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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2012 DRAFT

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, December 17, 2012.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
Tom Congoran, Selectman
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman
Denis Goddard, Selectman
Neal Cass, Town Administrator
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Absent: George Langwasser

Public present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Ken Wilkens and Bob LaPree

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen Congoran made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Congoran and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes; 4-0.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of December 3, 2012. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Congoran to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Congoran voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, Goddard abstaining; motion passes; 3-0-1.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of December 3, 2012. Selectman Pellerin made a motion, seconded by Selectman Congoran to approve the minutes of the Non Public Meeting.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Congoran voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, Goddard abstaining; motion passes; 3-0-1.

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Kelly Davis, PortOne Architects, was in to discuss the Highway Garage Proposal and the progress on the Fire Station proposal. Mr. Davis stated he felt a disconnect with the presentation that was made at the Special Town Meeting. He further stated that he felt that the questions raised by the non supportive side were good questions and were questions that need to be answered. He realizes now the residents want

details. He would like to set a schedule of meetings before the next presentation at Town Meeting on March 16, 2013.

As for the Fire Station, discussion ensued as to what and when the Board would like to go forward with that presentation. Chairmen O'Brien stated the Board needs a report for the Town Meeting on March 16, 2013. Further discussion ensued regarding the two potential sites for the Fire Department. One being a new building and other the being an addition to the station located in Contoocook Village.

Steve Clough, Assist. Superintendent of Public Works-Waste, was to show the Board the letter that he will be sending out to abutter regarding the previously discussed modification to the Solid Waste Permit. This modification which allows us to accept and transfer solid wastes generated in other towns, not just Hopkinton and Webster. This modification will restore local control, giving us flexibility to deal with opportunities for revenue that may arise.

Kent Symonds, Sno Mads Snowmobile Club, was in to get the town's permission to use the snowmobile trails that run over town property at the following: West Hopkinton pits, Stevens Rail Trail, beside the Fire Station, Bound Tree Road, Class 6 section; Buzwell Corner across from the Mast Yard State Forest. Mr. Symonds stated that he has received permission from Ron Klemarczyk, Conservation Commission, for use of the Stevens Rail Trail. Selectmen Goddard asked if Sno Mads has any information on the town's Recreation web page. Mr. Symonds stated no, but he would send the address to the Sno Mads web site so we can link it on our web site.

Selectmen Pellerin made a motion approve the Contoocook Sno Mads permission to use the trails in the areas designated above. Selectmen Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Congoran and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes; 4-0.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

Acceptance of Unanticipated Funds-Chairmen O'Brien opened the public hearing at 6:35 pm. He explained the public hearing was needed in order for the Selectmen to accept the funds received from LGC with regards to the fire at the highway garage. We received two checks, one in the amount of \$103,768.54 for the vehicles that were damaged and \$72,816.09 for the contents of the garage. Chairmen O'Brien asked if there was any input from the public, there being no comment, Chairmen O'Brien closed the public hearing at 6:37 pm.

Selectmen Congoran made a motion to accept the funds from LGC for the vehicles and contents of the Highway Garage in the amount of \$176584.63. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Congoran and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes; 4-0.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Ken Wilkens inquired if there had been any progress in the removing of the signs from telephone poles, noting that if the town has no one to enforcement the rules, why have them.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Selectmen Goddard offered his apologies for being absent from several meetings this past year. He was unable to attend those meetings due to travel for work, which was not anticipated. He further stated he would have solid attendance going forward.

Chairmen O'Brien signed a letter to LGC with regards to the insurance matter.

Mr. Cass informed the Board that using half of the Community Center fund to pay down the Ransmeier note would shorten the time by 7 ½ years, to be complete in 2018 instead of 2026 for a savings of \$65,239 in interest. If you used half of the money to pay down the Highway Garage instead, it would save us approved \$18,512.00. No motion was needed, just direction to the Budget committee.

Chairmen O'Brien noted there was a bump in the Flood Control money as DRA did not include it in the operating budget even though DRA understands that the money has to be paid out. Chairmen O'Brien contact the Dupont Group, which helped us with this issue, and after a follow up conversation, the DRA will be putting it back into the budget.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

KJK Wireless, affiliated with AT&T is looking at a piece of property which is owned by the town to place a wireless tower on. Chairmen O'Brien asked Mr. Cass to invite KJK as well as all of the abutters to the property.

LGC Premium Holiday-LGC is proposing a premium holiday on health insurance only for those towns which are still with LGC. The process is plagued by many questions, what about the towns that paid in but have left LGC. LGC is proposing the same with the over payment of the property liability insurance. No action needed at this time.

Mr. Cass stated he would like the Board to encumber the following:

\$46,563.08 appropriation for reminder of highway contents

\$15,000.00 Fire Station

Selectmen Goddard made a motion to encumber \$46,563.08 for highway contents. Selectmen Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Congoran and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes; 4-0.

Selectmen Goddard made a motion to encumber \$15,000 for the Fire Station. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Congoran and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes; 4-0.

VIII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Staff evaluations are done.

Mr. Cass reported that Chuck Gangel is working on getting someone to be Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Tax revenue is coming in.

IX. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS CONTINUED

Ted Kupper and Natalie Duval-Safe Routes to Schools, Round 6

Mr. Kupper and Mrs. Duval are in to get a letter of support from the Selectmen on the building of a sidewalk from Pine Street, along Kearsarge Ave to the high school. Mr. Kupper gave a brief history of the sidewalks that have been installed. There have been some obstacles along the way, one of which was being awarded funds only to have them taken back. It was noted that cost sharing helps to obtain the grant money. The Board asked that the letter of support be ready for the next meeting on January 14, 2013. A discussion ensued with regards to the intersection at Spring Street.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II-RSA 91-A: 3 II (e) Legal

Selectman Congoran moved to go into a non-public session regarding a personnel issue under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (e). Selectman Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Pellerin, Congoran, Goddard and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4-0).

The Board and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 7:35 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 7:45 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Selectman Pellerin moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session indefinitely. Selectman Goddard seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Pellerin, Congoran, Goddard and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4-0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Congoran, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.