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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2012 Approved September 9, 2012

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:34 PM on Monday, August 27, 2012.

Present:

Jim O'Brien, Chairman

Tom Congoran, Selectman

George Langwasser, Selectman

Bryan Pellerin, Selectman

Denis Goddard, Selectman

Neal Cass, Town Administrator

Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public Present: Marion Paxton, Janet Krzyzaniak, Bill Davis, Byron Carr, Dick Horner. Bob LaPree, Ken Wilkens, Byron Carr

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

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

Vote: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser, Congoran
and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no
votes against; motion passes; 5-0

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of August 13, 2012. Selectman Congoran made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

Vote: O'Brien, Langwasser, Congoran
and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no
votes against; Pellerin abstains; motion passes;
4-0-1

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Session August 13, 2012, Session I. Selectmen Congoran made a motion, seconded by Selectmen Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Non Public Meeting.

Vote: O'Brien, Langwasser, Congoran
and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no
votes against; Pellerin abstains; motion passes;
4-0-1

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Session August 13, 2012, Session II. Selectmen Congoran made a motion, seconded by Selectmen Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Non Public Meeting.

Vote: O'Brien, Langwasser, Congoran
and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no
votes against; Pellerin abstains; motion passes;
4-0-1

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Kelly Davis from PortOne Architects was in tonight to speak with the Board about the conceptual design for the Fire Station. Chairmen O'Brien read Article 8 from the 2012 Town Meeting: To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for conceptual architecture and engineering for a new fire station with plans to be presented at the 2013 Town Meeting.

Mr. Davis explained the process that would take place as we move forward, noting that choices become clearer as the process moves forward. He had questions for the Board with regards to what they want and when they want it. Mr. Davis would like to speak to the Fire Chief and members of the Fire Station Study committee. Mr. Davis will be back on September 24.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Highway Department RFQ Update-Mr. Cass informed the Board he will be meeting with member of the Highway Department to narrow the choices to 3 for the Board to interview.

Rondeau Letter-Chairmen O'Brien reminded the Board that they had requested a letter be drafted with regards to unsecured loads on the way to the transfer station. Discussion ensued as to how to get the information out to the public. The Board would like to see the letter out with the tax bills. The Board will look the letter over and made any corrections or edits. A discussion ensued with regards to signs on the roads leading to the transfer station. Bob LaPree stated the letter should go to the Webster residents as well. Mr. Cass will call Webster.

V. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS (continued)

Community Center Study Committee members, Bob LaPree, Marion Paxton, Dick Horner, Bryon Carr and Jessica Bailey were in to give their final report to the Board. Mr. LaPree stated they received about 200 responses; about one third were definite "no"; about 25% were it would be good to have; and another 25% felt that there was a need for a large activities space. Mr. LaPree also read comments from other members of the committee. The Committee had a difference of opinion with regards to returning the money to the general fund. The report and comments will be posted on the web site.

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

William Davis asked the Board for the status of his building permit as he believes they need to deny it so that he can proceed to the ZBA for approval. He has had to tear down his historic barn as it was not structural sound and he is replacing it with a newer one. The Board denied his building permit so that he could move forward in the process.

Bryon Carr suggested a series of signs along the road to the transfer station:

If you're the one

With untied loads

You're the one

Mess'n up our roads!

A discussion ensued as to where signs could be put. Selectmen Goddard is the Recycling Committee rep and he will bring this suggestion up to them for input.

Bob LaPree states he has been to the transfer station several times and he does not believe that his car was checked for the sticker. He also indicated that someone was throwing black bags into the hopper. He believes the staff needs to check for stickers all the time.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Charge to the Human Services Advisory Committee Draft- Mr. Cass stated that he has spoken to Mrs. Bresaw about the charge and she is ready to move forward with it.

Selectmen Congoran made a motion accept the charge of the Human Services Advisory Committee as written. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion.

Vote: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser, Congoran
and Goddard voting in favor of the motion; no
votes against; motion passes; 5-0

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

DOT has sent a letter to the Town informing us of their intent to turn off some of the street lights at Exit 4, 5 & 6. The Board does not agree with turning off the street lights at the exits and will send a letter to DOT citing safety issues and send a copy of Senator Larson and our state reps and the Concord Monitor.

Kimball Lake Dam-The Board has received a Letter for Deficiency for the dam, however, Mr. Cass has been in touch with the DES and the issues are being corrected. Mr. Cass noted a need for maintenance plan for all the dams that we own.

Mr. Cass noted Department Heads are working on the budget and they are due by September 17, 2012.

Mr. Cass noted that HR Clough has been awarded the oil bid.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Tom Congoran asked the Board to approve the mailing of the Contoocook Carry donation letter. Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to approve the letter and mailing for the Contoocook Carry. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion.

Vote: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser, and Goddard
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against;

Congoran abstains; motion passes; 4-0-1

Mr. Cass noted the Board received a letter from Central NH Regional Planning with regards to appointing a representative from the Town to a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee. Selectmen Pellerin will bring it forward to the EDC.

Mr. Cass informed the Board that the Staff Appreciation Cookout for the town employees and the summer staff at school took place on August 9, 2012.

Mr. Cass also informed the Board of the meeting he, Steve Chamberlin and the area realtors had.

Chairmen O'Brien noted the DRA has approved our request to overspend the budget in order to replace equipment destroyed by the fire. Chairmen O'Brien thanked Janet Krzyzaniak and the Budget Committee.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II-RSA 91-A: 3 II (a): *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, **unless** the employee affected (1) has a right to a public meeting, and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted.*

Selectman Congoran moved to go into a non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Selectman Langwasser seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Pellerin, Congoran, Goddard, Langwasser, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

The Board and the Town Administrator entered into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 7:59 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 8:14 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Selectman Langwasser moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session indefinitely. Selectman Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Pellerin, Congoran, Goddard, Langwasser, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

NON-PUBLIC SESSION II-RSA 91-A: 3 II (e): *Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing or filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Any application filed for tax abatement, pursuant to law, with any body or board shall not constitute a threatened or filed litigation against any public body for the purposes of this subparagraph.*

Selectman Congoran moved to go into a non-public session under the provisions of RSA 91-A: 3 II (e). Selectman Langwasser seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Pellerin, Congoran, Goddard, Langwasser, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

The Board and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 8:14 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 8:34 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Selectman Langwasser moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session for 60 days. Selectman Congoran seconded the motion.

VOTE: Selectmen Pellerin, Congoran, Goddard, Langwasser, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Congoran, seconded by Selectman Pellerin to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

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