



SELECT BOARD RECORD OF MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2022
WINDSOR TOWN OFFICE

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Members Present: Ray Bates, Ronald F. Brann, Richard H. Gray Jr. and William Appel Jr.

Members Absent: Andrew Ballantyne.

Public Attending: Ray Chavarie, Carol Chavarie, Tim Beals (Delta Ambulance), Bill McKenna (Delta Ambulance), Moira Teekema, Tom Squiers, Bonnie Squiers and F. Gerard Nault.

Employees Attending: Theresa L. Haskell (*Town Manager*).

Public Hearing –

Ray Bates opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m.

Ray Bates said this Public Hearing is on the Discussion on extending the Utility Scale Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance for an additional 180 days. He asked if anyone had any comment. F. Gerrard Nault said the only thing that he would like to bring up is within the Ordinance itself regarding the question on the Solar Energy Facilities occupying 800 square feet or less. Jerry said within the ordinance it doesn't say whether an applicant can apply multiple times on the same parcel of land of 800 square feet or less each time and wanted the Select Board to be aware that if an applicant came in and applied for an 800 square feet or less Solar Energy Facility that they could apply over and over again on the same parcel and not have to go through the application process. Jerry feels that we should clarify within the proposed Ordinance that only one Solar Energy Facilities occupying 800 square feet or less should be allowed on the same parcel of land within the Ordinance to clarify this.

Theresa said we are here at the Public Hearing to discuss the extension of the Utility Scale Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance for an additional 180 days with the problem giving rise to the need for the moratorium still exists and reasonable progress is being made to alleviate the problem giving rise to the need for the moratorium. The information Jerry has brought forward can be discussed during the Regular Select Board Meeting after this Public Hearing.

Ray Bates asked if there is any other comment on the Public Hearing and there was none, Ray Bates closed the Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Ray Bates opened the Select Board Meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Previous Meeting Minutes: **Ronald F. Brann made a motion to approve the 9/27/22 minutes as read seconded by Richard H. Gray Jr. and approved 4-0-0.**

Public Works –

a.) Theresa said Keith was unavailable tonight but has put plow gear on one of the trucks today.

- b.) Theresa said part of Route 105 from Hussey's to the top of the hill before the Jones Road has been shim coated which will help plowing this year. There were other areas on Route 105 that needed to also be done but this is what the State did.

Transfer Station – Theresa handed out the monthly report. September was up from last year by \$1,284.80 but is still down for the year of (\$679.82) compared to last year.

Animal Control Officer – Theresa said Kim Bolduc-Bartlett attended a training recently.

Cemetery Sexton – Theresa said we have two Cemetery Lot Conveyances, Barbie E. Barnes and Charles A. Barnes Sr., located in Oak Hill Cemetery, lot KG3 and KG4 and also Jason G. Allerding located in Resthaven South Cremains Garden Cemetery, lot RHS#127J. **William Appel Jr., made a motion to approve the Cemetery Lot Conveyances to Barbie E. Barnes and Charles A. Barnes Sr., located in Oak Hill Cemetery lot KG3 and KG4 and also Jason G. Allerding located in Resthaven South Cremains Garden Cemetery, lot RHS#127J as presented, seconded by Ronald F. Brann and approved 4-0-0.**

Public Comment:

Delta Ambulance – Tim Beals and Bill McKenna were here on behalf of Delta Ambulance. Tim Beals gave a presentation of the history of Delta Ambulance. Tim said it has come to that time where Delta Ambulance can no longer run-on patient billing alone and with the exception of a small amount of income from scheduled event standbys, Delta depends on patient billing to support its 24/7 operation.

- a. Delta participates with Medicare, MaineCare and private insurance companies.
- b. In the event a patient has no insurance, Delta must bill the patient directly.
- c. A patient who is not transported is not billed with only two exceptions – 1. Cardiac arrest and 2 Diabetic Emergency (Treat & Release).

Delta has recently lost Winslow, Waterville and after also losing Palermo and Jefferson the Delta's Board of Directors has reviewed several models of service fee agreements and are looking to charge a straightforward per-capita amount of \$15.00 and would take affect in January 2023. The amount of an estimated cost would be \$39,000.00 to the Town of Windsor. Tim Beals also indicated that if any Town that doesn't come to some agreement, there would be no service to those Towns.

Consideration of Warrants #16, and #17 – Ronald F. Brann made a motion to approve Warrants #16, #17 and #5 seconded by William Appel Jr., and approved 4-0-0.

Town Manager's Items -

- a.) Extending the Utility Scale Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance. Theresa said the Select Board may extend the moratorium for an additional 180 days with the problem giving rise to the need for the moratorium still exists and reasonable progress is being made to alleviate the problem giving rise to the need for the moratorium since the Select Board has set a date for the Special Town Meeting on November 9, 2022 with a Warrant Article – "Shall an Ordinance entitled Utility Scale Energy Facilities Ordinance for the Town of Windsor, Maine be enacted as recommended by the Planning Board and Select Board following its Public Hearing on October 26, 2022. **Ronald F. Brann made a motion to extend the Town of Windsor's Utility Scale Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance for an additional 180 days with stating that the problem giving rise to the need for the Moratorium still exists and reasonable progress is being made to alleviate the problem giving rise to the need for the moratorium, seconded by William Appel, Jr. and approved 4-0-0.**
- b.) F. Gerard Nault proposed that the Select Board make the following change to the previously approved Town of Windsor's Utility Scale Solar Energy Facility Ordinance that will be proposed at the Special Town Meeting Warrant on November 9, 2022, with a Public Hearing scheduled for October 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Windsor Town Office under Section 3. Applicability section b. to read the following.

Exemption. Solar Energy Facilities occupying 800 square feet or less on the same land parcel are exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance. All Solar Energy Facilities must meet state electrical codes and permitting requirements, and applicable requirements of any other Ordinance of the Town of Windsor. An applicant may only be allowed one installation of an array of less than 800 square feet on the same land parcel only. **William Appel Jr. made a motion to amend the previously approved Utility Scale Solar Energy Facility Ordinance with having Section 3. Applicability, b. read the following: “Exemption. Solar Energy Facilities occupying 800 square feet or less on the same land parcel are exempt from the requirements of this Ordinance. All Solar Energy Facilities must meet state electrical codes and permitting requirements, and applicable requirements of any other Ordinance of the Town of Windsor. An applicant may only be allowed one installation of an array of less than 800 square feet on the same land parcel only.”, seconded by Richard H. Gray Jr., and approved 4-0-0.**

Select Board Items: Ray Bates asked the Select Board if the Town of Windsor would be interested in holding a Candidate Forum here at the Town Office in Windsor. This would be a civil round table discussion with inviting the three Representatives and the two Senate that are running. It was discussed that there should be a moderator and maybe even time limits set. Ronald F. Brann said he feels Ray Bates could be the moderator.

Ray Bates adjourned the Select Board Meeting at 8:30 p.m.

These minutes were approved by the Select Board on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

The next Regular Select Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Windsor Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa L. Haskell
Town Manager