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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, September 18, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Chester Deorocki, Chip Hussey, Jim Rolston, Paul Sanderson

Members Absent: Vaughan Morgan

Staff: Karen Anderson – Town Administrator; Paul Hayden – Property Maintenance Supervisor, Road Agent

Vice Chair Rolston opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:56 p.m. A roll call was taken by the Chair; he announced a quorum was present and the meeting was being recorded.

I. APPOINTMENT

1. Presentation of Boston Post Cane

In 1909, the Boston Post newspaper presented 431 ebony canes to the towns in New England with the request that they be presented to the oldest resident in town. Greenland's Boston Post Cane has been presented to 22 different residents beginning with Josiah Edgerly in 1909. Most recently it was held by Edith Lovering. The oldest resident in Greenland, as best the Town records show, is Elmer Sewall of Breakfast Hill Road, who was born on November 30, 1918.

The original cane is solid ebony with a 14k gold top. A replica of the original cane was presented to Dr. Sewall by Vice Chair Rolston. Several family members were present as Dr. Sewall graciously accepted the cane.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Tuesday, September 05, 2017

MOTION: P. Sanderson moved to approve the minutes of Tuesday, September 05, 2017. Second – C. Hussey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Coastal Way Seal Coating Update

P. Hayden stated most of the feedback from residents on Coastal Way has been negative. He felt the biggest problem was that there wasn't enough sand put down. The road was swept completely as of Friday. P. Hayden was told that results may not be visible until the spring because it works into the pavement, activating and rejuvenating it. He's waiting for the company to give him the okay to patch.

Vice Chair Rolston commented that he drove down Coastal Way and noticed quite a few pot holes. P. Hayden responded that the company didn't want patching done prior to the treatment; it wouldn't bond if patching was done first. K. Anderson added this was a test to see if the Town wanted to look into the product further, and asked P. Hayden for his recommendation. He stated it wasn't fun with all the complaints he received; he wouldn't know until a later date if it worked. He added that residents weren't happy; when the sand was driven over, it would get on cars and was sticky. It does wash off; gift certificates are available from the company for under carriage washes for Coastal Way resident's vehicles. P. Sanderson stated that the outcome is initially bad, and the end result is still unknown.

2. Harley Rake Bids

P. Hayden received three bids for the Harley rake. Funds were budgeted in 2017 through the Rec Department in the amount of \$8,500. The Cemetery Trustees voted to authorize \$2,000 from their budget for the purchase as the equipment will be useful in the cemetery.

The Bobcat and Kubota bids don't include the wiring and labor. Those two bids are also not for the plug and play rake; the machine would have to be dropped off for a day for the wiring to be done and another control added. The wiring harness was included, but not the installation. P. Hayden felt an additional \$300 to \$500 would be realistic on those two bids.

The Milton Cat is a plug and play rake; it's designed and wired for this particular skid steer. P. Hayden was leaning towards this bid due to simplicity.

Responding to a question from C. Deorocki about where it would be used, P. Hayden stated the cemetery roads would be done, any dirt parking lots or gravel roads in Town, and the infields can be graded. He added that the only infield he couldn't use the Harley rake on would be Caswell. P. Sanderson added that there are some road shoulders where the rake could be used.

The cost to grade the road to Maloney Field was approximately \$1,400. K. Anderson explained that the road was done prior to the City of Portsmouth starting work on the well. They will return it to that condition when the work is complete. P. Sanderson added that a previous Town Administrator had agreed to maintain the road to the Greenland Well in perpetuity. K. Anderson further explained every other year a contractor is hired to grade the road due to pot holes.

C. Deorocki stated that he didn't see the Town needing this machine even though it's in the budget; one could be rented if it was needed. P. Sanderson responded that during the Budget Committee meetings, they found there weren't any to be rented; C. Hussey stated there was one available at Tri-Rental. He continued that until he received the packet, he thought it would fit on the back of the four-wheeler and had its own power source. He also didn't think it would do the grading as well as a grader. He saw hydraulics as maintenance and if it wasn't going to be used on a regular basis, it would be better to rent the machine.

