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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013 APPROVED July 1, 2013

Chairman Jim O'Brien called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:31 PM on Monday, June 17, 2013.

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

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

Absent: Ken Traum

Public Present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Patrick Herlihy, Cathy Herlihy, Bob and Jane LaPree, Merle Dustin

Chairman O'Brien asked Select Board Member Sue Strickford to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Select Board Member George Langwasser made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for June 17, 2013. Select Board Member Sara Persechino seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford and Persechino 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 June 11, 2013. Select Board Member George Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Select Board Member Sue Strickford to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

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

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of June 14, 2013. Select Board Member Sara Persechino made a motion, seconded by Select Board Member George Langwasser to approve the minutes of the Public Meeting.

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

III. NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Financials ending May, 2013. Mr. Cass stated we are on track. Select Board Member Sue Strickford inquired about the refund fund amount, Library income and pay by bag revenue line. Mr. Cass will get back to her on those questions.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Highway Garage Update-Mr. Cass informed the Board that the steel structure is all up. Side doors are in and the siding arrived today. Floors are almost ready to pour in the office area.

Fire Station Update-Mr. Cass reported that the building was constructed so that an addition could be added to the second floor, so the focus will be on the present location. Select Board Member Langwasser stated we need to make sure the residents understand why the present location has been chosen.

Town Meeting Petition-Chairman O'Brien gave a brief summary of the Town Meeting Petition and the vote that the Board took last time to withdraw the Modification Permit for the Transfer Station. He further stated the Board has started to receive e-mails from those that signed the Petition stating that per the Board's vote to withdraw the Modification, they are withdrawing their name from the Petition and stating that a Special Town Meeting is no longer necessary.

After a lengthy discussion, about how to word the motion, Select Board Member George Langwasser made a motion as follows:

As a result of the Petition submitted to the Board of Selectmen dated May 20, 2013, requesting the Special Town Meeting and as a consequence of the Board of Selectmen's withdrawing the Department of Environmental Services Application Permit for Modification for the Transfer Station, a Special Town Meeting will not be held at this time. The Board will issue a Public Notice informing the Town that no Special Town Meeting will take place. Select Board Member Sara Persechino seconded the motion.

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

V. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Chairman O'Brien recused himself from the discussion, as he is the one requesting a stop sign. Select Board Member George Langwasser opened the Public Hearing with regards to a stop sign on Prospect Street. Mr. O'Brien stated he is concerned because many people use Prospect and Highland St as a cut through. He further stated it is not the amount of the traffic in the area, but the speed of that traffic that concerns him, as there are many children in the area. It is a safety measure.

Acting Chair Langwasser read a memo from Police Chief Steve Pecora. Police Chief Pecora stated that according to Public Works Superintendent John Thayer, a stop sign should already be on Highland Street. He recommended reinstalling the stop sign on Highland and two additional signs for a 3 way stop.

Acting Chair Langwasser asked for public comment. Patrick Herlihy, 31 Prospect Street agrees with Mr. O'Brien's initial proposal. He further stated there are lots of kids on the street and the cars go too fast. However, he believes that 3 stop signs is overkill.

Bob LaPree, 25 Highland Street stated that through the years traffic has increased and backing out of the driveway can be difficult. A stop sign at Highland Street would make sense.

Select Board Member Sue Strickford stated that the bushes and trees all need to be cut back as well.

Select Board Member Sue Strickford made a motion to install two stop signs; one on Highland Street and one on Prospect Street, at the intersection of Highland and Prospect. Select Board Member Sara Persechino seconded the motion.

VOTE: Langwasser, Strickford and Persechino voting in favor of the motion; no votes against, motion passes, 3-0-1(O'Brien).

Chairman O'Brien opened the next public hearing-Renewal of Barn Easement at 6:15 pm. He explained Barn Easements are meant to "encourage the preservation of historic agricultural structures...". It was noted that tax reduction is on the barn only. Chairman O'Brien asked for public comment. There being none, he closed the public hearing.

Select Board Member Langwasser made a motion to continue with the Discretionary Preservation Easement on the barn located at 340 Main Street, Hopkinton, NH which is owned by Celeste Hemingson at a reduced rate of 75%. Select Board Member Sue Strickford seconded the motion.

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

VI. PUBLIC FORUM

Merle Dustin inquired as to when the bathrooms will be handicapped accessible at the Town Hall. Mr. Cass replied, we are currently working on the first phase of construction and hopefully, we will get the funds to continue next year.

Janet Krzyzaniak stated she had several items for Public Forum. She stated we need to be sure that we have all the engineering plans for all the buildings that we have constructed. They need to be kept in one central location. It was noted those plans should be stored at the vault.

Mrs. Krzyzaniak stated that the water at Veteran's Park is still not turned on. Mr. Cass will look into it.

Mrs. Krzyzaniak stated the area on Spring Street has been loamed, reseeded and looks great except for the tire marks through the area.

Mrs. Krzyzaniak asked if Mr. Kupper's plans (for the Fire Station) had been found. She was inquiring if the building had been according to the plan. Mr. Cass replied yes.

Mrs. Krzyzaniak inquired about the money trail for donations at the Senior Center; does the money go into the General Fund? Mr. Cass stated the money does not go to the General Fund. Money donated for specific items go to purchase that specific item. A donation goes into a trust fund. She gave the Board a copy of the Rules and Regulations for the Slusser Senior Center, which were approved by the Senior Recreation Counsel on September 30, 2007.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Select Board Member Sue Strickford announced there will be a meeting on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the Maple Street School in regards to Facilities Planning and School configuration.

Select Board Member Sara Persechino inquired if we have Welfare Guidelines. Mr. Cass stated yes.

A discussion ensued with regards to the house by the cemetery in Contoocook Village and having a car for sale, the car being parked on town property. A discussion ensued with regards to the right of way through that property to the Cemetery. Select Board Member Langwasser stated it is not an on-going business.

Select Board Member Langwasser inquired if the rest of the Board had seen the article in the paper about LGC and how they are planning on reorganizing.

VIII. TA UPDATES

Mr. Cass stated that a resident of Graves Road would like to pave the portion of the road at the expense of that resident. A memo from John Thayer notes that he has no objection to the paving, but noted the resident needs to have the contractor pay close attention to the ditching to ensure good drainage.

Select Board Member Langwasser made a motion to authorize the resident of Graves Road to pave a portion of the road at the expense of that resident. Select Board Member Strickford seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Cass informed the Board that new road maps of Hopkinton are available.

Mr. Cass noted we received a Building Permit from HYSA with regards to erecting a scoreboard, however, their intent is to use telephone poles instead of the type of poles they used when erecting a previous scoreboard. Mr. Cass will notify HYSA to use the same type of poles.

Mr. Cass informed the Board, the new server was put in on Thursday and it went smoothly.

Mr. Cass noted the progress made on the construction of a new office in the Town Hall.

There being no further business, motion by Select Board Member Langwasser, seconded by Select Board Member Persechino to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan

Administrative Assessing Assistant

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