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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013 Approved April 15, 2013

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, April 8, 2013.

Select Board Present: Jim O'Brien, George Langwasser, Sue B. Strickford, Sara Persechino and Ken Traum

Staff Present: Neal Cass, Town Administrator and Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public Present: Brandon Clover, Courtney Andrews, Alicia Andrews, Kevin and Kara Culpon, Don Delude, Jeff Yale, Ryan Hughes, Thatcher Plante, Nate Martel, Chris Gow, Rich Armstrong, Heather Greenlaw, Jessica Marston, Louise Carr, Bryon Carr, Don Lane

I. CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Member George Langwasser led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Select Board Member Sara Persechino made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as written. Select Board Member George Langwasser seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino and Traum voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes, 5-0.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of April 1, 2013. Select Board Member Ken Traum made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting. Select Board Member Sue Strickford seconded the motion. One correction of spelling.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino and Traum voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes, 5-0.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Meeting of April 1, 2013. Select Board Member George Langwasser made a motion to approve the minutes of the Non Public Meeting. Select Board Member Sue Strickford seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino and Traum voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes, 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Swearing in of Thatcher Plante –full time Firefighter/EMT. Chairman O'Brien asked Fire Chief Mumford to come forward and speak about Thatcher. Fire Chief Mumford stated that Thatcher has been working part time for the Department for 5 years. We are very lucky to have him. Chairman O'Brien asked Mr. Plante to recite the oath of office. Chairman O'Brien called for a 5 minute break at 5:40 pm.

At 5:45 pm, Chairman O'Brien invited Don Lane and Louise Carr to come forward. Mr. Lane and Mrs. Carr are here to start planning for the 250th town anniversary celebration which will take place in 2015. Mr. Lane stated the Historical Society is hoping to put on the play "Our Town"; an extended farming exhibit; annual art show and sale, a cemetery walk is being planned. It will be a town wide, year-long celebration. He has spoken with the Rotary Club and the Recreation Department; he will be speaking with the schools and churches. He would like the Board to consider a point man for the committee as well as possible committee members. Mrs. Carr stated they would like to do an event each month, which may include a variety show, fireworks. She stated they will start to fundraise soon.

Mr. Lane also informed the Board that the software for the Cemetery Trustees has been ordered and we are number 3 in the queue for conversion.

Select Board Member Sue Strickford asked what Hopkinton is most noted for. Mr. Lane replied that it is hard to keep it to one thing; we are noted for our great school system; farming history; government involvement; development of Contoocook Village, train depot and bridge preservation.

At 6:00 pm Chairman O'Brien opened the Public Hearing for the Increase in Sewer Rates. As there was no public comment, Chairmen O'Brien closed the Public Hearing at 6:02 pm.

Select Board Member Ken Traum made a motion to approve the rate increase of \$10.00 on the minimum sewer charge per six month period, from \$105 to \$115 to become effective on the April 2013 billing; and to also approve a rate increase of \$.0006/gallon, from \$.0056/gallon to \$.0062/gallon on the sewer rate charged on usage above the minimum allowance. Select Board Member George Langwasser seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino and Traum
voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes, 5-0.

V. PUBLIC FORUM

Byron Carr suggested the Board contact EDC with regards to the 250th Anniversary Celebration. Mr. Carr also inquired about signs on the way to the Transfer Station. Chairman O'Brien stated nothing has been done. Mr. Carr also inquired about the condition of the barn and the need for repairs to the foundation and repairs.

Select Board Member Sue Strickford stated that Peter Lincoln, a member of the Alumni Association, inquired if they could use a space in the vault at the Town's Clerk office for a safe with Alumni supplies, pictures, etc. The Board was agreeable; however, they asked Mr. Cass to check with Town Clerk/Tax Collector Chuck Gangel before the Board gives its permission.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cass stated that last week the Board was given a copy of the contract from Jewett Construction and was asked to review it. It was noted the completion date is scheduled for October 14, 2013. Select Board Member Ken Traum inquired as to the cost of the earth work and if our highway department would be doing it. Mr. Cass replied that we do not have all the equipment needed and the crew will be needed for scheduled road work. However, we will be doing some of the earth work.

Select Board Member George Langwasser made a motion to approve the contract with Jewett Construction, Inc. for the repair and construction of the Hopkinton Department of Public Works located at 210 Public Works Road, not to exceed \$1,298,986.00. Select Board Member Ken Traum seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino and Traum voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes, 5-0.

Chairman O'Brien inquired as to the groundbreaking ceremony. After some discussion, it was decided to have the groundbreaking ceremony on May 3, 2013 at 9:00 am.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Pottinger Property Deeding-Mr. Cass informed the Board that this property is coming up for deeding. The owner is no longer living there; the property is on the market. Mr. Cass is recommending that we hold off on deeding to see if it sells. Select Board Member George Langwasser stated he would like more information before making a decision.

Contoocook River Local Advisory Committee is looking for a representative from Hopkinton. Chairman O'Brien suggested we contact the Conservation Commission or Greener Hopkinton for a recommendation.

VIII. TA UPDATES

Mr. Cass reminded the Board that they will be touring the Fire Station on Friday at 8:00 am.

Mr. Cass informed the Board that there will be a joint meeting with the Webster Selectmen with regards to the Modification Permit for the Transfer Station. It will be on May 20 at 6:00 pm.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Select Board Member Ken Traum stated he went to a LGC sponsored training and he would like to know the procedures in place for the cash controls at the Transfer Station. He also inquired as to RSA 31:95 (b) which refers to unanticipated revenue; if we had adopted it. He also stated he spoke with Cleve Kapala about working on the hiking trails. Mr. Traum stated he also reached out to Dave Luneau to see if the school would participate.

Select Board Member Sara Persechino reminded the Board about Earth Day Clean Up on April 20th.

Chairman O'Brien inquired if Mr. Cass had any quotes for insurance. Mr. Cass replied that he expected to have them at the next meeting as the deadline is April 15.

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

Select Board Member Langwasser moved to go into a non-public session regarding pending negotiation under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (e). Select Board Member Traum seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino, Traum 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 6:47 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 6:58 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Select Board Member Langwasser moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session for a period of 6 months. Select Board Member Traum seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino, Traum and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Select Board Member Persechino, seconded by Select Board Member Traum to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

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