P. Hayden clarified that the Town's skid steer was not a track machine; it was the narrow wheeled model for the sidewalks. C. Hussey was in agreement that it should be rented for the number of times it would be needed. He added that without a full-time seasonal employee, it would be hard to catch up if it was rainy like this year; C. Deorocki was in agreement. C. Deorocki added it looked like a machine that ended up on auction and being sold for \$.50 on the dollar because it wouldn't be used enough, especially for \$10,000.

C. Hussey stated it was also the end of the season; he was concerned about any shortfall in the budget for snow removal. The rake could be added back into the budget if it could be justified. It should be purchased in the spring and not wait until the fall.

P. Sanderson asked if there was any work that needed to be done by renting a machine this year. P. Hayden responded that the fields were closed right now due to soccer and the infields wouldn't be done for the rest of the year. Vice Chair Rolston stated he would like to consider how much would be spent on rentals as opposed to purchasing the machine outright. He added that the cost to do the road to Maloney Field was \$1,400 and questioned the cost to do the infields. C. Deorocki responded that it wouldn't do anything other than roads and infields. He added that the number one use for this was machine was to prep soil for seed beds; it can be used to grade gravel roads, but wasn't the best machine for that use. Most contractors rent them when needed due to the cost and how often they were used. He felt this was the last thing the Town needed right now.

P. Hayden stated the only roads he would be doing now would be the cemetery road, Krasko Field parking lot and the maintenance parking lot. C. Deorocki didn't see enough usage; \$1,400 was a lot to grade the one road. If it's only done every other year, it's not needed. And, it's not needed on an infield; maybe once in the spring.

K. Anderson stated that this was a unique piece of equipment, and this discussion was very similar to what took place with the Budget Committee. The rake was removed and then put back in on the last day. P. Sanderson suggested deferring a decision until there was a full Board present; all were in agreement.

3. Coakley Update

The EPA has contracted an independent technical advisor who will be available to Greenland at no cost. That person will assist with technical questions and addressing aspects of the remediation the Town may be having. K. Anderson will be meeting with representatives of the EPA on Wednesday to meet the technical advisor. The technical advisor will be able to explain test results and interpret hydrogeological data. That person will also be able to explain the remediation with the pump and treat system and what it actually does. This is another resource provided to the Town at no cost to decipher the actual facts as they are being reported.

The MTBE Committee's next meeting will be on Thursday, October 05, 2017.

4. Tax Deeding (Map R7, Lot 39)

K. Anderson received an update from the Tax Collector. The total amount hasn't been paid. It's the Board's decision if they want to accept the deed. The homeowner was in on Friday and made a payment towards the balance due of \$5,000; she has requested an extension until December 01, 2017, to pay the balance. K. Anderson added that this will be the last opportunity to clear the 2014 taxes.

If the Board accepted the deed, the statute requires all back taxes be paid (2014, 2015, 2016 and first part of 2017). The Town would return what has been paid in 2017 (\$2,000). 10% of the assessed value would be a penalty; that amount doesn't have to be assessed. The maximum amount that could be due would be \$77,515; the penalty is \$48,851, which is optional to be assessed.

P. Sanderson suggested reaching an agreement with the homeowner for unpaid taxes and interest as well as costs. That amount could be \$30,000. The remaining balance on 2014 is approximately \$3,000.

P. Sanderson stated he would like to see the homeowner in person as well as have a written agreement. He was willing to work with the homeowner but preferred not go through a third party. He was also willing to defer any further action until the next meeting on Monday, October 02, 2017; a written agreement should be created to resolve the matter. K. Anderson will ask the Town Clerk to prepare an agreement to be signed by all parties.

MOTION: P. Sanderson moved to defer the acceptance of the tax deed to the meeting on Monday, October 02, 2017, on condition that the taxpayer speaks directly to the Board with the goal of reaching a written agreement that evening to resolve the payment of unpaid taxes. Second – C. Deorocki; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

That will be a non-public session.

5. Visioning Session Reminder: Thursday, October 05, 2017

The Planning Board will be hosting a Visioning Session for the chapter in the Master Plan dealing with climate change and coastal zone properties that may be subject to sea rise. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Hugh Gregg Center at the Discovery Center. Notices will be sent to property owners who are affected and more susceptible to sea rise and flooding. It will be advertised for the entire Town. This meeting will be led primarily by the Theresa Walker, Rockingham Planning Commission. The idea is to determine whether an overlay district should be proposed for the affected areas to control building.

