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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, February 28, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

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

Members Absent: Jamie Connelly (Excused)

Staff Present: Matthew Scruton, Town Administrator

Also Present: Susan Parker, Greenland/Newington PDA Representative; Christine Peters – Weeks Library Trustee

Chair Smith opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:30 p.m. A roll call was taken and it was announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being live-streamed and recorded.

Plaque Presentation

This was R. Hussey's last meeting as a Selectman. S. Smith presented R. Hussey with a plaque commemorating his years of service to the Town (2019-2022).

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Monday, February 14, 2022

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the minutes of Monday, February 14, 2022. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Coakley Update

TA Scruton updated the Board that there will be a Coakley Landfill Group Executive Board meeting on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. TA Scruton attends the meetings remotely.

2. PDA Update

Susan Parker, Greenland/Newington PDA Representative, updated the Board on the upcoming Noise Compatibility meeting on Wednesday, March 02, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. S. Smith will be attending that meeting. When asked for any concerns the Board may have regarding noise, R. Bunnell mentioned

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‘early morning (4:00 a.m.) airplanes’. S. Parker distributed a zoning map of Pease, noting that when the PDA starts discussing issues, they are normally referring to the zoning sections. Different rules govern different things.

S. Parker stated that a very large set of regulations has just been released that may be useful. The Noise Compatibility meeting is required and held annually. Airports are required to have a noise map. S. Parker has contacted the Town of Newington asking them which noise regulations they are most concerned about. In 2018, Newington had a hearing and there were citizen complaints about excessive noise. They were contemplating shutting down the Town for noise from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. There is an ongoing concern about noise.

An extensive analysis was done by S. Parker’s colleague; she reviewed the subsets: sleep interference, run-up areas, design and placement of structures, limitations on types of aircraft (stages 2, 3 and 4), restrictions on aircraft run-ups, some airports restrict size, Pease has no curfews and no limits, and to study mandatory access restrictions. These are some of the areas where Greenland can become involved and engaged.

R. Winsor questioned the obligation of the airport to manage noise. There is not a lot of aircraft in and out of Pease. As things change and there is more commercial traffic, what is the starting baseline and what is their obligation? S. Parker responded that the meeting on March 02nd should be regarded as today’s baseline. She noted that airports monitor where their noise level fits in as far as regulations. They know when a fairly large aircraft is due to arrive. S. Parker did not know who was notified. R. Bunnell stated it was in the paper at one time, adding it would be nice if the PDA had some type of notification system. R. Winsor and S. Smith noted that a big concern was the continuous circling of aircraft and ‘touch and goes’ during training. They noted that test maintenance would require more testing of engines.

S. Parker will attend the meeting on March 02nd and update the Board on March 14th. R. Winsor asked if there was anything the Town should be doing on the planning side. It was suggested that the Noise Ordinance be updated.

3. Other Old Business

There was no ‘Other Old Business’.

IV. NEW BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Veterans Credits

The assessor has recommended the Board approve the following Veterans Credits:

- The resident at 48 Hillside Drive (Map U9, 70) is disabled and qualifies for Service-Connected Total Disability in the amount of \$4,000
- The resident at 39 Cherry Hill Drive (Map U7, 10CV) qualifies for the Veterans Credit in the amount of \$750
- The resident at 73 September Drive (Map R7, 37) qualifies for the Veterans Credit in the amount of \$750

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MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the Veterans Credits as recommended by the assessor for 48 Hillside Drive, 39 Cherry Hill Drive, and 73 September Drive. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. Abatement

The assessor has recommended the Board approve the abatement for 10 Stone Meadow Way (Map R1, 2C) in the amount of \$666.43, plus interest.

MOTION: R. Hussey moved to approve the abatement for 10 Stone Meadow Way (Map R1, 2C) in the amount of \$666.43, plus interest as recommended by the assessor. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

3. Solar Exemption

The assessor has recommended the Board approve the Solar Exemption for 300 Portsmouth Avenue (Map R21, 12) in the amount of \$30,000.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the Solar Exemption as recommended by the assessor for 300 Portsmouth Avenue (Map R21, 12) in the amount of \$30,000. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

4. Land Use Change Tax

The assessor has recommended the Board approve the Land Use Change Tax for 196 Dearborn Road (Map R12, 26-F-2) in the amount of \$25,020. This property was subdivided from a larger parcel on Osprey Cove and no longer meets the 10-acre minimum requirement.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the Land Use Change Tax as recommended by the assessor for 196 Dearborn Road (Map R12, 26-F-2) in the amount of \$25,020. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

5. Elderly Exemption

The assessor has recommended the Board deny the Elderly Exemption for 685 Portsmouth Avenue (Map U6, 68); the resident no longer resides in Greenland.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to deny the Elderly Exemption as recommended by the assessor for 685 Portsmouth Avenue (Map U6, 68); the resident no longer resides in Greenland. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

6. Mowing Contract

S. Smith and TA Scruton have discussed the mowing contract with Chris Pearl, Pearl's Landscaping. The rates have increased slightly due to the cost of fuel and supplies. S. Smith noted that the Library was included in this contract. A portion of the Library was done in 2021; after the Library was completed, the entire parcel was done. C. Pearl suggested the contract could be extended for two years, at the same price. S. Smith commented that Pearl's Landscaping does a good job, adding that 'if the grass does

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not grow, they do not mow' (example: they will not mow in the middle of a drought). R. Winsor was inclined to extend the contract to two years.

