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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, June 24, 2019 – 6:45 p.m. – Town Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Chester Deorocki, Chip Hussey, Rick Hussey, Jim Rolston, Steve Smith
Also Present: Matthew Scruton - Town Administrator

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

I. APPOINTMENT (6:45 p.m.)

1. Swearing In: Full-Time Firefighter/EMT-A

Peter Anania was sworn in by Marge Morgan, Town Clerk, as a full-time Firefighter/EMT-A. P. Anania's parents, family and girl friend were in attendance as well as many current and former firefighters/EMT's and elected officials.

II. PUBLIC MEETING (7:00 p.m.)

The public meeting is being held at the request of a former employee regarding a personnel matter.

Addressing Paul Hayden, Chair Hussey read a prepared statement. Attorney Paul McEachern, Shaines & McEachern, addressed the Board on P. Hayden's behalf. Also present was Attorney Jake Marvelley, Shaines & McEachern.

Following their presentation, Attorney Larry Gormley (Hoefle, Phoenix, Gormley & Roberts) responded on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Also present was Attorney Dan Schwarz, Jackson Lewis.

Vaughan Morgan and Paul Sanderson, former Selectmen, and Mark Fleming, former part-time seasonal employee, addressed the Board and shared their opinions on the matter.

The Board of Selectmen took the matter under advisement. The meeting recording is available on the Town of Greenland's website: greenland-nh.com, or upon request.

III. APPOINTMENTS

1. Bond Release: Bramber Green Age Restricted Housing Development – Dorado Investments

Dorado Investments requested to continue to a future meeting.

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2. Road Acceptance: Bramber Valley Drive – Dorado Investments

Dorado Investments requested to continue to a future meeting.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS (20 minutes)

Individuals wishing to speak must sign in prior to the meeting. Time limit: 3 minutes per individual. The total time allotted shall not exceed 20 minutes, unless extended by the Board.

There were no public comments.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Monday, June 10, 2019

MOTION: C. Deorocki moved to approve the minutes of Monday, June 10, 2019. Second – S. Smith; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Coakley Update

There will be a public meeting regarding the Coakley Landfill on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at Bethany Church. The topic of discussion will be private well sampling as well as ongoing and completed investigations. The last meeting was a listening session; this will be a discussion.

2. Weeks Library Update

Notification has been received from Superior Court that the publishing requirements have been met. When the guardian ad litem completes their report regarding the heirs of Carolyn Weeks, the case will be scheduled.

3. Other Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

VII. NEW BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Release of Funds: Richie McFarland Center

This item did not require Board approval. It was in the approved budget and is in the manifest.

2. Timber Tax Warrant

A timber tax warrant has been prepared for 160 Newington Road in the amount of \$1,990.76.

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to approve the timber tax warrant for 160 Newington Road in the amount of \$1,990.76. Second – R. Hussey; four in favor, one abstain (S. Smith).

3. Acceptance of Resignation: Conservation Commission

Sarah Rowe, Conservation Commission, has resigned due to relocation. Six members remain on the Commission; the RSA allows seven. Conservation Commission members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION: C. Deorocki moved to accept the resignation of Sarah Rowe, Conservation Commission. Second – S. Smith; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

4. Lawn Maintenance

A request was sent to local area landscapers for lawn maintenance quotes; it was posted on the Town website and Facebook as well as the sign. The main purpose was to give the Board options. A complaint was received by the parent of a field hockey camp participant that the grass was too high; M. Scruton contacted Chris Pearl to do the mowing for the camp. It was understood that was not a guarantee for continued work.

M. Scruton asked the Board if they would like to hire part-time help or outsource lawn maintenance. A list of quotes was distributed to the Board for their review. M. Scruton explained it was not an exhaustive list of areas that may require mowing. A more formal RFP could also be done.

J. Rolston suggested hiring a part-time person for four to five hours a day during the summer. Someone would be here that could mow and do minor repairs. The previous part-time employee did not return to work. C. Deorocki had an issue with the way this was done. He stated that most of the contractors did not realize they were giving data for collection and were a little upset they went around and wasted their time. It wasn't quite a complete list and he didn't feel it was presented correctly. Some contractors didn't know about it. He stated it needed to be a RFP and done correctly, period. To be honest, he didn't appreciate it one bit. To him, this wasn't how it was done. This is how it goes for a quote on his own personal work, not for the Town. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. It has to go out as a Request for Proposals. How many time it has to be mowed, the height it has to be mowed, do clippings get stored on site; there's a lot of areas. Two of the people said "I can't believe they wasted my time". He apologized to them; it was not the way it was presented. That's the way they perceived it; he tended to agree with them.

