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Selectmen's Meeting 6:00pm
Town Office

Thursday, October 01, 2020

Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Selectman Farnum. Present are: Willie Farnum, Rebecca Mason, Melanie Streeter, Kelly Goodson, Aaron Ricker, Karen Anthony – Administrator, Ed Comeau - Government Oversight, Melissa Donaldson. Present on Zoom are Mary Cronin and Jim and Maureen Diamond. Jack Waldron, Nelson O'Brien and Linda Cook are present.
- PUBLIC HEARING: none scheduled
- APPOINTMENTS: CIP - Jack Waldron is here to present the CIP to the Selectboard. He reviewed the plan with the Board. Selectman Farnum commented about the Transfer Station not having monies included for Recycling Station construction. Cost avoidance is mentioned. Selectman Goodson commented about there only being 3.5 years left for NH landfills and that the cost will be going up. Selectman Streeter asked about a furnace that is listed. This is for the library and the town office, both in 2021. The roof estimates were around \$33,000. This \$50,000 was reduced from a previous year. It is not clear why there is money in there for the furnace at the Town Office. Selectman Mason mentioned a formatting issue on Page 9. She will post it on the website.
- PUBLIC INPUT - Mary Cronin updated that the Library is moving into the next stage of reopening. 10 people are now allowed at a time, and the meeting room plan for reopening is being worked on. Programs are being held outdoors. Zoom is being put into next year's budget as an Annual plan. Will the Selectboard be having their own Zoom? The cost is approximately \$150 per year per user. Mary will send the information to Karen Anthony. Will there be a heating contract? Irving was in and checked the Library. There seems to be a discrepancy in how much gas remains in the tank. Karen is working on pricing. Mary also asked about handicapped parking out front. She asks if there will there be one or two spaces, and she wants to be sure that the sidewalk area is kept clear. Jim Diamond wished all a very Happy Mid-Autumn Festival today.
- NEW BUSINESS:
 - Alt easement consolidation - Nelson O'Brien presented this item. Selectman Farnum asked about the easements that are currently held by the Town that will become held by SPNHF with the Town as a backup. This is in regards to Chris Alt properties. The Town will not be paying fees. Easements A, B, C, and D are written for properties owned by both Him and Chris. They will have to be separated. No protection will be lost. The Conservation Commission approves of the idea. The Board of Selectmen is supportive of this idea. A motion to allow the conservation Commission to move forward with the consolidation of easements was made by Selectman Mason, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Selectman Streeter-yes	Selectman Ricker - yes
Selectman Mason - yes	Selectman Farnum - yes
Selectman Goodson - yes	

- Facilities Permit Sticker Policy – 3rd read - Kim has concerns about seasonal campers. This has been removed. Temporary permits are not issued. Signed lease is requested. Renters are separated because they have to bring proof. 2 stickers per household (property) will be issued. Additional stickers will cost \$10 each. Police will collect the fines, and a report will need to be reviewed monthly. Page 2- violations should say "facilities sticker". Remove guest temporary permit. Violations subject to "a" and removed the "s" on fines. Amend to say - A current "signed" lease rental agreement. A public hearing possibility is discussed, as this is a policy. Karen will check with other towns, and/or DRA, NH Municipal Association. This policy will come back next week for approval.

- Administrator Update - Karen Anthony - bank balance is \$2,007,732.00, after accounts payable. Does the town want to take a position on Halloween? The Governor and CDC have issued guidance, the Selectmen recommend following that. A mention was made of curfew. Unless there is a reason to have one, we are not inclined to have one.

\$4500 was received from Eversource for the LED project.

Route 16 will close on October 16 at 6 pm for bridge replacement and will reopen on the 20th at 6 am. There will be a webcam.

We are getting a lot of calls about the Town Offices being closed. Is there a reopening plan? The phone system needs to be updated. The Staff in the Office must be safe. We will check with Kim and address this next week.

American Air - Karen contacted them and received a history of work done by them. They did work on the ductwork in 2016. The Board would like them to send a new technician who has not worked on this system yet. Karen reviewed the work that they have done here since 2012. A different person looked at the system this summer and said that the problem is not the furnaces, that it is the ductwork. Karen will find out if the furnaces are still under warranty. If they are not, then we can have someone check this out. We can also request quotes for the AC system.