6. Other Old Business

Dogs on Ballfields: P. Hayden asked the Town's policy if the same people are allowing their dogs on the ballfields despite the signs. P. Sanderson responded that it's a Town ordinance that can be enforced by the Police Department. A summons can be issued for Circuit Court, and they can be fined for violating a Town ordinance (animal ordinance).

Video Monitoring: C. Hussey stated he didn't like any of the proposals he's seen. He would like the Fire Chief and Police Chief to work together on a security camera proposal. The original cost was \$5,000* through security companies. When it was scaled back to what the Fire Chief wanted, one interior and one exterior camera, it decreased to \$2,400*. P. Sanderson suggested considering a warrant article as the budget process progresses. (*corrected after meeting)

IT: C. Hussey asked that the IT specialist be scheduled to meet with the Board during the budget process.

Snow Removal: C. Hussey questioned a non-lapsing warrant article for snow removal. A capital reserve fund does currently exist; the balance is \$50,000. It was established by Town Meeting approximately five years ago.

Gates at Maloney Field: The gate is being left open at Maloney Field. C. Hussey would like the Police Department to make sure the gate is closed. Vehicles are being driven over the field; P. Hayden added there has been no damage.

IV. NEW BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE

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

There was no report last week due to budget preparations.

2. 911 Public Hearing Dates

The first session for the next group (Bayridge Road) will be on Monday, October 23, 2017, which is not a regularly scheduled meeting; the two October meetings are for budget review. P. Sanderson added that he sent K. Anderson an email from the Bayridge neighborhood meeting; they proposed two names. K. Anderson responded that she sent the names to Chief Laurent for review by 911: Osprey Cove Road is fine; Pine Cove Road was unacceptable because there is a Pinewood Circle.

P. Sanderson stated a special meeting may not be necessary because it was by consent. K. Anderson reminded the Board that if numbers were changing, a public hearing was necessary. The name can be changed, but the numbering cannot be without the public hearing process. P. Sanderson noted there would be two residents of Bayridge on the Board who would be abstaining; the remaining three Board members must be present to make the decision.

Frank Hansler, 542 Portsmouth Avenue, asked if the Portsmouth Avenue name change was set; Vice Chair Rolston responded it was not. Residents would be notified if further action took place.

3. Storage Unit Approval: 542 Portsmouth Avenue

Frank Hansler, 542 Portsmouth Avenue, addressed the Board regarding the temporary storage unit on his property. They are currently storing the belongings of a college student as well as family furniture. He is requesting the unit remain until August of 2018; F. Hansler can return to the Board for an extension, if necessary.

MOTION: C. Hussey moved to authorize a temporary storage unit to remain at 542 Portsmouth Avenue until August 31, 2018. Second – P. Sanderson; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

4. Health Officer Re-Appointment

Martha Wassell has been serving as the Town's Health Officer for the past three years, and has requested to continue in that role. Ms. Wassell currently represents the Town on the Pediatric Cancer Cluster Task Force and has been instrumental in coordinating public meetings regarding the Coakley Landfill.

Responding to a question from Vice Chair Rolston, K. Anderson stated that M. Wassell doesn't inspect restaurants in Town. Greenland is handled through the State. M. Wassell inspects them with the Fire Chief or Fire Inspector after a fire or power outage. If a restaurant fails an inspection through the State, the Town is notified. Restaurants may receive a certificate from the State after an inspection; however, the Town is not notified when a restaurant is inspected by the State.

MOTION: C. Hussey moved to reappoint Martha Wassell as Health Officer for the Town of Greenland. Second – C. Deorocki; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

5. Recreation Field Advertising

The Recreation Committee is currently exploring the possibility of securing advertising to be displayed on the fences at recreation fields in an effort to raise funds for programs and field maintenance. There are two questions for the Board to consider: does the Board want to authorize the advertising and if so, can the funds be placed into the Recreation Revolving Fund as a change associated with programs.

K. Anderson explained that the way the warrant article is written, it's not clear. It states that it can be done for fees, programming expenses and facilities. If the field is rented, it goes into the Special Revenue Fund. If space on the fence is rented for signs, will that count as a field facility charge? K. Anderson continued that the Recreation Committee doesn't want to move forward with this project if the money doesn't go into the Revolving Fund.

