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NON-PUBLIC RSA 91-A:3, II (b) 5:30 PM
Select Board Meeting 6:00 PM

Thursday, September 22nd, 2022

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Select Board members Emery, Prentice, Goodson, Behr, Doucette. Emily Verny, administrative assistant. Ed Comeau of Government Oversight, Richard Roberts, Bruno Siniscalchi, Linda Cook, Rob Farnum, John Cleveland, Pat Farley, Dana Littlefield, via zoom: June Aprille, Linda Eldridge, Maureen Diamond, Jim Diamond, Government Oversight.

5:30 Roberts makes a motion to go into non-public under RSA 91-A:3, II (b), Doucette seconds. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

Roberts makes a motion to come out of non-public at 6:00 pm. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

- Part time highway wage rate increase
- Conversation about deeded property sales
- Police personnel discussion
- RSA 91-A:3, II (c) session 4

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jim Diamond had attended last week's meeting via zoom and needs to be listed on the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Part time highway wage rate increase

Richard Roberts confirms his part time employees are paid \$19.50, he wants to increase it to \$20 for the remainder of the year. Compared to other towns employees are being paid \$21-\$25/hr. Goodson makes a motion to increase to \$20, Prentice seconded. Discussion: Prentice asks how many part time employees do you hire in the winter? Usually 2. Cook asks if there was a wage increase last year? Yes, from \$16 to \$19.50. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

- Department Head Update: Chief of Police, Dana Littlefield

Last week PD sent over the stats for August. Drug Week Takeback is October 29th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Met with architect who gave preliminary drawings of 4 different layouts. Board appointed a new officer for the Patrolman position, who will go to the academy and start training. Also made offer to someone for the Sergeant position which they accepted. Cruiser inspections this month, everything passed. This year, Reach the Beach event (a 24 hour relay race) had a major drop in coordination and communication. No police details to keep runners safe. Chief is debating to not sign permit for next year and have them go around Tamworth. Doucette asks, has this been conveyed to race organizers? Not yet. Get the message to them soon so they can reorganize for next year. Start date on new Sergeant? Depending on board approval, in the next 2-3 weeks. Prentice confirms meet Wednesday the 28th at 4:30 pm to interview so we can start this process, she can share training process with new Patrolman.

- Nelson O'Bryan: Conservation Easement discussion

Purpose is to advise the BOS that a conservation easement proposal is in the works. Not seeking an approval, just discussion. Property is on Cleveland Hill Rd. Map and Lot 414-96.1 owned by Scott Aspinall, it is 57 acres, has 2 frontages on Cleveland Hill. Scott is proposing to donate conservation easement on most of lot with exception of 4+ acres for a building lot, already up for sale. Northern part of that section is ledge looked at by Conservation Commission and deserves to be protected, steep slopes and rich in wildlife. CC has gone over this and recommends we proceed. The cost would be covered using CC funds. Discussion ensued. Cook asks what percentage of land in Tamworth is in conservation? Including Chocorua, around 40%. Discussion ensued. Where does CC fund get their money? \$7,500 each year from Land Use Change Tax each year, also donations to CC. Survey will indicate which portions will be in conservation, the lot will not be subdivided. Conservation easements are permanent. Building certain things are allowed. Discussion ensued. No timeline at this point but CC will be in touch with updates.

- Select Board: Alignment of Select Board Title discussion

Prentice believes "Board of Selectmen" title should align with other community boards and would like it formally changed to the "Select Board". Discussion ensued. Goodson is wondering what is involved with the official process of changing a title. Prentice will bring the RSA to next week's meeting for further discussion.

- Rob Farnum: Sewer Committee presentation

Working with a group of volunteers to go over the problem in village regarding waste water and lack of availability to expand. Looking to source ARPA funding for \$30,000 to have 2 phases moving forward: phase 1 is conceptual design (\$5,000), phase 2 is engineering design and permitting of system (\$25,000). Any decisions to move forward would have to be approved by town meeting. Cost of project would rely on grant funding and support of system would be paid by user fees, town would not be tied to it and not pay for it. Discussion ensued. Doucette wants ARPA funding decision discussion on agenda for next week's meeting.

- Tax Deeded Property Discussion

Prentice says the community is asking about process for tax deeded properties and timeline for selling them. There are limited ways to do this: public auction, sealed bids, list with a broker, sell undeveloped directly to abutter or sell back to former owner. Discussion ensued.

OLD BUSINESS:

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Recreation Coordinator job posting: Has been posted, no inquiries yet.
- Map & Lot 215-01: Yard clean up has begun this week.
- Vault Renovation: All done, works well, needs new lighting (getting a quote from electrician)
- Town Officials Email: 12 people signed up last week, holding another session next week.
- RFQ Inquiries: Will be opened at next week's BOS meeting on 9/29
- Account Balance: \$3,578,238

SIGNATURE FILE:

- Roberts makes a motion to amend the Select Board meeting minutes for September 15th, 2022 to include Jim Diamond. Goodson seconded. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Roberts makes a motion to approve the Select Board meeting minutes for September 15th, 2022 as amended. Goodson seconded. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.
- Rickers Auto Salvage Proposal for Map & Lot 407-26
- Roberts makes motion to approve Account Payable: \$433,936.87 Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes. Discussion: why is the amount so high this week? Verry confirms it is due to the school payment of \$250,000 and large amounts for interpleader checks (excess money from tax-deeded properties that get returned to the heirs of original owners)
- Year to Date: \$6,148,949.28

SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:

Doucette: TSIC meeting this week, RFQs went to 61 engineering firms in NH and responses are due September 28th. On the agenda for next week to open bids. Various ways of doing this, should be on the agenda for next week to discuss. Discussion ensued. TSIC can assist if need be. Good Governance training from NHMA, a lot of interesting information. Discussion ensued.

Behr: No report this week.

Goodson: Plans to attend LRPC meeting in Laconia on Monday, regarding housing crisis. Will keep ears open for information on ADU's and homeshare programs.

Prentice: Planning Board work session last night for review of subdivision regulations. Personnel surveys coming in, department heads have been reminded, due Monday and Tuesday is personnel committee meeting to digest responses.

Roberts: No report this week.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Maureen Diamond wanted to thank Richard Roberts for attending to her email and request. Impressed with sewer commission discussion and appreciate everyone's efforts.

Richard Roberts believes he was supposed to be on the agenda tonight to accept unanticipated funds for bridge and road work. This will be rescheduled for ASAP.

Roberts asks if it is possible to move Non-Public session 4 prior to sessions 2 & 3.

7:32 PM Roberts makes a motion to go into Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II (c) session 4, Session 2 Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II (c), Session 3 Non-Public RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Doucette seconded. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

8:11 pm Robert makes a motion to come out of Non-Public. Goodson seconded. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Goodson yes, Prentice yes, Roberts yes.

ADJOURNMENT: Roberts makes a motion to adjourn.

These minutes were prepared by: Emily Verny

Select Board Signatures:

Emery Roberts:

Lianne Prentice:

Kelly Goodson:

Karl Behr:

Richard Doucette:
