

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of October 19, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Galen Stearns called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Selectmen Bruce Breton, Charles McMahon and Roger Hohenberger were present, as was Town Administrator David Sullivan. Selectmen Ross McLeod was excused. Mr. Stearns read the agenda into the record, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

GRIFFIN PARK TREE DONATION: Mr. Stearns read correspondence from the Recreation Committee in support of the donation in question, and then deferred to Mr. McMahon for explanation.

Mr. McMahon reviewed with the Board a plan of Griffin Park from the year 2000, which depicts the originally intended landscaping. He explained that the current proposal from Delahunty Nursery is to donate a combination of sixty (60) arborvitae, Norway spruce, and ferns for the Park. The plants will, over a 20 year period, grow to a high of approximately 18' to 20', and will provide a visual and sound screen to the Park. Mr. McMahon noted the shrubbery will be located on the Squire Armor side of the Park, and the plantings staggered across approximately 500'. Total cost of the project including installation is approximately \$32,000, of which Delahunty is donating \$27,290 with the remainder coming from the Baseball Softball League.

Mr. Hohenberger inquired whether these plantings would degrade the vista across the Range to Jenny's Hill, and Mr. McMahon replied in the negative. Further discussion ensued, and Mr. McMahon then requested the Board accept the donation as outlined and allow the planting to begin later this week.

Ms. Elizabeth Bondolian approached seeking clarification of the ultimate height of the plants, and Mr. McMahon replied approximately 18-20'.

Mr. Breton then moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to allow the plantings at Griffin Park as detailed, and that a public hearing be scheduled to formally accept the donations from Delahunty and the WBSL. Passed 4-0.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Mr. McMahon moved and Mr. Hohenberger seconded to enter into a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3-II c and d. Roll call vote – all members “yes”. The topics of discussion were reputations and land acquisition and the Board, Mr. Sullivan, and Conservation Commission member Jim Finn were in attendance in all sessions.

Land Acquisition: On behalf of the Conservation Commission, Mr. Sullivan discussed two (2) possible land donations with the Board members, as well as two (2) conservation easements. Mr. Breton moved and Mr. McMahon seconded to authorize the Conservation Commission to post a public hearing relative to the proposed donations. Passed 4-0.

Reputations: Mr. Hohenberger moved and Mr. McMahon seconded to, per the Trustee's recommendation, appoint Mr. Norman Bouitillette as Library Trustee to fill the term of Ms. Keller who has resigned. Passed 4-0.

Mr. McMahon moved and Mr. McLeod seconded to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sullivan, Town Administrator

Note: These minutes are in draft form and have not been submitted to the Board for approval.