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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, January 23, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Kevin Forrest, John McDevitt, Jim Rolston, Paul Sanderson

Members Absent: Vaughan Morgan (attending Portsmouth City Council Meeting)

Staff: Karen Anderson – Town Administrator

Vice Chair Forrest opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00 p.m. A roll call was taken by the Vice Chair; he announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded.

I. APPOINTMENT

1. Dawn Sawyer, Chief Maloney Foundation: Race Permit

Dawn Sawyer addressed the Board. The race will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2017; the route will be the same as in past years.

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to approve the use of Town property for the road race on Sunday, April 30, 2017, and further, to grant permission for alcohol to be available at Krasko Field in accordance with the State Liquor laws. Second – P. Sanderson; all in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

II. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION: P. Sanderson moved to open the public hearing at 7:02 p.m. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

1. Acceptance of Donation: Greenland Women's Club – Fire Department Dispatch Console

The Greenland Women's Club made a donation in the amount of \$835.44 towards the purchase of a dispatch console for the Fire Department.

2. Acceptance of Donation: Fire Department Dispatch Console

Cassandra Donovan, Greenland resident, donated \$50 towards the purchase of a dispatch console for the Fire Department.

3. Acceptance of Donation: Health Trust

A donation of \$500 from Health Trust was received for employee wellness programs.

4. Acceptance of Highway Safety Grant: Police Department E-Ticketing

The Police Department received a Highway Safety Grant in the amount of \$2,700 for the purchase of three E-Ticketing Units. The grant is 80/20, with the Town's match being \$675. Officers will be able to issue tickets on site. Tickets will be electronically transferred to the State; three-part forms will no longer be used.

There being no public comments, Vice Chair Forrest closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. and returned to the Board.

J. Rolston questioned if enough tickets were issued to support the Town's portion of the grant. P. Sanderson responded it would save time with the filing process, paper copies will no longer have to be kept, paperwork will immediately be filed in court and State Department of Safety, etc. K. Forrest added it's basically bringing the department up to 21st century technology.

MOTION: J. McDevitt moved to accept the following donations: \$835.44 from the Greenland Women's Club and \$50 from Cassandra Donovan towards the purchase of the dispatch console for the Fire Department; \$500 from Health Trust for employee wellness programs; and the Highway Safety grant in the amount of \$2,700 for three E-Ticketing Units. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Monday, January 09, 2017

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to approve the minutes of Monday, January 09, 2017 as written. Second – P. Sanderson; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Coakley Update

Chair Morgan represented the Board of Selectmen at the Portsmouth City Council meeting tonight to hear the presentation from the Coakley Group. Vice Chair Forrest reminded those present that there would be a meeting on Thursday night at 6:30 with the EPA and DES regarding the Coakley Landfill. The meeting will be held at the Bethany Church on Breakfast Hill Road.

Dennis Malloy, Van Etten Drive and State Representative: Two bills were going to be heard on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. The bills were presented by the NH Resources, Recreation and Development Committee: HB431 and HB485. HB431 will establish a commission to study long term goals and requirements for safe drinking water in the Seacoast Area; HB485 would require DES to use exposure scenarios in children and other vulnerable populations to determine criteria for emerging contaminants in drinking water. He has signed onto those two bills. Senator Innis is in the process of introducing a bill stating that those responsible for water will be required to provide public clean water to areas that may be affected. D. Malloy also signed onto this bill.

D. Malloy also mentioned he has received comments about a bill that would take the responsibility and authority to assess utilities away from towns and municipalities, and move it to DRA; Greenland and Newington are opposed to that bill. He signed off against that bill. K. Anderson added that currently the Town sets the value of the utilities; DRA also sets values that towns don't have to use. The Town's values are slightly higher than those of DRA and are based on the inventory forms that are returned.

This bill would allow DRA to set the values completely. DRA would handle all abatements and towns would not have to hire someone to do the values. In the end, it takes away power from the Town. D. Malloy added that the NH Municipal Association was not in favor of the bill.

Vice Chair Forrest stated that he appreciated everyone's attendance at the Board meeting on January 09, 2017. There was a great deal of good information made available to the public. What resonated with him was that although it was a lot of information, there was a call to action by the residents of Greenland. When, as a Board and Town, do you decide the points of deliberative action to be taken? Is a consultant hired for legal guidance? The time for talking may soon be over; it may be time to take some type of action, which might include legal. J. McDevitt felt that the \$25,000 in the proposed warrant article may be "seed" money and give a good indication of how residents want the Board to proceed. K. Anderson added it was loud and clear that residents supported the warrant article and talked about increasing it to \$100,000.

P. Sanderson asked for a resolution from the Board supporting HB431 and HB485, and will testify in support of Rep. Messmer's bills. If the bills pass, the Town would be sitting down with other elected officials region-wide and would have met one of their goals to get towns talking.

MOTION: J. Rolston moved that the Board of Selectmen support HB431 and HB485, and further, that Selectmen Sanderson testify on their behalf at the Legislative hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Second – J. McDevitt; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. Warrant Article Assignments

K. Anderson prepared a draft order for the warrant articles using the traditional descending order of money.

- Article 12: Truck	P. Sanderson
- Article 13: Road Improvements	J. McDevitt
- Article 14: Deposit to Library CRF	J. Rolston
- Article 15: Deposit to Road Improvement CRF	J. McDevitt
- Article 16: Town Equipment – Establish CRF	P. Sanderson
- Article 17: Deposit to Transfer Station Equipment CRF	V. Morgan
- Article 18: Chest Compression System	V. Morgan
- Article 19: Professional Fees – Coakley	K. Forrest
- Article 20: Ambulance Billing Costs	J. Rolston
- Article 21: Deposit to Police Equipment CRF	V. Morgan
- Article 22: Seacoast Family Promise Support	P. Sanderson
- Article 23: Adopt All Veteran's Credit.....	J. Rolston
- Article 24: Appointment of Town Treasurer.....	V. Morgan
- Article 25: Modify Elderly Exemption	K. Forrest

The Voter's Guide is a non-political, informational manual to voting on the Town Budget. A page has been included that explains the unassigned fund balance. Zoning changes recommended by the Planning Board are included as well as the Town's operating budget, noting the significant changes. The Town Administrator will also prepare a Power Point presentation for the Deliberative Session on Saturday, February 04, 2017.

3. Other Old Business

- Easement - Seavey Way Water Line: The Town Administrator explained that the easement crosses Town property. It's a 50' strip; the easement is approximately 10' for the pipe leading to the Bethany Church. The Town Attorney has reviewed it and worked out his concerns with Attorney Crotty; he notified Attorney Crotty earlier in the day that he was in agreement with the easement. Eric Weinreib, Altus Engineering, reviewed the easement; his concerns were also addressed by Attorney Crotty. P. Sanderson noted although the stub to Town property is shown on the plans, access to water from the Town of Rye is a negotiable item.

MOTION: J. McDevitt moved to approve the easement for the water line at the Seavey Way development, 410 Breakfast Hill Road (Map R1, 10). Second – J. Rolston

DISCUSSION: The revised easement clarifies restoring the property. Debra Beck: Questioned the easement over Town property. The Town Administrator clarified that the easement was granted to Chinburg Builders for the pipe that currently exists between the water tower in Rye and over the Town property that gets to the Bethany Church. P. Sanderson added that there will be a stub allowing the Town the opportunity to bring public water to the 50 acres of Town-owned land behind the Bethany Church, bringing value to the 50 acres.

P. Sanderson felt that with the changes that were made to the easement, it was in the best interest of the Town. It was not, however, the ultimate solution to the problem. It does solve it for the 10-lot subdivision, but will not stop the efforts of the Board to solve the risk to other residents in the area.

MOTION: J. McDevitt moved to approve the easement for the water line at the Seavey Way development, 410 Breakfast Hill Road (Map R1, 10). Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

- RPC Transportation Project: J. McDevitt told members that the Planning Board was looking at the project. If there were any transportation/road related issues that should be brought to the RPC, they needed to be forwarded to the Planning Board. The "wish list" is due to RPC on March 03, 2017. The only Greenland project currently on the list is electrification of the Truck Stop. J. McDevitt mentioned the culvert on Winnicut Road should be added to the list as well as some of the State roads. There was a discussion with D. Beck about the culvert on Great Bay Road. The Road Agent will be asked to give the Selectmen a report of problem State roads that need to be addressed in Town for the meeting on Monday, February 06, 2017; D. Beck offered to help.
- D. Beck was asked about the piles in her back yard on Portsmouth Avenue. She told the Board she has tried to contact the Fire Chief for a burn permit and hasn't been able to reach him. She has been able to put quite a bit in a dumpster, but will probably be adding to the piles as she moves farm equipment around. D. Beck stated she has responded to a letter sent by the Building Inspector and is in compliance.

V. NEW BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Review of Town Administrator's Bi-Weekly Report

There was no discussion about the bi-weekly report.

2. Memorial Day Parade Permit

Permission has been requested for the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to approve the permit for the annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2017. Second – P. Sanderson; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

3. Berry Surveying Invoice: Conservation Commission Warrant Article

The Conservation Commission had previously received permission from the Board of Selectmen to have a survey completed of trail property near Coastal Way. Withdrawals from the warrant article funds require permission from the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

MOTION: J. McDevitt moved to authorize the payment of \$1,750 to Berry Surveying and Engineering, and further, to authorize the funds to come from the 2016 Warrant Article #16 established for that purpose. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

4. Abatement

The abatement in the amount of \$418 plus interest for 13 Van Etten Drive (Map R10, 30R) is the result of correcting the amount of finished space on the second floor. The original assessment was for a $\frac{3}{4}$ story, completely finished; it's a $\frac{1}{2}$ story with 13' of unusable space. The amount has been confirmed by the assessor.

MOTION: P. Sanderson moved to abate \$418 plus interest for the 2016 abatement for Map R10, 30R. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

5. Elderly Exemption

The residents have qualified for the elderly exemption based on their age, income and assets.

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to approve the elderly exemption for residents at Map R10, 2. Second – P. Sanderson; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

6. Other New Business

- Site Evaluation: Information on the Town parcel adjacent to the Coakley property was found in the plan cabinet in the Town Office; copies were given to the Selectmen. A copy will also be given to the EPA at the meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2017. The Town Administrator has been unable to find any information relating to the statement in the report regarding "the assurance from the EPA that no contingent liabilities would be transferred to the Town". P. Sanderson and the Town Administrator stated that over 10 years ago the EPA wanted the Town to sign off on the potable water rights; the Town refused to sign off at that time. The property was taken by willing tax deed. Update: Letters from the EPA and State of New Hampshire are available indicating the Town was not incurring any liability of the landfill by acquiring the property.
- K. Forrest told members that he would not be running for another term as Selectman. He added that he has enjoyed his time on the Board and serving the Town. J. McDevitt was undecided if he will run for another term.

VI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017

1. Payroll Manifest 02

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to approve Payroll Manifest 02 in the amount of \$52,148.58. Second – J. McDevitt; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. General Fund Manifest 02

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to approve General Fund Manifest 02 in the amount of \$232,514.94. Second – J. McDevitt; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Second – J. McDevitt; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

Monday, February 06, 2017 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted – Charlotte Hussey, Secretary to the Boards

Approved: Tuesday, February 21, 2017