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SELECT BOARD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, APRIL 30 2018 Approved May 14, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jim O'Brien called this regular meeting of the Select Board to order at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2018, in the large meeting room in the Town Hall. Chairman O'Brien introduced the members of the Board. Dominic LeBel led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Jim O'Brien, Ken Traum, Bob Gerseny, Sabrina Dunlap and Steven Whitley

Staff Present: Neal Cass, Town Administrator; Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant; Paula Simpkins, Recreation Director; Greg Roberts, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds; and Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works

Public Present: Janet Krzyzaniak, Bob LaPree, Don Houston, Ron Klemarczyk, Jed Merrow, Lee Wilder, Dijit Taylor, Dominic LeBel, and Zach Emerson

POINTS OF PRIDE

Mr. Cass stated that Brian Morrill has graduated from the Police Academy and earned a Granite State Scholarship Award and the Jeremy T. Charron Memorial Award. He is currently field training.

Mr. Whitley thanked everyone who participated in the Earth Day Clean Up on April 21, 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board reviewed documents for signature and approved (5-0) the consent Agenda, taking the following action on a motion by Mr. Traum and seconded by Mr. Gerseny.

CONSENT AGENDA

30-Apr-18

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE MANIFEST

\$293,646.91
 \$1,402,548.77
 \$45.98

PAYROLL

\$72,270.34

Yield Tax Levy

John Scholl Map 237 Lot 26 \$383.98
 Dimitri Tshilis Map 102 Lot 23 NO CUT
 Catamount Forest Products Map 247-25 MAST STATE FOREST \$11,904.70
 Jeremy Werth & Elizabeth Catalinia Map 259 Lot 26 \$355.05

Intent to Cut

Christa Johnson and Kevin Serra Map 207 Lot 27
 Meadowsend Timber Map 253 Lot 2

BUILDING PERMITS

Edward Roche 278 Kearsarge Rd restore, repair existing garage
 Diana Lighthall 1430 Hatfield Rd erect 10 x 16 detached shed
 Fitzgerald One Family Trust 596 Gould Hill Rd front entry, deck
 Dorothy Taylor 660 Hopkinton Rd construct addition porch
 E Roger Montgomery Post 81 169 Boundtree Rd remove partitioned wall
 Dimitri Tsihlis 110 Carriage renovate garage to living space/new bath
 Michael & Tina Bushway 91 Penacook Rd remove exist basement interior

PAF

Brandon Ehrmantrant Recreation camp counselor
 Claire Reidy Recreation camp counselor

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR Refund request

Richard Schoch \$87.00

APPOINTMENT PAPERS

Bonnie Christie Recycling Committee
 Elaine Millerick Senior Recreation Council

APPLICATION FOR USE OF HOPKINTON TOWN FACILITY

Dan Rinden re: Eagle Scout event

The Board reviewed the Select Board Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 16, 2018. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerseny to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2018.

VOTE: O'Brien, Traum, Gerseny, and Whitley voting in favor of the motion; no votes against. Dunlap abstaining. MOTION APPROVED 4-0-1.

The Board reviewed the Select Board Meeting Non-Public Minutes of April 16, 2018. Mr. Traum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Gerseny, with the following amendment: to remove the name of the individual from the Land Management Bureau. Mr. Traum was agreeable to the amendment.

VOTE: O'Brien, Traum, Gerseny, and Whitley voting in favor of the motion as amended; no votes against. Dunlap abstaining. MOTION APPROVED 4-0-1.

APPOINTMENTS:**Dominic LeBel, Granite Apollo:**

Mr. LeBel gave the Board a brief personal history of his education and experience, as well as a history of Granite Apollo. He stated that Granite Apollo is a development company focused on large-scale solar energy projects in the New England Market Place. Mr. LeBel stated Granite Apollo works closely with utilities, permitting agencies, landowners and residents. He further stated that they are looking for large plots of land to lease for solar arrays around the state and is considering Hopkinton for one of their projects. Mr. LeBel referred to a Letter of Intent with regards to the leasing option, time frame, lease rent and permitted uses. He also noted a project currently on-going in Londonderry on a superfund site, and a project in Hinsdale.

Mr. Traum inquired about the acre vs the acres of the site in Londonderry. Mr. LeBel stated Hopkinton has 133 acres which is the entirety of the two parcels they are considering, which are located at the Transfer Station. He stated the Londonderry project is only about 85 acres. He further stated that it is a superfund site and EPA has maintained a management zone.

