

Town of Farmington
Board of Selectmen Public Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 10, 2018

Board Members Present:

Paula Proulx, Chairman
Dave Connolly
TJ Place
Ann Titus

Board Members Absent:

Neil Johnson, Vice Chairman

Others Present:

Arthur Capello, Town Administrator

1). Call to Order:

Chairman Proulx called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

2). Pledge of Allegiance:

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3). Transfer Station Tag:

Mr. Capello said the reason for this meeting is because the 500 Boys and Girls Club has requested permission to hold a tag day at the Transfer Station and that he does not have the authority to grant that permission. He said he only has the authority to grant permission for use of the Municipal Office Building so the authority for use of that facility rests with the Selectmen. Chairman Proulx stressed this meeting was not called as an emergency meeting and that it was posted for 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

Mrs. Titus asked if this permission is strictly for the Transfer Station and if they are approved for tagging activities around town.

Mr. Capello said he hadn't gotten into all of the details for their plans and assumed they were all set for the rest of the tagging activities. He said his only concern was the Transfer Station as that was their request.

Motion: (Titus, second Place) for the 500 Boys' and Girls' Club to have tagging at the Transfer Station on Saturday, May 12 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.;

Discussion: Mr. Connolly asked if the club had tagged at the Transfer Station before. He said his concern was about safety and asked if Mr. Capello knew where they planned to set up at the Transfer Station.

Mr. Capello said that the group has held tagging there previously and that he did not know the exact location where they would be set up. He recommended they set up inside the Transfer Station so that the traffic would not be backed up along Cocheco Road particularly with the narrow bridge there.

Chairman Proulx said the board had a similar conversation around election time and asked if a policy was developed regarding activities taking place inside/outside the Transfer Station.

Mr. Capello said the board discussed the matter but did not adopt a policy because it is almost

impossible to come up with a fair policy for all organizations and uses. He said the policy is basically the RSA that covers this issue and the board decided to take requests on a case by case basis.

He said if the board approves the request he will contact the club president to relay their safety concerns and then let him figure out the best location that would be out of the way but still allow access to the fund raiser.

Mrs. Titus said the kids would not be alone as there are usually several parents along on club activities. She agreed it would be better for the group to set up inside the station.

Mr. Capello said that probably the safest area and where the group would see the most people is near the shack where residents can purchase bag stickers.

Chairman Proulx suggested they try to find a way to allow people who wish to make a purchase/donation can pull off to the side to keep from blocking the flow of traffic into the station.

Mr. Capello said he will visit the site and determine if it would be possible for such a set up.

Amendment: Mrs. Titus made the following amendment to her motion: and to approve a raffle permit for the club so they can tag in front of businesses in town

Mr. Place accepted the amendment to the motion.

Mrs. Titus said this is the club's big money maker and it is a good organization for children to be involved in.

Mr. Capello said there is no fee for a raffle permit.

Chairman Proulx asked Mr. Capello to convey to the club that they need to have tagging and raffle permits to avoid this situation next year.

Mr. Capello said the permit covers tagging and raffles and they would also need a facility use form approved by the board for the use of Town property submitted in a timely manner.

Vote: The motion passed 4-0.

4). Adjournment:

Motion: (Titus, second Place) to adjourn the meeting passed 4-0 at 5:50 p.m.

Respectively submitted

Kathleen Magoon, Recording Secretary

Paula Proulx, Chairman

Dave Connolly

TJ Place

Ann Titus