with a gift of \$10,500 which should provide enough in the trust to have at least a \$500 scholarship annually from now on.

b. 2000 Census

NOTE: Lloyd Thompson is volunteering his time to help get ready for the 2000 census.

c. Septic pump machinery.

NOTE: Paul Lawrence is helping to market the septic pump purchased for the septic site. He has been permitted to spend up to \$600 for this promotion.

d. Tassel Top.

NOTE: Mr. Poore said that the Tassel Top Committee is requesting that the Park be forgiven the rest of its debt to the Town in the amount of \$13,350 so that they can use their entire profits to improve the Park.

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e. Fire Auxiliary Annual Dinner on April 25, 1999 at the District 1 Fire Barn. The Selectmen are invited to attend.

f. Private road parking policy.

The Selectmen is in agreement with the policy.

g. TIF approval letter dated 3/31/99 from the DECD in Augusta.

h. Raymond's Recycling total for 1998-1999 is at 60%.

i. Meeting with Carol Kontos, School Committee, and Joe Bruno scheduled for Map 4, 1999.

j. New school ground breaking.

Mrs. Bubier noted that this event on April 10th was very enjoyable.

k. Raymond Recreation.

NOTE: Mr. McClellan said that Raymond Rec is doing an exemplary job and have a very workable agenda. They will be having a summit meeting in May to work on their programs.

l. Foreign student visitors.

NOTE: Mr. McClellan indicate that the Raymond area saw several students from Anguila enjoy the area last week. He said it was a very enlightening visit for the hosts as well as the guests.

6. Review and authorize the April 20, 1999 Treasurer's Warrant.

MOTION: Betty McDermott motioned to approve the Treasurer's Warrant in the amount of \$118,672.57. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Adjourn.

MOTION: Ada Brown motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Michael McClellan.

VOTE: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT: Stephanie Bubier adjourned the meeting at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Louise H. Lester
Secretary