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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2018 APPROVED February 5, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Select Board Chair Jim O'Brien called this special meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018 in the Conference Room in the Town Hall.

Members Present: Jim O'Brien-Chair, Ken Traum-Vice Chair, Steve Lux, Jr., Bob Gerseny, and Sabrina Dunlap

Staff Present: Neal Cass (Town Administrator)

NON-PUBLIC SESSION IV-RSA 91-A: 3 IV (d) Acquisition of Property

Ms. Dunlap moved to go into a non-public session to discuss the acquisition of property under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (d). Mr. Lux seconded the motion.

There was discussion as to whether the topic should be covered in nonpublic session.

VOTE: Select Board Members O'Brien, Lux, Gerseny, and Dunlap voted in favor; Select Board Vice Chair Traum voted against, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried (4-1).

The Board, Dijit Taylor, Ron Klemarczyk, Rob Knight-Five Rivers Conservation Trust, Rich Houston, and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 5:40 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 6:35 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mr. Lux moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session. Ms. Dunlap seconded the motion.

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

Economic Development Committee Warrant Article Request

Mr. Gerseny update the Board on the potential land swap with the State of New Hampshire for Town land near the Mast Yard Forest with State land near the intersection of Maple Street and Route 202/9. The land could be part of the development of that area. Any funds expended by the Town in the area could be reimbursed by the

proposed TIF District if it is put in place and if there is development. Cost for the land swap could include appraisals, legal fees, surveys and potential land costs. Mr. Gerseny requested a Warrant Article for \$30,000.

After further discussion Mr. Gerseny moved that a Warrant Article be put on the 2018 Town Meeting Warrant for \$30,000 for economic development costs and that the funds come from the 2017 undesignated fund balance. Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Traum will bring this information to the Budget Committee on Wednesday night.

Budget Committee Update

Mr. Traum updated the Board on the work of the Budget Committee. He said that the Budget Committee may ask the Town to use more of its Fund Balance to lower the tax rate. There was discussion about the effects of this both this year and next.

Mr. Traum moved that the Select Board use an additional \$86,000 of the undesignated fund balance to offset taxes bringing the total estimated amount to be used to \$424,000. Mr. Lux seconded the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Members Traum and Lux voted in favor; Select Board members O'Brien, Gerseny, and Dunlap voted against and the Chair declared the motion to have failed (2-3).

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 Mr. Lux.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Comment</u>
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE			
Manifest for Checks 59356-59391	01/29/2018	Approved	\$ 1,411,935.10
Veteran's Credit			
Map/Lot 217-004-002	1/29/2018	Approve	
OTHER			
2017 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certification	1/8/2018	Approve	

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of their previous meeting. Mr. Gerseny made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lux, to approve the Select Board Public Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2018. Chair O'Brien called for a vote.

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

Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lux, to approve the Select Board Non-Public Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2018. Chair O'Brien called for a vote.

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

Mr. Gerseny made a motion to unseal the Select Board Nonpublic Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2018. Ms. Dunlap seconded the motion. The Board discussed the motion.

VOTE: Select Board Member Gerseny voting in favor of the motion; Select Board Members O'Brien, Traum, Lux, and Dunlap voting against the motion; MOTION FAILED 1-4

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

Mr. Lux moved to go into a non-public session to discuss a personnel issue under the provisions of Nonpublic Session RSA 91-A: 3 II (a). Ms. Dunlap seconded the motion.

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

The Town Administrator left the meeting.

The Board went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 7:40 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 8:35 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

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

VOTE: Select Board Members O'Brien, Traum, Lux, Gerseny, and Dunlap voted in favor, and the Chair declared the motion to have carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Traum, seconded by Mrs. Dunlap to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Neal A. Cass, Town Administrator