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**SELECT BOARD
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014
APPROVED February 10, 2014**

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2014, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall. Mr. O'Brien introduced the members of the Board. Ken Traum led the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Jim O'Brien, Chair, George Langwasser, Vice Chair, Sue B. Strickford, Sara Persechino and Ken Traum

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

Public Present: Don Houston, Janet Krzyzaniak, Tom Krzyzaniak, Ken Wilkens, Gary Richardson and Patti Cass Smith

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Consent Agenda

Board members reviewed documents for signature and approved unanimously (5-0) the Consent Agenda taking the following action on motion made by Mr. Traum and seconded by Mrs. Persechino:

Item	Date	Action	Comments
Accounts Payable	01/27/14	Approved	\$1,279,750.43
Accounts Payable	01/27/14	Approved	\$60,848.73
Payroll Manifest	01/27/14	Approved	\$68,538.67
Letter: John Pianka	01/27/14	Approved	
Building Permit	01/27/14	Approved	MacNeil renovations
Land Use Change Tax-Carson	01/27/14	Approved	Release never filed
Avitar Contract-Software	01/27/14	Approved	
Abatement Application	01/27/14	Approved	Strategic
Right to Bury	01/27/14	Approved	Ronald Subler
Grant Agreement-Hwy Generator	01/27/14	Approved	

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of January 20, 2014. Mr. Langwasser made a motion; seconded by Mrs. Persechino to approve the minutes of December 30, 2013.

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

The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes of January 20, 2014. Mrs. Persechino made a motion, seconded by Mr. Langwasser, to approve the non-public meeting minutes of December 30, 2013.

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

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Gary Richardson, Moderator was in to inform the Board, that although he does intend to be here for the 2014 Town Meeting, it is unlikely that he will be available for the Town Meeting in 2015 as he intends to spend the winters in Florida. He requested guidance from the Board as to whether or not he should run or if he should inquire if Bruce Ellsworth would like to run for moderator. Chairman O'Brien stated the Board would need some time to discuss it and would get back to him. Chairman O'Brien also thanked Mr. Richardson for all his time and work on the Flood Control issue.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Ken Wilkens stated he had an issue at the Transfer Station, as there were many cars parked in front of the hopper and he could not get to it. He stated he spoke to an attendant but got no response.

Mr. Cass stated that there was a crew filming a piece on Friday, but he was unaware of anything of that nature happening on Monday. Mr. Cass also stated a Channel 9 reporter was in his office this morning with regards to the incident at the basketball game at the Hopkinton High School last week.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

2013 Financial Update: Mr. Cass stated these figures are final, until the Auditors make their adjustments. The expense side was underspent and the revenue side was up. Mr. Langwasser stated the Department Heads did an excellent job in controlling the budget. Mr. Cass also informed the Board that the filing period to sign up for elections is open until Friday at 5:00 pm. A discussion ensued with regards to the Town Report Dedication.

Fire Station Renovation Update: Mr. Traum had questions with regards to the pellet boiler option. He would like to see a comparison of efficiency, annual consumption and price between a pellet boiler and the other options of oil or propane. The Board has heard opinion both for and against using a pellet boiler for heat. A discussion ensued with regards to the storage of pellets;

inside the facility or outside of the facility. Mr. Cass suggested visiting a facility that has a pellet boiler for heat. Chairman O'Brien went over a list of materials that he will need for the presentation on the proposed addition to the Fire Station. Tom Krzyzaniak noted the possibility of eliminating the bump out on the Fire Station and making it flush with the rest of the building. A discussion ensued with regards to the Fire Suppression System. Chairman O'Brien stated these items need to be discussed at the building meeting to be held on Monday.

Flood Control Update: Chairman O'Brien stated the bill on flood control will be heard tomorrow. He will be there to speak. He also stated he believes the Attorney Generals' of New Hampshire and Massachusetts are close to a settlement on the money that is past due.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Trail Kiosk-The Conservation Commission has been approached by a Boy Scout to see if he can build a trail kiosk, to be located at the Kimball Cabin property. Lee Wilder is on the Conservation Commission as well as the Kimball Property Study Committee and he is willing to help with this project.

Mr. Cass reminded the Board that they are doing lunch at the Slusser Senior Center on March 12, 2014.

Fireworks Contract for the 250th Celebration: Mrs. Persechino stated that Louise Carr spoke to a few fireworks places and Pyrotecnico was the best one. Mrs. Persechino stated the committee will be doing a lot of fundraising to pay for this contract. Mr. Cass went over the payment schedule. Mrs. Persechino stated a representative of the company came and met with both the Fire and Police Chiefs' to discussion any issues and to look at possible sites for the fireworks. It will take place the weekend after Memorial Day, 2015.

Mr. Langwasser made a motion to employ Pyrotecnico, for a fireworks display on May 30, 2015, in the amount of \$20,000.00. Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino, and Traum voted in favor, none opposed and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0).

Mrs. Strickford inquired if there will be an event held before the fireworks. Mrs. Persechino stated yes there will be a block party.

VI. OTHER

Chairman O'Brien stated he attended a public hearing on the so-called "campground tax". He further stated Mr. Cass spoke in favor of eliminating the tax and did a very good job. No decision was made as Steve Hamilton from the DRA was not able to attend so the hearing was continued until the next day.

There being no further business, Mrs. Persechino moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Traum seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, Chairman O'Brien called for the vote.

VOTE: O'Brien, Langwasser, Strickford, Persechino, and Traum voted in favor, none opposed and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (5-0). Chair O'Brien declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant