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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2015 APPROVED March 16, 2015

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this regularly scheduled meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:45 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2015, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall. Mr. O'Brien introduced the members of the Board and George Langwasser led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Public Present: Ken Wilkens, and Bruce Ellsworth, Moderator

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

Consent Agenda

The 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:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST	\$599,206.24
	\$48,199.13

PAYROLL MANIFEST	\$68,199.11
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BUILDING PERMITS

Brad & Paula Simpkins 155 Putney reno 239-52.1

Matthew Dimasi 371 Maple renov 227-38

Contoocook Village Precinct Hopkinton Rd Pump Station 104-95.1

Contoocook Methodist Church, temporary sign

Thank You letters-Kimball Cabins

Exemptions and Credits

Blind-Map 101 Lot 54

Veterans-Map 217 Lot 2.3

Elderly Exemption-Map 101 Lot 53

Abatements-To apply negative bills

Map 102 Lot 5	\$797.00
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Map 101 Lot 26	\$576.00
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Map 246 Lot 64	\$60.00
Map 225 Lot 89	\$713.00
Map 225 Lot 81	\$674.00
Map 225 Lot 92	\$18.00
Map 245 Lot 70	\$304.00
Map 245 Lot 44	\$285.00
Map 215 Lot 6	\$1,039.00

Map 209 Lot 58 Lot should be exempt tax deeded	\$65.00
Map 210-Lot 99 Lot should be exempt tax deeded	\$10,354.00
Map 256 Lot 27.1 Lot should be exempt Rowell	\$49.00
Map 208 Lot 3 C23 Interest first issue not received	\$7.00
Map 221 Lot 40 Elderly exemption not on 2nd issue	\$1,651.00
Map 208 Lot 3 D23 Trailer removed from Sandy Beach	\$547.00

CURRENT USE APPLICATION

David and Linda White Map 211 Lot 14

PROCLAMATION

INTENT TO CUT

Map 228 Lots 16, 17, 18, 36, 46

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Sewer Fund to General Fund	\$8,070.71
Recreation Revolving to General Fund	\$7,429.66
Special Revenue Fund to General Fund	\$16,376.05
Capital Reserve Fund to General Fund	\$72,982.86

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Fire Department Change in Employee Status
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APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE BRIDGE AID

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Persechino to approve the minutes of the Public Select Board Meeting held on Wednesday, February 23, 2015. There being no discussion, Chair O'Brien called for the vote.

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

The Board reviewed the non-public meeting minutes of the previous meeting. Mrs. Persechino made a motion, seconded by Mr. Langwasser to approve the non-public minutes as written of the Non-Public

Select Board Meeting held on Wednesday, February 23, 2015. There being no discussion, Chair O'Brien called for the vote.

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

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Bruce Ellsworth, Moderator. The Board invited Mr. Ellsworth to come in and go over the details for Town Meeting on Saturday, March 14, 2015. Discussion ensued, with regards to the Sestercentennial Presentation and cupcakes, the Presentation of the Flags by the Cub Scouts, the National Anthem will be sung by Kathleen Donahue and the introduction of the Board Members. Discussion also ensued, with regards to requests for reconsideration, noting the school has handled it differently than the town; it will be done the same as the school. Mr. Cass will provide all the Board members and the Moderator with a Town Meeting Notebook. The Tuesday, March 10th election results will also be read at the beginning of the meeting.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Ken Wilkens inquired about the fire detection system in the Highway Garage, how often it is tested and how is it tested.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Sestercentennial Parade Rules: Mrs. Persechino reported at the last Sestercentennial Meeting the focus was on the Commemorative Book and getting it to the printers on time. The committee has not reviewed the Parade Rules, but will do so at their next meeting, so that everyone is aware of what is expected.

Town Meeting Notebook Review and other Town Meeting Items

Mr. Cass handed out an information sheet with regards to Town Meeting, noting that the Town Meeting Notebooks will be ready for Saturday, March 14, 2015. There will also be a voter information sheet to hand out at Town Meeting. Discussion ensued, regarding Fund Balance, tax payers concerns, Fire Station payment, and the East Penacook Bridge. Chairman O'Brien stated this is a high tax community and people are beginning to worry about how to pay their increasing taxes. Chairman O'Brien suggested a series of discussions with the public, including the School Board and Budget Committee, about meeting the needs of the future.

Review of Election Day Coverage: The Board confirmed the times they will be at the polls on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES

Fire Station Update: Mr. Cass stated they are working on the upstairs punch list, communication lines are in, the stove will be delivered soon; painting downstairs and the ladder truck is already in the building. Mrs. Persechino inquired about the ice issues; Mr. Cass stated that they are being addressed.

Field Meeting Update: Mr. Cass stated that he and Paula Simpkins met with the various organizations that utilize the fields. Mr. Cass stated it was informative and very a productive meeting.

Audit Update: Mr. Cass stated the auditors have been in and there are no issues so far. Mr. Cass also informed the Board that Dick Horner has submitted his resignation from EDC. Mr. Traum made a motion to accept Mr. Horner's resignation. Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

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

VII. NON-PUBLIC SESSION IV-RSA 91-A: 3 IV (a) Personnel

Mr. Langwasser moved to go into a non-public session regarding a Personnel issue under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Langwasser, Persechino, Traum, Strickford, 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 7:10 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 7:25 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mrs. Strickford moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session indefinitely. Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Langwasser, Persechino, Traum, Strickford, 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 Mrs. Strickford, seconded by Mr. Traum to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant