

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
LISBON TOWN HALL  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017  
7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Thomas Sparkman, First Selectman at 7:00 pm.

PRESENT: Thomas W. Sparkman, Robert T. Browne, Sr., William C. Surfus

2. Previous Minutes

a. 12/12/16 Reg.

b. 12/21/16 Spec.

R. Browne moved to approve the previous minutes as printed. W. Surfus seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

3. Correspondence

1. Letter, LT. Eric Cooke, ST CT State Police, Troop E Montville, 12/16/16, Re: New CO Troop E, Montville (Lieutenant Jay Delgrosso)
2. Information Sheets, Winston Averill, Solid Waste Management Services, Recycling Coordinator – Town of Lisbon, Re: Standard Carts for MSW/Recycling Issues and Considerations
3. Letter, Marilyn Hilliard, Risk Analysis Branch Chief, Mitigation Division, FEMA Region I, 12/28/16, Subject: Field Survey in Support of Floodplain Mapping Updates in the Quinebaug Watershead,
4. letter, Kevin Lembo, State Comptroller, ST CT Comptroller's Office, 12/23/16, Re: Pension Programs
5. c: Letter, Ian Rogers, Chair., Lisbon Board of Education, 12/20/16, Re: Additional Appropriation to the FY16/17 Board of Education Budget (\$236,047)
6. Letter, John Czmyr, 12/12/16, Re: Resignation Effective 12/30/16 (Maintainer/Equipment Operator)
7. Analysis Report, PHOENIX Environmental Laboratories, Inc., 12/9/16, Re: Lisbon Stormwater Testing

4. Public Comment - None

5. Old Business

a. 486 River Road - ST DOT Facility

Mr. Sparkman reported that the Resident Trooper is investigating recent vandalism (graffiti and broken windows) at the site.

b. 1 South Burnham Highway – Update

Mr. Sparkman advised that there has been no activity regarding the owner's responsibility to test local wells for contamination noting that he will be participating in a conference call later in the week with Town Counsel regarding options.

c. Veterans' Property Taxes

Mr. Sparkman advised that he will be discussing the proposal with the Board of Finance relative to the loss of revenue if the change is approved.

d. 25 Newent Road - Update

Mr. Sparkman reported that funding was approved by the Board of Finance noting that the contract will be signed on Tuesday.

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6. Public Comment - None

7. New Business

a. Region 4 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program, MOA

R. Browne moved to approve the FFY 2016 State Homeland and Security Grant Program Region 4 Memorandum of Agreement. W. Surfus seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

b. Request, 510 River Road – Sale of Town Owned Land

Mr. Sparkman advised the Board of a request to purchase a vacant parcel (.20 acres) of town owned land at 510 River Road explaining that the abandoned property had been taken by the town via foreclosure after the town had a condemned residential structure removed. Mr. Sparkman also advised that the Planning and Zoning Commission approved of the sale determining it to be consistent with the town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

R. Browne moved to begin the process to sell the parcel located at 510 River Road to Rose Savignac to recover the costs associated with the foreclosure and demolition of the dwelling. The motion was seconded by W. Surfus.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

c. Request, Local Traffic Authority – Mell Road Stop Sign

Email, Josh Comerford, 12/19/16, Re: Stop Sign(s) Request (intersections Mell Rd and Barber Farm Road)

Mr. Sparkman advised that it was reported to him that speed was a contributing factor to the accident Mr. Comerford referred to in his email. He then expressed his concerns about installing stop signs in that area because of a hill crest on the west side of the intersection and curve on the east side adding that the Town Planner also concluded that putting stop signs at that intersection would not be in the public interest.

W. Surfus moved to deny the request to have stop signs installed on Mell Road at the intersection of Barber Farm Road. The motion was seconded by R. Browne.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

d. Request, Conservation Commission – 126, 128 Bundy Hill Road, 16 School House Road Land Purchase

Letter, Richard Hamel, Chairman, Conservation Commission, 10/18/16, Re: Open Space Recommendation: 126 & 128 Bundy Hill Road and 16 School House Road.

Mr. Sparkman reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to not recommend the purchase of the parcels as it has no benefit to the town. Mr. Sparkman noted that he is of the same opinion.

R. Browne moved to not proceed with the Conservation Commission's suggestion to purchase land located at 126 and 128 Bundy Hill Road and 16 School House Road. The motion was seconded by W. Surfus.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

8. Public Comment – A member of the public commented on the efficient and effectively run Board of Selectmen's meeting.

9. Any other business which may properly come before the Board

R. Browne moved to add "WPCA-Reappointment" and "Ice House Road Request" to the agenda.

W. Surfus seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

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a. WPCA – Reappointment

W. Surfus moved to reappoint James Arpin to the Water Pollution Control Authority for the term of 1/1/20 – 12/31/2020. R. Browne seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

b. Ice House Road Request

Letter, JoEmma Michaud, 1/9/17, Request for Street Lights (Lower Blissville Road)

Mr. Sparkman advised that he will contact Eversource regarding procedure and costs as well at the Town Engineer for comments.

10. Public Comment - None

11. Adjournment

R. Browne moved to adjourn at 7:10 pm. W. Surfus seconded the motion.

VOTE: UNANIMOUS MOTION CARRIED

  
Marlene LePine, clerk

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas W. Sparkman, First Selectman

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