

Select board meeting, 9/11/2017

Present, Moe Brigham, Chris Jarvis, Paul Vallee, Vanessa Brown, Carl Russell, Town Manager Greg Maggard

Call to Order - 6:00pm

Chair Carl Russell take a moment to reflect on 9/11, and those around the country dealing with flooding.

Approval of Agenda - Moe moved, Vallee second, all approved.

Public Comment or Inquiry -

Ele Griffin spoke on behalf of the Recreation Committee. Spohn Ranch (skateboard park design) have scheduled a tentative date for a site visit to Bethel. The Rec Committee would like to have a public event on October 11th in the Town Hall, to get public opinion on the skate board park. The Board approved the request for use of the Town Hall.

Appointments

6:15 Kevin Barry-Utility Rates

The fish are up, and Barry thanked the town crew, and town government for supporting the project. Barry feels that businesses in town pay a higher rate for water than the rest of town. Barry asked if there is some room to maneuver within the policies that the town has in place? Barry would like to see the discussion become more active, so that the town can support the continued growth of businesses. Maggard said that there are new "tables" (adopted by the state in 2010) that may provide a solution to problem, and he will look into those. He feels that this type of change could make the billing system more equitable to everyone using the system. Jarvis suggested taking our current data, plugging it into the 2010 tables, and bringing that information to the SB for consideration. This will be added as an Action Item to the SB meeting agendas.

Reports Motions and Ordinances

1.) Adam Stearns Cherry Lane Water Letter - request to be included on the water system. Moe moved to accept application, Jarvis second. All approved.

2.) Kieran Haupt Utilities Letter - Late fee waiver request - Discussion regarding the specifics of the scenario. The SB denied the request.

3.) Town Constable CEW Policy - Taser information - The board had a lengthy discussion regarding the policy, and the methods of keeping the public informed about the new policy. The board agreed to schedule a timely public education meeting about the policy.

Approval of the policy, Moved - Brigham. Second - Vallee. Approved- 4/aye- 1/nay

4.) Town Constable Fair and Impartial Policy - There was discussion regarding the potential adoption of this policy. Constable Belisle clarified that he has to follow the policy included in the packet as a part of his law enforcement certification. Russell asked that this type of policy come via the Town Manager,

though he appreciates the work that Belisle is trying to do. This item is tabled.

5.) Shooting Range Discussion -

Brown asked how the rest of the board was feeling about the discussion that occurred at the last meeting.

Jarvis and Vallee have been talking to community members, particularly those living on River Street. Brigham expressed that he thinks the people using the range should form a club, and have a shooting master.

Russell is concerned that as a board, they are not seeing enough interest from the public on the issue. He also pointed out the "right or wrong" the issue was brought to their attention by a select board member, and a public petition would demonstrate broader public interest. They will act on it if there is more public interest is evidenced.

6.) Administrative Procedures Act - The act applies to contested hearings (making decision based on the finding of fact, swearing in speakers, etc). The SB discussed the examples of the DRB and the BCA, which would particularly need to use this procedure for hearings. There was discussion regarding the intricacies of interpretation of the law at the level of a court. The language was read out loud by Chair Carl Russell. He noted that the SB does not have to "adopt" the law, in order to utilize these procedures as they are required by law.

7.) Town Manager's Report (see attached report)

a.) Status update on Action Items - Maggard stated any items that have had action are in bold in his report. Therese Kirby will start Monday as the Financial Administrator. Update on the water break this past week.

b.) Constable's Report - Training coming up this weekend. Belisle suggests a game camera to monitor the parking lot at Peavine Park. Maggard offered to research devices, and bring it back to the select board, and look at locations with Belisle. Belisle applied for a grant, and is waiting to hear back about approval. He will be around for the Forward Festival.

Minutes and communications

1.) Select board minutes of the 8/28/2017 Regular Meeting - Russell requested fewer notes, more synopsis. (issue, discussion, a couple salient points, and motions), use the agenda as a framework. PACIF change in 8/28 notes, and strike "brown being asked to speak up". Moe moved to accept notes as amended, Russell second, all ayes.

2.) Committee Minutes - DRB, and solid waste management board.

3.) Other communications -

Any other business to necessary to come before the board.

Meeting scheduled for Columbus Day weekend Monday, will be rescheduled for October 16th.

Approved by the board. The informational/educational meeting for the CEW will be held that night, including printed information and screen.

No acronyms in the agendas (or inclusion of an explanation of the acronym).

Tabled items do not have to be included on the next agenda, but it can be included in any discussion at future meetings. For public information purposes, Bethel will place these items on agendas.

Discussion on policy that Brown had brought to the SB attention. Brown said that policy has to do with use of force, and de-escalation. Russell encouraged her to bring information forward so that the board can take action, including anything that comes from the meetings she attends. This means that printed

information would be included the packet that the board receives prior to the meeting, if they are going to be asked to take action.

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters. Adjourn 9:32.

Moe moved, Vallee second, and 5 ayes.