S. Smith recognized Vaughan Morgan, 16 Holly Lane: V. Morgan asked when was the last time the contract was renewed. S. Smith responded that it has been renewed on a yearly basis. V. Morgan also asked if the contract was sent out to bid. TA Scruton responded that after the Property Maintenance Supervisor position became vacant in 2019, the Town needed mowing services and it was put out to bid. The bid was awarded to Pearl's Landscaping in 2019 and has been on a renewal basis since that time. The prices have essentially remained the same over the last few years. V. Morgan felt it was important to be transparent for the taxpayers and that this amount of money be put out to bid every so often.

TA Scruton noted that there have been compliments made throughout Town about the mowing. Pearl's Landscaping has been very responsive to the Town's needs. If the mowing contract were to go out to bid now, Pearl's Landscaping would be at a disadvantage because his rates have been made public.

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the 2022 mowing estimate with Pearl's Landscaping and use Pearl's Landscaping for mowing in 2022 and 2023, provided it was a fixed rate of \$970. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

7. Other New Business

Consent Calendar: R. Winsor suggested a Consent Calendar be used for routine approvals. TA Scruton explained that a Consent Calendar, also known as a Consent Agenda, can be used to approve items that are not considered controversial and/or require discussion (examples: manifests, abatements, etc.). A motion would be included to approve everything on the Consent Agenda. If a Board member wanted something removed from the list for discussion, it could be removed. Otherwise, many agenda items can be approved with one motion. Consent calendars are often used in other towns and are used by the NH House..

R. Winsor felt it was a good idea. The Board would still have the ability to remove something for discussion. R. Bunnell agreed as long as the Board was given ample time for review prior to the meeting. TA Scruton assured the Board the information would be available for review. R. Winsor noted the same information would be available, it would just be approved with one vote. Further discussion was continued to the next meeting.

Election Mailers: R. Hussey told the Board it had been a pleasure working with them. He also mentioned that he had seen election mailers without a fiscal agent or endorsement being noted. He reminded those listening that they must follow the State RSA's when sending out mailers. He suggested when candidates file for elected office with the Town Clerk they receive 'the rules of the road' that would include sending out mailers and the information required. R. Hussey also thanked the Town Clerk.

Voter's Guide: The Voter's Guide is available on the Town website.

Candidate's Night: The Greenland Women's Club held a Candidate's Night on Thursday, March 24, 2022, for contested races. Candidate's Night was done via Zoom. TA Scruton was given a copy and it has been uploaded to townhallstreams. com. The link will be shared on the Town website and Facebook page once it is available.

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Selectmen's Schedule for Election Day: Selectmen were reminded to contact the Town Clerk regarding their coverage at the polls on Tuesday, March 08, 2022. R. Winsor will be available at the end of day, S. Smith and R. Hussey will be available throughout the day, and R. Bunnell will be available in the morning or afternoon, depending on J. Connelly's schedule.

S. Smith noted that help will be needed to set up on Monday afternoon, March 07th (around 3:30 p.m.), after school.

V. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – THURSDAY, MARCH 03, 2022

1. Payroll Manifest 22-05

MOTION: R. Winsor moved to approve the Payroll Manifest, pay date March 03, 2022. Gross amount, excluding payroll liabilities: \$70,372.08. Second – R. Bunnell; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. General Fund Manifest 22-05

MOTION: R. Hussey moved to approve the General Fund Manifest of Unpaid Bills Detail as of March 03, 2022, in the amount of \$628,446.88. This manifest includes a payment to the Greenland School District in the amount of \$300,000 and the first quarter payment to the Library in the amount of \$89,887.50. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

The first quarter payment to the Library was based on the 2021 budget. The next payment will be adjusted based on the approved budget on March 08, 2022.

3. Ambulance Special Revenue Manifest 22-02

MOTION: R. Bunnell moved to approve the Ambulance Special Revenue Manifest of Unpaid Bills Detail as of March 03, 2022, in the amount of \$83.23. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: R. Bunnell moved to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Second – R. Winsor; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 14, 2022 – 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Submitted By – Charlotte Hussey, Administrative Assistant