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Selectmen's Meeting 6:00pm
Town Office

Thursday, August 27, 2020

Draft Minutes

- **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Selectman Farnum. Present are: William Farnum, Melanie Streeter, Aaron Ricker, Kelly Goodson. Also present are Ed Comeau – Government Oversight, John Scruton – Interim Administrator, Karen Anthony – Administrator, Melissa Donaldson – Recording Secretary. Rebecca Mason is absent. Daymond Steer joined the meeting.

Karen Anthony was introduced.

- **APPOINTMENTS:** none
- **PUBLIC INPUT** - Sarah Kennett, Michelle (no last name), Jim & Maureen Diamond, Kate Stanley, Angela Sheshkova - members of the public are present on Zoom. Tiffany Roberts is also present. Welcome to Karen.
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - Administrator Update - The Fire Department received a grant for the Forestry vehicle. (\$179,000). Sample budget form was passed out. Is this a format that we would like to use? It is similar to the format that was used previously. She received a question about the petition process. This is postponed until fall but at this point there is still a petition process.
 - Mr. Scruton spoke about a property that was tax deeded last week. The prior owners would like to make a payment plan, beginning with \$4000 initially. \$8553.76 was due at the time it was taken. The Board chairman does not support a payment plan. That amount includes all interest and penalties due at that day. There will be a 10% surcharge and approx. \$3 per day in interest, as well as the cost of preparing a deed. All of those numbers need to be in front of the Board before a decision is made. They would like to remove furniture from the property. They will be allowed to remove their furniture, but there will be someone present - Selectmen, Police, etc.
- **SIGNATURE FILE:**
 - Selectmen's minutes for August 20, 2020 – A motion to approve by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Streeter – yes	Goodson – yes
Ricker – yes	Farnum – yes
 - Selectmen's non-public minutes for August 20, 2020 - Session #1 - RSA 91-A:3 II (a) - sealed - A motion to approve by Selectman Farnum, seconded by Selectman Goodson. Roll call vote:

Streeter – yes	Goodson – yes
Ricker – yes	Farnum – yes

- OLD BUSINESS:
 - Job descriptions/Personnel Policies
 - Disposal of Town Owned Property – Method
 - Summer Cottage Roads
 - Traffic and Roads policy
- Public Comment - Daymond Steer - spoke about the County and the Selectmen's letter to them. Selectman Farnum hopes that they are able to straighten out the problems. There was a decision to close down the Rec program until March. What is the Town feedback about that? Selectman Farnum - That means this will be revisited in March. If there is no program, the money will not be spent. What is the water ordinance about? Kelly Goodson - This is the Groundwater Protection Ordinance. Tamworth, Albany and one other town are the only towns on the aquifer that do not have an ordinance.
Daymond - Please clarify about the status of the meetings, how are we able to get in?

Nelson O'Brien - did Melanie get in touch? Not yet, but she will.

Ms. Kennett - question about the Rec Department - is there any movement toward having any type of partial program? The Board felt that it is not safe for us to attempt to run a Rec Program. Is there a possibility of a Committee to look at this? The Board has decided to wait until March. Ms. Kennett disagrees with this decision and would like to have a way to oppose this decision.

Angela- wants to know why it is safe for the children to attend school indoors but not a rec program outside? The Board did not make the decision to reopen schools.

Tiffany - can you explain if you asked the Rec Director for input or plan to retain the rec director. The Rec Director was on furlough and this was not discussed with him. Why couldn't you continue to furlough? We had already furloughed for 4 months.

Ms. Kennett - wants to know how one would go about disagreeing with this decision? Ms. Goodson - the program was inactive for 4 months prior to the decision to shut down. There was no enthusiasm in those 4 months. Ms Kennett feels that there are things that can be done.

Daymond Steer - if Parker is rehired in 2021 would he retain his vacation, etc. Selectman Farnum refused to speculate. Is there going to be a program in the future? The Board feels that this town needs and deserves to have a robust Rec Department. Right now there is an issue with Covid.

Ed Comeau mentioned he wonders if there is a process outside of Town Meeting that would allow signatures, etc. to reconsider. Selectman Farnum does not believe there is.

Daymond Steer - next year would there be interest in a Rec Department. Chairman Farnum - If it is safe, there will be a rec program. Safety of the children is more imperative at this point.

Sara Kennett - if you had a vote from all of the parents of the children that would support the Tamworth Rec Program, would that change your decision? No, it would not.

Goodson – yes
Farnum – yes

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