Selectmen Discussion and Decisions
March 13, 2014

Selectmen present: Tom Hohn, John Norton, and Marie Harmon

1. Meeting with Mark Greene to discuss Maps/Assessing job description and employee code of conduct.

2. Discussed budget for FY15 in preparation for Finance Committee meeting.

3. Set a date for public hearing concerning Community Center Revitalization Project.

   Public hearing will be held on March 29, 2014

4. Meeting with Towanda Brown concerning summer pottery program.

   Selectmen received a letter(s) of support for the program.

   Last year, the program brought in 162 participants and $4500 in income with approximately $500 in total gross revenue. This reflected a high number of drop-in participants and a low enrollment.

   In discussions with the VFW Committee, there were concerns over electricity, space, and water usage.

      Towanda has suggested tailoring the program to meet the space limitations. This includes a paint-your-own ceramics program as well as continuing the Island clay dig with hand building and primitive firing. With these two programs, there would be less mess (no wheels involved), little water usage, and would limit kiln firing to once per week.

      Towanda also suggested that the pottery program use the storage space under the porch, which would resolve foreseen space issues.

   Action: Island Fellow will schedule a meeting between Towanda, the Buildings and Wharves Supervisor, and the VFW Committee to look at the space and plan for the summer.

5. Set a time for a meeting with the Chebeague Island Board of Selectmen.

   Will meet on March 30, 2014

6. John Norton made a motion to accept the minutes from the Feb. 20th meeting.

   2nd by Marie Harmon
   2-0 motion passed

7. John Norton made a motion to accept the minutes from Mar. 6th meeting.

   2nd by Marie Harmon
   3-0 motion passed

8. Motion made by Tom Hohn to terminate Coleman Clarke from all town positions.

   2nd by John Norton for the purposes of discussion.

   Discussion:

   The Board of Selectmen have been trying to retrieve records from Mr. Clarke for 8 months that the Town is legally required to keep. The Board of Selectmen had offered to have the Town computer used by Mr. Clarke searched by a third-party consultant to separate Town records from personal in order to maintain Mr. Clarke's privacy and also offered to make copies of paper records whose ownership Mr. Clarke disputes. Mr. Clarke has refused multiple requests for the return of the records and has taken active steps to deny the Town those records.

   Not taking action would set a terrible precedent for future Selectboards and other Town departments and officials such as Town Clerk, Treasurer, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. If the Selectmen accept this behavior it would set precedent that could be abused by future Treasurers or Town Clerks, claiming ownership of financial or property records. Deliberate destruction of or hiding town records can't be ignored and to do nothing would undermine Town government.

   Mr. Clarke has declared that he would not work with this Board of Selectmen and his actions have proven this.

   Mr. Clarke has demonstrated gross insubordination and tampered with a town computer in order to destroy or deny town records. He has refused a direct order to return town records in the form computer files, notebooks and photos required by the Board of Selectmen and the Town Attorney.

   All Town Officials and Department Heads have a duty to put interests of the Town ahead of personal interests. Selectmen have lost confidence in Mr. Clarke's commitment to safeguard Towns' interests.

9. John Norton made a motion to table the discussion for the next meeting.

   2nd by Tom Hohn.
   2-0 motion passed, Selectman Harmon abstained.

   <u>Action: Attorney Matt Tarasevich will attempt to obtain the records for a final time.</u>

10. Motion to adjorn made by John Norton

2nd by Marie Harmon
3-0 motion passed.