

TOWN OF TAMWORTH SELECT BOARD

Select Board Meeting 5:00

Thursday, November 30th, 2023

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Behr Called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Those present are Select Board members Behr, Schaeffer, Prentice, Town Administrator Myer, Ed Comeau of Government Oversight, Bruno Siniscalchi, Nelson O'Bryan, Hilary Behr, Gabrielle Watson, Richard Doucette entered the room at 5:04. On Zoom, Maureen and Jim Diamond.

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Conservation Commission, Holden Conservation Easement, Nelson O'Bryan – The Holden properties: the owners wish to donate a conservation easement to the town, and the Conservation Commission has reviewed and deemed the easement acceptable. The Town Attorney has reviewed, and there is a signed deed for the Select Board to formally approve the acceptance of Map 209, lot 13, 40 acres, 206, lot 116, 28 acres. Behr motioned to accept the conservation easements on the Holden property, Schaeffer seconded, discussion: Doucette had asked if people could log or farm the land, the answer is yes. Timber quality is minimally good. And if the public is allowed to go on the land - yes. You can review all the properties on the town map system and see what is under conservation. Doucette: People should know about these lots so as to add value to the people of the town to know that they are accessible. O'Bryan suggested they discuss this at the next Conservation Commission meeting. Roll call vote: Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Staff Holiday Party, Myer reported that the Rec Director has organized the party, and it will be held at the Preserve's main house, by donation. The Farm Stand will cater it at \$25 a person. No cash gifts will be given this year.
- Energy Efficiency for Town Office and Library, Gabrielle Watson – reviewed the energy savings initiatives they are working on with the library. Spoke to the grants, and the costs. If we just did the insulation, and created a package of energy saving features for the library and the town Offices that cost \$30,000 with half paid for by NH saves, so total cost will be \$15,000 to the town. If we did get the energy recovery insulators, that would add another \$24,000. But there is no real grants identified for this. The Select Board asked Watson to go back and gather more data as there is still time in the budgeting process.
- Sewer Commission Update, Hilary Behr – Last summer DES is asking for a visual map of the system, which has been completed. DES is in review. One issue that has come up is the possible right of those buildings currently not connected to the system of having the right to connect at some point in the future. There might be a waiver option for landowners to give up this possible right. The system will need approval from any owner to reduce the allocation. This is a roadblock. Meters can still be put on non-residential buildings, which might override the need for permission to alter any flow changes. Scott Hazelton, the administrator at DES seems responsive and good to work with, though he is still learning which makes it challenging. Prentice asked: if you're a user on the system, you can get off, but you still have to pay – could you "reallocate" that system allotment to another user in need? A discussion ensued about the payment system – can

someone go off the system? What would they then pay? All important questions. Ordinance: The Sewer Commission was operating under an ordinance which was a template from DES and so not a good fit. They've been working on an updated and more town specific ordinance. Who would enforce the ordinance? Ms. Behr will ask Christine if the Select Board would enforce this. Christine should review the ordinance in any event.

- **Road Name Change Request:** A request was submitted to change the name of the Private Road on Map 206, Lot 94, sub lot 1 to "The Longest Road." Doucette motioned to change the road name as requested, Schaeffer seconded, discussion ensued about the Select Board's need to be involved in this name change, roll call vote, Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Budget Updates:** Myer reviewed current status of the budget. We still could cut 120K if the Select Board wanted to reach the goal of matching this year's tax effort. Prentice reviewed the petition article requests and committed to reviewing the applications and sending questions to each non-profit.
- **Budget Hearing:** Myer reported that the hearing(s) are scheduled for February 7th at 5:00 pm, and a second one, if needed, for February 14th at 5:00 pm. Both are scheduled to be in the library.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Bank Balance: \$1,929,582.00

SIGNATURE FILE:

- Behr motioned to accept Meeting Minutes, November 16th, 2023, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to accept Nonpublic Meeting Minutes, RSA 91-A:3, II (a), Session 1, November 16th, 2023, and nonpublic Meeting Minutes, RSA 91-A:3, II (d), Session 2, November 16th, 2023, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to accept Appointment Form for Sewer Commission, Grant Prillaman, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to accept Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 211, Lot 057, Access: Depot Road, White Lake State Park, and Notice of Intent to Cut, Map 407, Lot 98, and 98-1, access: Loring Road, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to accept the Capital Reserve Deposit Request Form in the amount of \$50,000 for the Bridge Capital reserve, and \$225,000 for the Fire Truck Capital Reserve, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to accept Payroll: \$54,584.93, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Behr motioned to accept Accounts Payable: \$650,106.01, Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes.
- Cash Used: \$10,801,776.80

SELECT BOARD UPDATE:

Doucette attended the LRPC meeting on Monday. Transfer station: McConkey sent a draft design, with only the DES fee. Schaeffer, Farnum, and Doucette met with Sanborne Head, and they have agreed to pause on their design work, with no fees until work begins again.

Prentice: Attended LRPC's meeting. Checked in with round table and asked about where people stand with their master plan – many are many years behind. Almost all of them are handling updates in the chapter by chapter model. Last night she attended the Planning Board meeting it was on the subdivision regulations. Prentice requested that the Planning Board chair put Master Plan discussion on the agenda. Prentice also mentioned the subdivision request at the KOA campground. Adding septic and wells. It is coming before the planning board as a subdivision.

Behr: Attended a Sewer Commissioner's meeting, Ms. Behr's update will suffice.

Schaeffer: Attended the Sanborn Head meeting, thought it was a great meeting.

NONPUBLIC: At 6:23 Behr motioned to go into Nonpublic under RSA 91-A:3, II (d), Schaeffer seconded, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes. Behr motioned to come out of nonpublic at 6:48. Schaeffer second, roll call vote Doucette yes, Behr yes, Schaeffer yes, Prentice yes. Minutes are not sealed.

Adjournment: Behr adjourned the meeting at 6:49.

Karl Behr

Richard Doucette

Lianne Prentice

Steve Schaeffer