

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes July 25, 2016

7:00 pm Meeting called to order by Board Chair, Jack Esposito. Also in attendance were Selectmen Jim Whipple and John Quinlan.

Trish Kelleher, Manager of Rolling Acres Mobil Home Park, came before the Board to discuss 3 or 4 trailers that have been abandoned. Kelleher explained that she took over as manager a year ago, and these trailers had been sitting empty. There is extensive damage to these properties, and neither property taxes nor rents have been paid in quite some time.

There are new tenants who have been fixing them up and will be given the trailers. They agree that they will begin to pay property taxes from when they moved in. They will be given to these tenants, not sold to them, as soon as the deeds can be transferred. The park owners went to court to get a writ of possession and want all of the taxes forgiven.

Esposito feels that the park owner, Kathleen Rush is trying to shift the responsibility of the back taxes away from herself.

Quinlan explained that as soon as Rush took possession of these trailers, she took possession of the back tax liability.

Kelleher said that if the taxes aren't forgiven, Rush will evict the tenants and let the Town take the trailers.

7:15 pm Bill McKinney and John Arico of the Future Use of Town Buildings Committee in hopes that the Board will accept the Architectural Firm that the Committee has chosen so the project can move forward.

McKinney presented the Committee's recommendation: CP Williams.

Esposito said that all the firms had made great presentations, and asked what made the committee chose Williams.

McKinney said: Their references were stellar, and their body of work includes projects very similar to ours.

Arico added that they emphasized consensus building.

Esposito said that he is concerned that the report will include ideas that the Town will not fund.

McKinney agreed and said that it is very important that the committee look into outside funding for the majority of the renovations.

Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple, to hire CP Williams as the Architect to conduct the study of the Town Hall, McCollom Building and Library. All in favor.

7:35 pm There was a lengthy discussion regarding the abandoned trailers in the park. No votes were taken. It was decided to ask the park's owner, Kathleen Rush to come before the Board to discuss further.

Board reviewed and signed checks and manifest.

Board reviewed minutes of 6/27 and 7/11.

- Quinlan motioned, seconded by Whipple to accept the minutes of June 27, 2016 as written. All in favor.
- Whipple motioned, seconded by Quinlan to accept the minutes of July 11, 2016 as written. All in favor.

Board reviewed and signed the Arch Painting contract for the outside of the McCollom Building. Work will begin right away.

8:15 pm As there was no further business before the Board, Whipple motioned, seconded by Esposito to adjourn. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie M. Brown