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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018 HOPKINTON STATE FAIR OFFICE APPROVED September 4, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this special meeting of the Select Board to order at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 in the office of the Hopkinton State Fair.

Members Present: Jim O'Brien-Chair, Ken Traum-Vice Chair, Sara Persechino, Sabrina Dunlap, Steven Whitley (attend one segment via phone)

Staff Present: Neal Cass (Town Administrator)

Others Present: Deborah Curtis and Bob Allen (Hopkinton State Fair Board of Directors)

President of the Hopkinton State Fair Deborah Curtis updates the Select Board on what is happening at the Fair:

- Hopkinton resident Mike McPhail is now a member of the Board of Directors
- A professional rodeo will take the place of Recycled Percussion on Monday
- The beer tents will be in place again this year
- Everything is pretty well set with vendors

Those gathered discussed "Townie Night" that will take place on Thursday, August 30, 5:00-7:30 p.m. This is really a town event that is held at the fairgrounds. All agreed with the following:

- The Fair is not officially open and there is traffic throughout the Fair at this time due to vendors and exhibitors arriving
- Entrance is through the Green Gate only which is off Kearsarge Avenue
- The event is for Hopkinton residents only
- The midway and the animal sections are not open on that night. They are just arriving.

The town will staff the Green Gate, and will this year collect a donation to fund the Hopkinton Food Pantry. A basic count of those entering will be done. There will be a sweep at the end to assure that folks have left the Fair grounds at the appropriate time.

The interaction with both the police and fire chiefs has been good from all perspectives.

The Fair has reviewed its parking procedures and has made changes to help with congestion. The Town will send letters to those on Park Avenue and Kearsarge Avenue reminding them to not hold up vehicles up on the travel way when they are parking them in private lots.

The Lion's Club is working with the Fair and the Contoocook Carry considered it but couldn't find adequate volunteers. The Fair is always looking for groups willing to help with spring clean-up for a donation to the group.

It was noted that the food truck/yard sale event in September is expected to be relatively small.

The Fair Board members left at 8:35. The Select Board continued its meeting.

Cross Road Work Request

Mr. Traum updated the Board on his and Mr. Whitley's visit to Cross Road the previous day. He reported the area that has been requested to be cleared is scrub brush.

Mr. Whitley joined the meeting via phone.

Mr. Traum moved to grant the request of Don and Joanne Houston to clear a path on Cross Road up to six feet wide. Mrs. Persechino seconded the motion.

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

A letter will be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Houston notifying them of this vote and all the abutters will be sent a copy.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. O'Brien declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Neal A. Cass, Town Administrator