▪ SIGNATURE FILE:

- Selectmen's minutes for September 24, 2020 - A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Selectman Streeter-yes

Selectman Ricker - yes

Selectman Mason - yes

Selectman Farnum - yes

Selectman Goodson - yes

- Non-public meeting minutes for September 24, 2020

RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) – sealed – A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Selectman Streeter-yes

Selectman Ricker - yes

Selectman Mason - yes

Selectman Farnum - yes

Selectman Goodson - yes

RSA 91-A: 3 II (b) – unsealed - A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Selectman Streeter-yes

Selectman Ricker - yes

Selectman Mason - yes

Selectman Farnum - yes

Selectman Goodson - yes

RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) – sealed - A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Selectman Streeter-yes

Selectman Ricker - yes

Selectman Mason - yes

Selectman Farnum - yes

Selectman Goodson - yes

- Account payable manifest - \$35,145.64 , ytd \$ 7,370,167.92 . A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Selectman Streeter-yes

Selectman Ricker - yes

Selectman Mason - yes

Selectman Farnum - yes

Selectman Goodson - yes

- Payroll manifest- \$29,929.52. A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Selectman Streeter-yes

Selectman Ricker - yes

Selectman Mason - yes

Selectman Farnum - yes

Selectman Goodson - yes

- Driveway permit Map 401 Lot 24 – new driveway - A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Selectman Streeter-yes

Selectman Ricker - yes

Selectman Mason - yes

Selectman Farnum - yes

Selectman Goodson - yes

- Driveway permit Map 401 Lot 24 – reconstruction of old log landing entrance - A motion to approve was made by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Selectman Streeter-yes

Selectman Ricker - yes

Selectman Mason - yes

Selectman Farnum - yes

Selectman Goodson - yes

▪ SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:

Selectman Streeter - listened to the Halloween webinar. She received a complaint about the loudness of the racetrack on Tuesday. Did John ever contact CMI? Karen has been asked to reach out to them. Selectman Farnum also received several complaints about the noise. The noise ordinance is not technically an ordinance. This needs to be looked at, perhaps renamed on the website. Karen emailed and they reported that there was no vehicle that failed to meet their sound restriction. There is no method of recording the data. The ordinance states that they must monitor the sound level to ensure compliance. Karen is instructed to request the written data from them. Street legal cars are not monitored if they are on the roads.

Selectman Ricker - nothing to report this week

Selectman Goodson - OAAC (Aquifer) meeting was attended. It was quite informative. Tamworth is one of the most critical towns over the aquifer. We currently have no protection in place, and we also have one of the largest pollutants, Pine Tree Power. They are taking the waste water off site at this point. Outreach for water testing is being done.

Selectman Mason - a couple of issues have come up for the Health Officer. She attended the Halloween webinar. The Cease and Desist for Turkey Street is currently on hold. There are more trailers that need to be looked at. The issue at South Tamworth is being addressed via a subdivision for a campground. A nuisance ordinance needs to be addressed.

Selectman Farnum - working on waste generation amounts and costs for other Towns. Bob Hardy, Forester spoke about doing a cut on the Bowditch Property off Route 16 next year. He spoke about a State agreement that gets the Huckins Barn gate being opened up for snowmobile trailer parking. How do you get from parking to trailhead? There are two roads open to snowmobiles. We mention Old Mail Road, but it is Locke Falls Road that the snowmobile club uses. There is discrepancy about this. Another public hearing will need to be held in order to correct this. This could be held in conjunction with a hearing for the sticker policy if that is needed. Both hearings can be held on the 22nd of October.

Sheldon Perry forwarded a complaint about the campers on Route 25, and a request has been received to turn it into a 5 lot campground.

The Tamworth Foundation approved the application for \$11753.50 for scope and design study for Transfer Station Recycling Center. The Town should send a thank you letter to them.

▪ OLD BUSINESS:

- Nuisance Ordinance
- Job descriptions/Personnel Policies
- Vacation Policy
- Disposal of Town Owned Property – Method
- Police Cruiser

Public Comment - Ed Comeau - asked about the donation that was received. A public hearing will need to be held to accept the funds. Ed is concerned that the public is not getting enough information on topics due to so many Zoom meetings. Selectman Farnum spoke about us being fortunate that we have Government Oversight recording the meetings. Town responses will be on the Town website. Mr. Comeau - Do you receive emails from people instead of public comment, and do those get added to the record? Regarding the heating system issue, have you had an independent person come in to do an assessment of what is needed? He recommends this.

Linda Cook - what happened with the solar at the old dump? A meeting is scheduled later this month. A lot of investors are not willing to invest in solar at this point. This will impact the potential income for Tamworth. Approximately \$20,000 was needed for a study on hooking in to the power grid.

- NON-PUBLIC: Selectman Farnum made a motion to enter nonpublic session under RSA 91-A: 3 (e) at 7:32 pm, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Selectman Streeter-yes

Selectman Ricker - yes

Selectman Mason - yes

Selectman Farnum - yes

Selectman Goodson - yes

A motion to leave nonpublic was made by Selectman Farnum at 7:54 pm, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Selectman Streeter - yes

Selectman Ricker - yes

Selectman Mason - yes

Selectman Farnum - yes

Selectman Goodson - yes

- ADJOURNMENT: Selectman Mason made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary

William W. Farnum

Rebecca Mason

Aaron Ricker

Melanie Streeter

Kelly Goodson