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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2011 UNAPPROVED

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, December 19, 2011.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman
Tom Congoran, Selectman
George Langwasser, Selectman
Bryan Pellerin, Selectman (arriving at 5:33 pm)
Denis Goddard, Selectman
Neal Cass, Town Administrator
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public present: Bonnie & Lester Cressy, Ken Wilkens

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Selectmen Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, and Goddard
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;
Pellerin and Congoran abstaining; motion passes
3-0-2

Selectmen O'Brien announced the Board has made an offer of hire to John Thayer for the position of Public Works Superintendent. Mr. Thayer has accepted. His start date is January 17, 2012.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of December 5, 2011. Selectman Goddard made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of December 5, 2011.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser and Goddard
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;
Pellerin and Congoran abstaining; motion passes
3-0-2

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of December 5, 2011. Selectman Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectman Goddard to approve the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of December 5, 2011.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser and Goddard
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;
Pellerin and Congoran abstaining motion passes
3-0-2

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of December 6, 2011. Selectman Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of December 6, 2011.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser and Pellerin
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;
Goddard and Congoran abstaining; motion passes
3-0-2

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of December 6, 2011. Selectman Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting of December 6, 2011.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser and Pellerin
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;
Goddard and Congoran abstaining; motion passes
3-0-2

III. OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update: Selectmen Langwasser stated all budgets have been presented to the Budget Committee, there were no changes made and the budget was approved as presented. He further stated there were motions to restore funding for the Human Services position to be full time until town meeting, no second; there was a motion to cut the Recreation budget by \$60,000, no second. He also stated the Committee had questions with regards to the Community Center Fund. Selectmen Langwasser shared with the Committee the Board of Selectmen's previous discussion regarding the Community Center Fund. He informed the Budget Committee no decisions have been made; it is still in the discussion process.

Mr. Cass called the Board's attention to the Draft Warrant Articles noting Article #9 with regards to the Community Center. It was noted the fund can only be used for a Community Center or to renovate Columbia Hall (which is no longer). If the fund is discontinued then the money goes back to the General Fund. Further discussion ensued.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Draft Warrant-A discussion ensued with regards to how the warrant would be presented. Mr. Cass stated we vote on a bottom line budget and this method saves time.

Selectmen Congoran inquired about discussion at Town Meeting relative to changing the fiscal year. Mr. Cass stated we have no plan in place at this time.

Fire Chief Schaeffer inquired if changing to a fiscal year would required the Department Head to do a budget for 1 ½ years. Mr. Cass stated yes. Selectmen O'Brien went on to stated that there are several ways to go about changing the fiscal year.

Ice Skating Rink Update: The skating rink has been located at the Fairgrounds utilizing the horse ring. The Fair no longer wishes the rink to be located there and they would like the Town to pay for the use of the water to create and maintain the rink. Mr. Cass reported there will be no skating rink this year. He further stated he, Jessica Bailey and Greg Roberts looked for other locations. They will begin planning for next year.

Mr. Cass asked the Board to look at the letter that Steve Clough had prepared to go the residents on Penacook Road. The Board would like Mr. Clough to go to the Sewer Committee with the letter before sending it out.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public comment

VI. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to go into non public session with regards to RSA 91-A:3 II (c) and (a). Selectmen Congoran seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE: O'Brien: yes; Langwasser: yes;
Congoran: yes; Pellerin: yes; Goddard: yes

The Board entered the first non public session with Fire Chief Schaeffer at 6:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, motion by Selectman, seconded by Selectman to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

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