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**SELECTMEN
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012
APPROVED September 24, 2012**

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:35 PM on Monday, September 13, 2012.

Present:

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

Absent: Tom Congoran

Public present: Robert Walmsley, Marion Paxton, Janet Krzyzaniak, Jeff Yale

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Pellerin, Langwasser
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 August 27, 2012. Selectman Pellerin made a motion to approve the minutes August 27, 2012. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion. Typo corrections were made.

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of September 4, 2012. Selectmen Goddard made a motion to approve the minutes of September 4, 2012. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion.

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of September 5, 2012. Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 5, 2012. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of August 27, 2012, Session I (a) and Session II (e), noting both sets were sealed; Session I has no expiration date and Session II expires in 60 days. Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to approve both Session I and Session II as written. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of September 4, 2012, Session I (a) and Session II (e), noting both sets were sealed; Session I expires in 30 days and Session II expires in 60 days. Selectmen Goddard made a motion to approve both Session I and Session II as written. Selectmen Langwasser seconded the motion.

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

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Jeff Yale-Chairmen O'Brien informed those present that at the September 5, 2012 meeting the Board appointed Jeff Yale as Interim Fire Chief, who agreed to serve. Chairmen O'Brien thanked Mr. Yale for his service during this difficult time and thanked him and the Fire Department for all their work during the Rick Schaeffer's funeral. Interim Fire Chief Jeff Yale stated that Hopkinton is lucky to have such a wonderful Fire Department.

Selectmen Langwasser told this time to express his thanks for the outpouring of help from all over New Hampshire.

Mr. Yale gave a brief history of his time at the Hopkinton Fire Department. Selectmen O'Brien stated that we are moving forward with the fire station information gathering. Mr. Yale stated he would like to be on that committee.

Chairmen O'Brien stated the Board will be interviewing 3 of those firms that sent in RFQ for the Highway building at 6:30 pm and therefore will be taking things out of order on the agenda.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Sue Strickford stated she was very proud of the way our firefighters handled themselves and thanked them for their efforts.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Trash letter-Chairmen O'Brien stated the need for the letter to go out. Neal Cass stated that we cannot put the letter in with the tax bills. The cost to mail will be about \$371.00. Discussion ensued what part of the

budget it will come out of. Mr. Cass stated he had contacted Webster but has not received a call back. He will contact them again.

Selectmen Pellerin made a motion to mail the letter about trash town wide and that the mailing will be paid out of the Recycling Revolving Fund. Selectmen Goddard seconded the motion.

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

Human Services Committee-Chairmen O'Brien explained that this committee will work with Marilyn to identify and speak to the needs of the town. Mr. Cass stated the following people have an interest in the committee: Lucile Gaskill, Cettie Connelly, Kevin Nichols or Gordon Crouch, Sue Strickford and Jim Hersey. Sue Strickford stated that Marilyn is doing a wonderful job working on the Got Lunch Program.

Voting Coverage-Selectmen Langwasser will be at the poles all day, Selectmen O'Brien will be in around 5:00 pm, Selectmen Pellerin will be there at the end for signing.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Cass stated that he will be meeting with the independent insurance adjustor on Tuesday at 1:00 pm.

Selectmen Goddard inquired about the letter for the street lighting. Mr. Cass stated that Selectmen Congoran was to write that letter. He will contact Selectmen Congoran.

Selectmen Langwasser expressed his thanks to the Hopkinton Schools for all of their help during Fire Chief Schaeffer's funeral. Mr. Cass is getting together a list of all those people and organization that helped with the funeral and will be sending out thank you notes.

Chairmen O'Brien stated that the last few non public sessions were in regards the LGC's coverage and the fire at the Highway building, and the Board would like to unseal those minutes and inform the Town as to what has transpired so far.

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to unseal all non public minutes with regards to all matters pertaining to the insurance coverage for the highway department building. Selectmen Pellerin seconded the motion.

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

Chairmen O'Brien stated the Board met with LGC on August 13. He further stated the town, based on LGC's appraisal of the highway garage of 1.7 million, has been paying premiums based on that appraisal. LGC's initial number came back much less. The Board strongly disagrees with LGC. It was noted that we have settled on the vehicles that were destroyed and damaged during the fire. Selectmen Langwasser

added we are in risk pool with other towns, we paid premiums on a 1.7 million dollar policy based on LGC's assessment.

Janet Krzyzaniak stated the Board should go after the 1.7 million; that is what we paid for. We need to get the building done because the department is scattered all over the place and it is hard on them.

Sue Strickford stated the Board could apply for a special town meeting to build a new building.

It was decided to meet on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall to discuss and possible sign a contract with an independent insurance adjuster. Mr. Cass will meet with the independent insurance adjuster at 1:00 pm on Wednesday.

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

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

Before going into non public session, Robert Walmsley inquired if the Board had denied his building permit, so that he could move on to the Planning Board. Chairmen O'Brien stated that the Board did deny it.

Sue Strickford stated that she would like to thank Neal Cass for all his hard work for the past week and that he has done a great job with everything going on. Selectmen O'Brien stated that Mr. Cass also worked the Contocook Carry on Sunday.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION I – RSA 91-A:3 II (c) – Reputation

Selectman Pellerin moved to go into a non-public session regarding building contractors for highway garage under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (c). Selectman Langwasser seconded the motion.

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

The Board, Highway Superintendent and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 6:32 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 8:58 p.m.

The minutes of the nonpublic session were not sealed.

Vote to hire contractor and architect for highway building:

Selectman Pellerin moved that the Town hire Jewett Construction and PortOne Architects

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

The Board entered non public session at 6:35 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Selectman Goddard seconded by Selectman Pellerin to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

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