C. Deorocki stated that the Committee wanted to make sure if they did the work, the money would go back into their fund. He read the warrant article as the fence would be part of the facility. K. Anderson added that currently there are sponsorships that pay for jerseys and other parts of the programs.

P. Sanderson addressed the issue of advertising in a public space: who would control the message? No one could control the message because it was public space. The first amendment would allow anyone to have any message they wanted, and they couldn't be stopped. His next question was where does it stop? Do we want the fire trucks to look like NASCAR vehicles? Do they want the police officers to look like NASCAR drivers with advertising on their uniforms? P. Sanderson felt it was a very bad idea and very bad precedent. C. Deorocki responded that Little League fields across the country are advertising; P. Sanderson added "with sponsors of teams".

C. Hussey was in agreement with advertising as long as it was regulated. He has seen it in other towns, and it appears to be very well controlled. P. Sanderson stated they would never have his vote in support of advertising. C. Deorocki asked where the money would go from any advertising. P. Sanderson responded that the Town, through its budget, takes care of facilities. The Recreation Revolving Fund takes care of consumables, referees, etc. It doesn't generally pay for capital items or field maintenance. C. Deorocki stated that the fields aren't being maintained up to standards because there isn't enough time with the existing crew, and has been discussed at meetings before. If the Rec Committee is looking for money to maintain the fields, C. Deorocki is going to back them. P. Sanderson responded that there is \$60,000 in the fund. There may not be enough time for the Property Maintenance Supervisor to do the work, but there isn't a money shortage. If they wanted to subcontract out the job, it could be considered.

C. Deorocki asked if the money could go into the Revolving Fund. P. Sanderson responded that his personal opinion was "no" because of the way it's been budget over a period of time. That could change with the next budget.

Dennis Malloy, 10 Van Etten: Asked if this was part of a warrant article. K. Anderson stated that it was a warrant article from 2003 to establish a Special Revenue Fund, which created a revolving fund. D. Malloy continued that the first amendment and controlling the message is a very important part of the conversation. The question he would be asking was about the revenue potential and did it really make a difference in the revolving fund or wherever the money went. He hadn't heard any discussion about revenue projection, how it would be worked out, plans to raise the money, or who they were going to talk to (which could be controlled). He felt they would be able to accept or reject advertising. It would have to be content neutral and standards would have to be set.

C. Deorocki responded those were great questions, but this was the first step. He would like to know where the money would go before pursuing the idea any further. He represented the Rec Committee and was bringing the idea to the Board. C. Hussey recommended talking to the Portsmouth Little League about their criteria, which was strict. P. Sanderson recommended contacting the attorneys at the municipal association (NHMA). C. Hussey stated he didn't have a problem with the revenue going into the revolving fund; P. Sanderson did.

MOTION: C. Deorocki moved to authorize advertising on the fences at the Town's recreation fields.

C. Hussey felt more information was needed. He wanted to know what could be done to control the advertising.

MOTION: C. Hussey moved to continue the discussion until the meeting on Monday, October 02, 2017. Second – C. Deorocki; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

6. Other New Business

There was no other new business to discuss.

V. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
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1. Payroll Manifest 19

MOTION: P. Sanderson moved to approve Payroll Manifest 19 in the amount of \$56,441.81. Second – C. Deorocki; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. General Fund Manifest 19

MOTION: P. Sanderson moved to approve General Fund Manifest 19 in the amount of \$272,231.68 (School - \$180,000; Library - \$71,240.50). Second – C. Hussey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

3. Fire/Safety Manifest 09

MOTION: C. Hussey moved to approve Fire/Safety Manifest 09 in the amount of \$32.30. Second – C. Deorocki; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

VI. NON-PUBLIC [RSA 91-A:3; II(a)]

1. Personnel

MOTION: C. Hussey moved to enter into non-public session at 7:50 p.m. Second – P. Sanderson; all in favor by roll call vote. MOTION CARRIED

MOTION: C. Hussey moved to return to public session at 8:15 p.m. Second – P. Sanderson; all in favor by roll call vote. MOTION CARRIED

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: C. Hussey moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Second – P. Sanderson; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 02, 2017 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted – Charlotte Hussey, Secretary to the Boards

Approved: Monday, October 02, 2017