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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2015 APPROVED January 11, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 18, 2015, in the Town Hall. Mr. O'Brien introduced the members of the Board. Lester Cressy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Jim O'Brien, Chair; Ken Traum, Vice-Chair; Sara Persechino, Sue B. Strickford, and Steve Lux, Jr.

Staff Present: Neal Cass, Town Administrator; and Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant and Doug Mumford, Fire Chief

Public Present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Lester and Bonnie Cressy, Ken Wilkens, and an unidentified Hopkinton student

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

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	\$91,439.61
	\$25,311.84
PAYROLL MANIFEST	\$77,092.77
TRANSFER OF FUNDS	
Sewer Fund Account to General Fund	\$7,923.83
TIMBER WARRANT	\$6,299.21
Map 214 Lot 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2	
VETERAN'S CREDIT	
Map 264 Lot 33	
ABATEMENT REQUEST FROM TAX COLLECTOR	
Map 247 Lot 3	\$5,748.05
Map 205 Lot 5	\$1,596.87
Map 239 Lot 48	\$4,352.32

Letter to Officer Hindle
Letter to Dan Blanchette
Letter to Brian Cayer

FOREST PROTECTION CO-OPERATIVE AGREEMENT

BUILDING PERMITS

Wood Map 222 Lot 94 solar array on roof top
 Buss Map 257 Lot 20 solar array
 Walton Map 247 Lot 6 solar array
 Messer Ruderman Family Trust Map 102 Lot 69 solar array

REIMBURSEMENT OF PREPAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES

Map 216 Lot 25 \$400.00

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the Select Board Public Meeting Minutes of Monday, December 14, 2015. Mr. Persechino made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Strickford, to approve the minutes of the Public Select Board Meeting held on Monday, December 14, 2015. Mr. Traum requested a sentence be revised within the Budget Committee Recommendations. Sentence should read “to ask the Select Board to reconsider and remove an additional \$50,000 from the budget for the roads.” There being no further discussion, Chair O’Brien called for the vote.

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

III. APPOINTMENTS:

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Solar Update: Mr. Traum stated he met with Mr. Cass and Jack Ruderman, of Revision Energy, about a solar array for the Fire Station in Contoocook. It would be about a 50 kilowatts system. Mr. Cass stated we need to see if this is cost efficient and it would require removal of trees which are close to the Fire Station.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Recommended Sewer Rate Increase: Mr. Cass stated a sewer increase will require a Public Hearing, which can be scheduled for our next meeting, which is Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Mrs. Persechino inquired as to what the increase covers. Mr. Lux stated the increase is not a buffer, but it will allow for increased and continuous maintenance required to run the system. The Sewer Committee will be here to give a presentation.

Petition Warrant Article: Mr. Cass stated he received a petition warrant article on Monday, December 28, 2015. The Petition Warrant Article states:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,436,225 (gross budget) for the planning, design, renovation, construction and equipping athletic facilities at George’s

Park, including the construction of a track and turf field and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,426,225 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

Mr. Cass stated this will require a Public Bond Hearing, which has been scheduled for February 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

VI. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:

Mr. Cass stated he received a call from Bob Wells, in which Mr. Wells suggested that we should put speed bumps on the roads in town.

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

VIII. OTHER

Mrs. Persechino stated she has spoken to several people about the funding for the Penacook Road project and she would like the Board to reconsider funding the whole project at once instead of over 2 years. Mr. Lux stated he would like to see the project done in one year as well. Mr. O'Brien stated he is against doing it in one year as he feels it increases the budget too much. Mr. Traum would like to see the project done in one year, however, feels if we go for the whole amount, we may end up with nothing. Mrs. Strickford stated she is in support of doing the project in one year. Mr. Lux stated he would like to give the voters the opportunity to decide if it should be funded in one year or not. Lester Cressy stated the more we prolong the maintenance of our roads the more money it will cost, adding that this project was to be done last year. Further discussion on the matter ensued.

Mr. Lux made a motion to amend the original proposed Warrant Article from \$300,000 to \$600,000 for the Penacook Road Project. Mrs. Strickford seconded the motion.

VOTE: Persechino, Strickford and Lux voting in favor of the motion; O'Brien and Traum voting against. MOTION APPROVED 3-2.

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

Mrs. Strickford moved to go into a non-public session regarding a personnel issue under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

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

The Board and Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 6:03 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 6:43 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mrs. Persechino moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session. Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Lux Left the meeting.

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VOTE: Select Board Members Traum, Persechino, Strickford, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4–0).

The Board, Fire Chief, and Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 6:45 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 7:10 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mrs. Persechino moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session. Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Traum, Persechino, Strickford, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4–0).

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VOTE: Select Board Members Traum, Persechino, Strickford, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4–0).

The Board, Fire Chief, and Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 7:10 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 7:35 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mrs. Persechino moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session. Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Traum, Persechino, Strickford, and Chair O'Brien voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried unanimously (4–0).

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Mrs. Persechino, seconded by Mrs. Strickford to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan,
Administrative Assessing Assistant