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Selectmen's Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) 4:30 pm February 13, 2020
Selectmen's Worksession 5:pm

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Poirier, Selectmen Farnum, Mason, Ricker, and Streeter.

> CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Poirier called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

> NON-PUBLIC PER RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

> Motion made by Chairman Poirier at 4:31 to enter a non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II ©. Motion seconded Selectman Ricker and passed by roll call vote. Poirier Y, Farnum Y, Mason Y, Ricker Y, Streeter Y.

> Motion made by Chairman Poirier and seconded by Selectman Mason to come out of non-public at 5:00. Roll call vote taken and all were in favor.

> Chairman Poirier reopened the Selectmen's meeting at 5:00 pm and made a motion to seal the minutes of the non-public meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

> NEW BUSINESS:

>Town of Tamworth Traffic and Road Regulations and Policy

> After a lengthy discussion around the regulation it was decided that work will continue on it due to the need to have the regulation and policy voted on and passed by a majority vote of the town legislative body.

> Discussion took place around striping parking slots in the village at certain locations. These will be parallel parking slots. An estimate has been obtained that quotes \$1200 - \$1400 to do the areas designated. It was also discussed that striping of parking slots should also be done in the parking lot behind the town office. The highway department budget would be amended on the floor of the town meeting after an estimate is obtained for doing the slots behind the town office as well. If the amended highway department budget is passed then the striping will take place. The handicapped sign by the town office will also be placed so that it is clear where the handicapped parking is located. In the future other locations in town will be looked at for possible striping.

> Boston Post Cane

> The ceremony will be held at Mountain View Nursing Facility where Jean Ulitz is living. The family, Selectmen, and staff and friends at Mountain View will attend. Selectman Mason will coordinate with the family, Selectman Streeter will make sure the cane is in the vault.

> Drug Policy

> Police and CDL holders should be the only ones doing drug testing. CDLs go to a Clearinghouse where they are checked against records in all States not just in the state where they are currently driving. Town Administration sets up access to the Clearinghouse. An individual is run through the Clearinghouse annually and upon hire. Police and CDL have to be tested in separate pools. A question was raised about the Fire Chief. The lawyer will be asked about that.

> Selectman Farnum made a motion that drug testing for any personnel with the exception of police and CDL drivers be suspended. It was seconded by Chairman Poirier. The vote was unanimous to suspend the drug testing.

> The drug company will need an updated roster.

> Chairman Poirier made a motion to have the drug policy and the social media policy written by the town lawyer. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and voted on. It was passed unanimously.

> Board of Selectmen/Town Council Questionnaire

> The Board of Selectmen completed a questionnaire from Plodzik & Sanderson. It is part of their auditing process. The questionnaire was completed by the Board as a whole. Chairman Poirier made a motion to approve the questionnaire as discussed and it was seconded by Selectman Mason. The Board voted unanimously to approve it. The questionnaire was signed and dated by Chairman Poirier.

> UPDATES:

> Chairman Poirier made a motion to approve a grant request to fix the Town House hand railings. The total cost will be \$3,000.00. The Tamworth Foundation gave a grant in the amount of \$2697.00 with the rest of the money raised by Friends of the Town House through a quilt raffle. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason. The vote was unanimous in favor of approving the grant request.

> A request for a waiver for the General Election in November needs to be submitted to the Attorney General and the Secretary of State. The Town House can only have 18 voting booths and with the current population in Tamworth there needs to be 20. The Town House is a historical site and we could lose voters if voting was held elsewhere. Selectman Mason made a motion that the town request a waiver to use the Town House for General Election and that it can be used with 18 booths instead of 20. The motion was seconded by Chairman Poirier. The vote was unanimous - Yes.

> Selectman Mason attended a broadband meeting today. They are making progress with more information to follow. There are several House bills going forward pertaining to broadband. Sometime during the end of March/April a feasibility study will be completed. There will be no cost to the county.

> Artie Mason gave an update on upgrading the lights in town. Eversource doesn't really want to be in the light bulb business any more. Mr Mason discussed options being looked at and the potential savings to the town, after pay back of the new lights.

> Transfer Station

> Selectman Farnum gave an update on some USDA grant opportunities.

> Friends of the Town House

> The Town House got a new vacuum. The cost was \$400. The Farmers Market paid for part of it and the rest came from Crafters tables rentals.

> The Board of Selectmen will send a thank you to the Friends of the Town House for all their hard work setting up and taking down for elections!

> Chairman Poirier submitted the Selectmen's report for the Town Report. He read it to the other members of the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:23 Selectman Farnum made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman Mason and passed.

Submitted respectfully,

Peggy Poirier

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

Daniel J. Poirier

Becky Mason

Aaron Ricker

Melanie Streeter

William Farnum

