

Town of Sandwich
Selectmen's Meeting
July 9, 2018

5:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting

Attendees: Selectmen Bud Martin, Bob Rowan, Chris Boldt; Catherine Graham, Jennifer Wright.

Public: Jon Peaslee, Peter Pohl.

Mr. Martin opened the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Minutes: Mr. Boldt moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of July 2, 2018 as written; motion seconded by Mr. Rowan and the vote was unanimous.

Peter Pohl – Quimby Fund Projects:

Peter Pohl presented two projects which the Quimby Fund intends to fund:

1. Honor Roll Update: Mr. Pohl stated there are three residents interested in serving on a committee to update the Honor Roll which recognizes those in Sandwich who served in war conflicts (memorial is located next to the Center Sandwich Post Office). Mr. Pohl stated the Honor Roll has not been updated in many years, and there are at least three conflicts since it was installed: Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan; Mr. Pohl added these men and women who served should be recognized. Mr. Pohl said the Quimby Trustees are willing to fund this project. Mr. Pohl shared the three individuals who are willing to serve on the committee: Jon Taylor, Mike Yeager, and Roger Merriman. Mr. Pohl said he would be the Quimby Fund representative. Ms. Graham said if the project were to be included in the 2019 Budget, the Selectmen would need the estimated cost of the project by December 2018. Mr. Rowan moved to establish an Honor Roll Committee made up of the three individuals named to research the expansion of the Town's Honor Roll, and for them to provide a proposal with the cost of the project to the Selectmen by December 2018; motion seconded by Mr. Boldt and the vote was unanimous.
2. Forbes House: Mr. Pohl reported the Sandwich Fair Association (SFA) is willing to lease to the Quimby Fund a small part of their land on Maple Street (across from the Grange) for the rebuilt Forbes House. The Quimby Fund will own the building. The Forbes House will contain an office for the Quimby Trustees, an Alfred Quimby Fund museum (which will include a museum of the Quimby School), and a Sandwich Fair Association museum, if the SFA is interested. The Attorney General's office recently approved this endeavor, and Mr. Pohl said it is estimated to cost \$150,000 to rebuild the house. Mr. Pohl said the house will be pretty basic, with no water/bathroom, and it will only sit on a concrete slab. Mr. Boldt inquired whether or not the Grange and Transportation Museum had water and septic. Mr. Rowan and Ms. Wright stated that both locations do not have water or septic. The Quimby Trustees anticipate it will take three years to complete the project: 2018 – foundation; 2019 – finished shell; 2020 – interior. Mr. Pohl reported the Quimby Fund now totals \$6.4 million; \$8 million has been spent on the Town and various organizations since the Fund was started.

Highway Department Update:

Jon Peaslee reported the new Transfer Station Foreman, Kevin Smith, started today. Mr. Peaslee worked at the Transfer Station last Saturday and estimates 500 cars passed through it to dispose of trash. Mr. Peaslee said that busy day went smoothly given the holiday weekend, but noted commercial vendors slowed down the traffic flow with their larger loads. Mr. Peaslee requested the Selectmen's permission to ask contractors and business owners to limit their hauling to Wednesdays and Fridays only. Mr. Boldt said we cannot turn contractors away on the weekend but acknowledges this request would help on Saturdays and Sundays when the Transfer Station is busy; Mr. Rowan and Mr. Martin agreed. Ms. Graham will make a notation on the change of hours announcement reflecting this request.

Mr. Peaslee asked Ms. Wright to do a comparison of tonnages hauled from our Transfer Station from this time last year. Mr. Peaslee said we are pretty close to the same tonnages hauled as last year.

Mr. Peaslee asked to readdress the seasonal weight limit permit application to haul/truck on posted roads. He distributed a draft permit application for the Selectmen to review for the 2019 season. Mr. Boldt asked to table this discussion, so he could study the application before further comment; Mr. Rowan and Mr. Martin agreed.

Ms. Graham addressed the note and car repair invoices in the Read File from a property owner on Turner Lane. The property owner stated Turner Lane is in rough shape and attributed the car repairs needed to the road condition. Mr. Peaslee said the road has since been worked on by his road crew. Ms. Graham will draft a letter to the property owner.

Selectmen's Reports:

Mr. Boldt reminded the Board that he would be attending the ZBA Hearing with Town Counsel on Thursday, July 12 concerning the Village Green Café matter.

Mr. Boldt reported he attended the Fire Department's Chicken BBQ last Saturday where he saw Marilyn Read. He said she is very happy in her retirement. Mr. Boldt was asked by a resident if the Town's Police Department had any intention of purchasing license plate scanners in the next budget cycle; these scanners were described in a recent article in the Laconia Daily Sun. Mr. Boldt said he was not aware of any such intention to purchase.

Mr. Boldt said the reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th went really well. Those who attended suggested the event should occur annually.

Mr. Boldt attended the Planning Board meeting last Thursday during which a subdivision application was approved for the Papen Family Trust. The Planning Board also started discussing revisions of the Campground Regulations within the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

Mr. Martin said he worked on a new assistance case this afternoon.

Both Mr. Boldt and Mr. Rowan inspected the Whiteface Road Bridge guardrail project and paving project. They authorized Ms. Graham to release the final payments for each. Mr. Boldt asked Mr. Peaslee if some of the old guardrail posts need to get filled so water doesn't enter and cause problems.

Other Business:

Ms. Graham noted the letter from the Attorney General's office which stated the future training opportunities for the various Trust divisions (Trustees of Trust Funds, Cemetery Trustees, Library Trustees) will now take place through the NH Municipal Association.

Jennifer Wright reported the Old Home Week Brochure is now at the printer. She said Kelly Cox took on this project and did a great job. Ms. Wright reminded the Selectmen of the OHW Selectmen's BBQ scheduled for Sunday, August 12th.

Ms. Wright said the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan Update meetings will start this Wednesday, July 11th from 5pm-7pm. Mr. Martin is the Selectmen's representative.

Mr. Rowan referenced the list of properties up for tax deeding which the Tax Collector provided. He recommended the Selectmen take a look at each property to familiarize themselves with its condition in case the Town has to take the property.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Boldt; motion seconded by Mr. Rowan, and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Graham