Bob LaPree inquired if the array could be placed on capped landfill. Mr. LeBel stated it would depend upon what the cap is made of.

Mr. LeBel explained the letter of intent has a long-time frame, due to the process and the need for a vote at Town Meeting. Mr. LeBel explained the permitting process for the project. He noted that it will take 3-5 months to complete once construction has been started.

Mr. O'Brien thanked Mr. LeBel for coming in and stated that they will discuss the matter later in the meeting, after their appointments.

Ron Klemarczyk re: Logging Town Land:

Mr. Klemarczyk stated his concern about the town forest along the Contoocook River, which is Map 246 Lot 6 and is one of the pieces involved in the land swap with the State. He stated this is under a conservation easement and is scheduled for a selective cut. He has already marked the trees for the cut. Mr. Cass stated if we cut the timber, it may affect the appraisal. Mr. Klemarczyk stated that it is a selective cut and it should not affect the appraisal. He would like to continue with the cut. Mr. Gerseny stated that he spoke with the appraiser and stated that the timber on the ground could affect the appraisal. Mr. Gerseny stated the State wants the timber. Chairman O'Brien agreed that if the timber is reduced it will affect the appraisal. The Board agreed to wait for the appraisal before moving forward.

Chairman O'Brien stated they have a few minutes before the next appointment and would like to discuss the presentation given by Granite Apollo. Mr. Gerseny stated that the revenue from this would be significant and it is harmless to negotiate. The Board agreed to requested that Mr. Cass be the point person, and Mr. Traum and Mr. Whitley to be liaisons.

OLD BUSINESS:**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATES:****PUBLIC FORUM:** None

Chairman O'Brien called for a five-minute break before the next appointment.

APPOINTMENTS (Continued):

George Sable/Paula Simpkins/Zach Emerson Track Club Fundraising: Mr. Sable stated they have established a USATF Certified Track & Field Running Club, which is based in the Village of Contoocook. The mission of the club is to enhance the participation in the sports of track & field, cross country and road running for ALL AGES throughout our incredible community. He further stated the club would like to start fundraising for the track.

Chairman O'Brien thanked Mr. Sable for taking on the fundraising project for the track.

Mrs. Simpkins reminded the Board that an analysis was done for George Park last year because of safety issues. She noted a proposal was done and a conceptual idea was put to paper. Mrs. Simpkins stated there are many components to this plan and at the time the Board wanted to see a group willing to fund raise for the track. She continued we now have that group. As a result, Mrs. Simpkins, Greg Roberts and Dan Meserve met with Hoyle and Tanner and asked them for a Scope of Service for the project, which was included in the Board's packet.

Discussion ensue, with regards to having an actual plan to see how it all fits. Mr. Gerseny stated that in previous discussions it was assumed that the school would have to fix the drainage before any work could begin. Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works, stated that the Highway Department will take the lead on the drainage work. Mrs. Simpkins is asked the Board to spend the money put into the account last year for a conceptual plan from Hoyle and Tanner. Mr. Gerseny stated he thought it was a good idea and appreciated all the work that Mrs. Simpkins has

done. Mrs. Simpkins stated that Mr. Roberts has also put a lot time into this project. Mr. Gerseny stated we should go ahead, but put a cap on the amount of money to be spent. Discussion ensued, as to the procedure. Mrs. Simpkins inquired if we would need a public hearing. Mr. Cass stated we should go through the design phase and then have public input before final plan.

Mr. Gerseny made a motion to authorize to move forward with the proposal from Hoyle and Tanner, with a cap of \$10,000.00. Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

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

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

Mr. Traum 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). Mr. Whitley seconded the motion.

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

The Board, Director of Public Works Dan Blanchette, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds Greg Roberts, Recreation Director Paula Simpkins, and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 7:00 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 7:45 p.m.

These minutes were not sealed.

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

Mr. Gerseny 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. Traum seconded the motion.

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

The Board, members of the Open Space Committee, and the Town Administrator went into nonpublic session, as recorded separately, at 7:48 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 8:14 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mr. Traum moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Mr. Whitley seconded the motion.

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

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VOTE: Select Board Members O'Brien, Traum, Gerseny, Dunlap, and Whitley 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 8:14 p.m. The Board returned to public session at 8:22 p.m.

Vote to seal nonpublic minutes:

Mr. Whitley moved to seal the minutes of the just completed nonpublic session because it was determined that divulgence of this information likely would render a proposed action ineffective. Mr. Traum seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Mr. Whitley, seconded by Mr. Traum to adjourn the meeting. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant