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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, September 13, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Randy Bunnell, Jamie Connelly, Rick Hussey, Steve Smith, Richard Winsor

Staff Present: Matthew Scruton - Town Administrator (by phone)

Also Present: Dennis Malloy - NH State Representative

Chair Smith opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:30 p.m. It was announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded. Attendance was taken by roll call: R. Bunnell – present, J. Connelly – present, R. Hussey – present, R. Winsor – present, S. Smith - present.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Acceptance of Donation: Eagle Scout Project

TA Scruton explained that Michael O’Neil has donated the remaining funds in the amount of \$329.86 from his fundraising for the two ‘Welcome to Greenland’ signs. Funds will be used to help offset any future sign maintenance needed.

Dennis O’Neil stated that Michael’s intention was to donate the remaining funds to the Town specifically for the maintenance of the signs and/or solar lighting of the signs. The Eagle Board was also in agreement with the donation.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to accept the donation of \$329.86 from Michael O’Neil. He has donated the remaining funds from his Eagle Scout project to the Town. These funds will help offset any future sign maintenance needed. A thank you note will be sent. Second – J. Connelly; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eagle Scout Project: Max Murdach, Troop 164, will be doing an Eagle Scout project at Greenland Central School. His project is to design, create and implement a pergola to serve as an outdoor classroom and will be located near the community garden. The project will benefit the teachers and students at Greenland School by providing an outdoor educational classroom. M. Murdach reviewed his timeline with the Board. The project must be complete by his 18th birthday in June 2022. M. Murdach reviewed fundraising ideas and the pergola construction. Wheelchair accessibility is ADA compliant. The Board wished M. Murdach ‘good luck’ with his project. TA Scruton commented that the Town would be happy to post any fundraising information on the Town’s website and Facebook page. R. Bunnell suggested M. Murdach contact Lang’s Landscaping; they were very generous with landscaping at the School and may be helpful with his project. The building permit fees have been waived.

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MOTION: R. Winsor moved to waive all building permit fees. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Monday, August 30, 2021

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the minutes of Monday, August 30, 2021. Second – J. Connelly; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Coakley Update

NH State Representative Dennis Malloy updated the Board regarding the Seacoast Long-Term Drinking Water Commission. There are several items currently being studied; a report will not be available until information is received from the EPA, the deep rock well drilling study, and other reports. Currently, there is nothing to act on. Representative Malloy's concern was the access to meetings with the Coakley Landfill Group. TA Scruton noted the CLG is starting to allow call-ins.

S. Smith stated the results of the bedrock study and review of data may not be known until December. Representative Malloy was told that the report would be done in September. J. Connelly suggested a letter be sent from the Town requesting an update on the bedrock study. R. Winsor stated it was imperative that people understood what was happening. The EPA needs to be held accountable.

Representative Malloy updated the Board on the Drinking Water Commission. The Commission meets once a month. They are in the information gathering stage; Representative Malloy anticipates a report will be done in November or December. Representative Malloy explained the Commission looks at Towns and communities that comprise the seacoast and their plans for water protection, groundwater, drought, etc. There will be recommendations made through the Commission report. Representative Malloy noted that Greenland is scheduled to present at the meeting this week. The presentation with anything relating to water is through Portsmouth; the Portsmouth Water Department will report to the Commission. Representative Malloy contacted Dennis Cote, Greenland's Health Officer, for information he may have regarding private wells, etc. Representative Malloy noted that Greenland does not have the same water system as other towns; there is not much for the Drinking Water Commission to manage.

R. Winsor respectfully disagreed, stating there was a lot to be managed. The focus needs to be on the protection of what the Town has. A municipality with large municipality water deals with treatment and drought, etc. That is not Greenland's bailiwick but rather how to protect the resources that are there to make sure they are not impugned by Coakley or similar. It was incumbent on Representative Malloy, as the representative, that the Commission understand that there was more than municipal water and services. Representative Malloy asked the plan for protecting the Town's resources. R. Winsor responded that the biggest threat to resources was Coakley. He continued that there could not be a plan because the Town had no levers to pull. Coakley needs to 'fix their mess'.

Representative Malloy reiterated that the Seacoast Long-Term Drinking Water Commission is active and working; there will be a report. R. Winsor added that the second threat to drinking water within the immediate Greenland area was that Portsmouth takes water from the Greenland well. The impact

and/or depletion of the water supply needs to be considered. Representative Malloy will bring those concerns to the Commission.

Representative Malloy is also a member of the Pease Restoration Advisory Board. He noted that the Haven Well is pretty clean and back online. The Restoration Advisory Board is looking into being more engaged with the Air Force to discuss and respond to the issues that are brought forward. Newington is very involved as they are the most affected. The surface water is contaminated from the former base.

2. Road Improvements: Sanderson Road, Meloon Drive, Fairway Drive

A public comment relating to the roads, specifically Lane Avenue, was received from Dick Rugg and read into the record (copy on file). It was suggested that Lane Avenue was in worse condition than Sanderson Road, Meloon Drive and Fairway Drive.

TA Scruton reviewed the options for Sanderson Road, Meloon Road and Fairway Drive received from Advanced Excavating & Paving; they will be doing the work on Bayside Road. Option 1: Sanderson Road is \$89,540.50 (includes \$27,000 for 1.5" wearing course); Meloon Road is \$68,729 (includes \$21,000 for 1.5" wearing course); Fairway Drive is \$49,641 (includes \$15,000 for 1.5" wearing course). Wearing courses were recommended by Altus Engineering.

TA Scruton reviewed the funding options. There is \$510,887.86 available in the General Road Maintenance CRF; the Board of Selectmen are the agents to expend. Additional funds are available in the Road Maintenance CRF; expenditures from this CRF must have Town approval through a warrant article. In the 2021 Operating Budget, \$280,000 is available in the Road Maintenance budget. TA Scruton commented there should be a little cushion in case snow plowing was more than anticipated. Already committed to Bayside Road is \$300,000; a total of \$491,185 is available for other options. If all three roads are done with a wear course, the remaining balance would be \$249,492 for roads going into 2022. The Town generally approves additional money for roads each year.

Option 2 does not include the wear coat and would be \$144,910.50. The cost to finish Bayside Road in 2022 has yet to be determined, depending on the culvert work to be done. The hope was that ARPA funds could be used on the water project. The road maintenance budget would be used only if the plowing budget is expended before the next budget starts. TA Scruton felt there was enough in the plowing budget unless there were unforeseen circumstances. S. Smith noted there is a Storm Expense CRF (approximately \$64,000) that could be used, if necessary.

R. Hussey suggested Option 2 and to wait until next year for the wearing coat; those are not high traffic roads. A 1.5" wearing coat could add two to five years at the most; it was not significant.

Responding to R. Bunnell's question, S. Smith stated that Altus Engineering recommended those three roads as needing repair next. Lane Avenue and Moulton Avenue would be next on the list. In addition, proximity to the other roads was a consideration. The Board agreed that Lane Avenue and Moulton Avenue needed to be done.

MOTION: R. Hussey moved to approve the proposals from Advance Excavating & Paving for Sanderson Road (\$62,540.50), Meloon Road (\$47,729) and Fairway Drive (\$34,641), total not to exceed \$144,910.50 and does not include a 1.5" wearing course. The Board further approved up to a 20% contingency, if needed, in the amount of \$28,982.10. The primary funding source is to be the Road

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Maintenance line in the Operating Budget. If additional funds are needed, the General Road Maintenance CRF is to be used. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

3. Great Bay Waterkeeper Boat Trip

TA Scruton has confirmed the date of Thursday, September 30, 2021, for the educational boat trip around Great Bay. The tour will start at 9:30 a.m. from the Great Bay Marina and last approximately two hours. Members planning to take part: J. Connelly, R. Bunnell, possibly R. Hussey, and TA Scruton.

4. Other Old Business

There was no 'Other Old Business' to discuss.

V. NEW BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Winnicut River Fish Ladder

TA Scruton noted this issue dates back 10 years. The letter from S. Smith reminds Fish & Game that they have an obligation to try and correct the deficiencies in the fish ladder. A variety of federal, State, and local resources were used for construction of the fish ladder. Over \$1.8 million has been spent on the project. The fish ladder and dry hydrant still do not work.

S. Smith's letter questions why the issues have not been addressed and when will they be corrected. It was a large investment by many donors. Without a working ladder, the upstream and downstream passage of aquatic life is limited. The dry hydrant is of particular concern. Correspondence sent by TA Scruton over the past several years has been met with "this is not a high priority". In order to spotlight the Board's concerns, the letter will be copied to several of the different donors.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the letter from S. Smith regarding the Board's concerns for the Winnicut River Fish Ladder and the dry hydrant. Second – J. Connelly; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

R. Hussey requested NH State Representative Dennis Malloy receive a copy of the letter.

2. Halloween Date

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve Trick or Treat for Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm as recommended by Chief Laurent. Second – J. Connelly; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

3. Other New Business

TA Scruton explained the Town's budget process and timeline to the Board. The Board of Selectmen will begin reviewing budgets at their meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021.

TA Scruton reviewed the upcoming 300th Anniversary Celebration activities for the week. S. Smith commented that the Don Campbell concert at Bethany Church on Saturday, September 11th went well. Band members were impressed with the venue and are hoping to do another show at the Bethany Church. Due to area events, the turnout was poor. S. Smith thanked the Greenland Veterans for their donation of underwriting the concert. Bethany Church did not charge for the use of the hall.

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VI. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

1. Payroll Manifest 21-19

MOTION: R. Hussey moved to approve the Payroll Manifest, pay date September 16, 2021. Gross amount, excluding payroll liabilities: \$69,463.55. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. General Fund Manifest 21-19

MOTION: R. Bunnell moved to approve the General Fund Manifest of Unpaid Bills Detail as of September 16, 2021, in the amount of \$283,691.89. This manifest includes a Greenland School District payment in the amount of \$250,000. Second – J. Connelly; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

R. Winsor questioned the \$900 repair invoice for the Police Department 2014 motorcycle that is driven approximately 1,400 miles per year. He requested feedback if it was an asset to the Town or should be disposed of. TA Scruton will contact Chief Laurent for the terms of the lease and maintenance agreement.

3. Fire Inspection Fund Manifest No. 21-03

MOTION: J. Connelly moved to approve the attached Fire Inspection Fund Manifest of Unpaid Bills Detail as of September 16, 2021, in the amount of \$735. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Second – J. Connelly; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

Monday, September 27, 2021 – 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Submitted By – Charlotte Hussey, Administrative Assistant