

ITEM 8: To Discuss Amendments to the Contract for Animal Control Services (cont.)

Joshua Bell moved to approve the amendments to the contract for Animal Control Services with the modification to Item 12; Michael Fogg seconded.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED
(Buckland/Bunker)**

ITEM 9: To Determine a Name for the new Park at 411 High Street

Richard Davis reviewed the public polling process and majority suggestions.

Joshua Bell moved to name the new park at 411 High Street Bjorn Park; Michael Fogg seconded.

Joshua Bell asked if something could be incorporated on the stone or elsewhere in the Park for the Historical Society's suggestion of Norton Flat School House Park. Mr. Davis agreed to check with Mr. Bjorn and the Historical Society.

**VOTE AFFIRMATIVE 3 ABSENT 2 MOTION CARRIED
(Buckland/Bunker)**

The Selectmen thanked all those who participated in the naming process.

ITEM 10: To Determine whether to Contract for Assessing Services or Employ an Assessor on Staff

Richard Davis explained and reviewed the sub-committee's philosophical issues, ie. level of service from a contractor versus assessor, particularly in regard to E911 addressing officer and in-house IT support, as well as Town staffing and management thereof. Sub-committee member Dennis O'Neil explained his concerns with not having enough information to determine if there will be a savings by hiring a contractor versus an assessor, especially with a three-year contract. Sub-committee member Joshua Bell stated that he perceived that they would be re-interviewing three of the four bid applicants in order to ask these questions. Mr. Davis clarified that the RFP does allow for an interview process so a new RFP is not necessary, and suggested trying to set up re-interviews during the day on Tuesday, September 16th. Michael Fogg asked to join the sub-committee in order to address his concerns.

ITEM 11: To Discuss the Potential Cost of Negotiating an Employment Contract for the Town Manager

Richard Davis reported that the cost estimate of negotiating an employment contract for the Town Manager will be \$2,000-\$4,000, unless there are a lot of meetings, which will increase the cost. The consensus was to table discussion of this matter until such time as the full Board is present.