J. Rolston responded that he would take exception with that. It states it's a quote. The Board wanted to have an idea what ballpark they were in and what it was going to cost. C. Deorocki understood that and that wasn't what he was saying. J. Rolston added it wasn't a formal bid. C. Deorocki: the contractors didn't understand that; it wasn't presented correctly. That was his problem. He understood it was ballpark information and everybody should have been advised of that. His only point here was "hey guys, if you'd like to come in and give us a ballpark we could use to see if we even wanted to go for an RFP". Just a procedure, that's all.

S. Smith agreed with C. Deorocki: he felt it was done very quickly. Going forward, there should be a set quote; an RFP to get a standard of what the Board was going to ask for. In the long run, it would behoove the Board to get a set standard. C. Deorocki agreed; all these involved certain stipulations: if we do this, if we do that. These numbers? They have to be crunched right down to what they get per mow, etc. It's apple to oranges. That's how he felt about the bids and was sorry if he offended anybody; that wasn't his point. The companies and the numbers don't really matter.

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R. Hussey stated he should agree with C. Deorocki. He compared numbers and asked how the quotes could differ so much. J. Rolston stated there wasn't a clear swipe on the cemeteries; they would have to go around the gravestones. In C. Deorocki's opinion, they took this and tweaked it the way they wanted it. You couldn't take the numbers and compare them, unless you break down every little thing. They're not bidding on the same thing. You do an RFP, period; they everybody bids on the same thing. Everybody knows the game and everybody knows the rules. Everybody can bid it fairly, not "I'll do it cheaper if I can barter for equipment from the Town". C. Deorocki was offended it was even in writing.

Chair Hussey: we have an even bigger problem. What are we going to do in the interim? It was noted the part-time employee never showed for work. It hasn't been posted to replace the part-time employee. C. Deorocki: that's what we talked about. We had one and were going to hire a couple more. M. Scruton stated the Board had been talking about outsourcing. Chair Hussey suggested checking the applications received when the part-time position was posted. M. Scruton noted one problem could be transportation of the mower; the truck and trailer would require a CDL. It would be difficult to find a part-time person with the credentials required to use the equipment. C. Deorocki: there should be an emergency meeting to hire someone; there wasn't one done last time. He didn't know if the whole Board was in on it; Chair Hussey stated: no, no one was in on it. It was just the supervisor. M. Scruton clarified that the Board delegated authorization to him to hire the part-timer.

Chair Hussey stated he would be tempted to have Pearl do everything but the cemeteries. C. Deorocki: and he gets to do that, because why? He asked if he was a firefighter in Greenland. Is there a conflict there? How come he gets it? He didn't get it and asked it be explained. How come this doesn't go out to every landscaper in the world? Chair Hussey: because there is a time restriction. C. Deorocki: he didn't think that matters. He didn't think that trumps you get to pick who does it, and you just picked who did it. Chair Hussey was looking at the prices and he was the lowest. C. Deorocki: the prices were bunk; that was worthless information. You couldn't compare them; they weren't all the same. They're not bidding the same and giving the same service. They all have stipulations in them. It had to be done the right way; that's all he was asking. He knew time was of the essence, so sub everything out this week. Cut somebody a check, he'll give you that. But, they needed the right paperwork drawn up and let's get it done by next Monday and that's it. We should have done this last week. He didn't know the part-time employee wasn't coming back. Chair Hussey: no one knew until he didn't show up for work.

The Board was in agreement a RFP was the proper procedure to follow. Pearl will be contacted to do the field and park mowing; Todd will be contacted to do the cemeteries. The RFP for a landscaper to finish the season will be emailed to the Board for review before sending out.

C. Deorocki stated he would have to recuse himself from the vote; he worked for one of the companies. He gave his apologies. He was on their payroll.

5. Other New Business

S. Smith will be at the Stratham Fair the week of July 15, 2019 and available by cell phone. He will not be available for the Planning Board meeting; C. Deorocki will be the alternate.

Crosswalks: Chair Hussey personally disagreed with Chief Laurent's opinion of the crosswalk on Rt. 33 and Portsmouth Avenue; the Board was in agreement they wanted the crosswalk to remain. C. Deorocki: it's better to have it and not need it than not have it and need it. M. Scruton clarified that there would be a cost to the Town to upgrade and maintain the crosswalk. Chief Laurent's recommendation was to abandon the crosswalk. The Board would like M. Scruton to send a letter to

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William Lambert, Traffic Engineer in the Bureau of Traffic, indicating they would like to continue the crosswalk and the Town would do the necessary work. There was a discussion about the location of the crosswalk. R. Hussey asked who would be responsible if someone got hurt there—the Town or the State? Chair Hussey recommended they change the location: straight across Rt. 33 to the Vets Hall from Hunkins Real Estate building. He would also like to have snow removed in the winter; it has not been done in the past.

MOTION: Chair Hussey moved to relocate the crosswalk to go across Rt. 33 to the Vets Hall from Hunkins Real Estate building. Second – J. Rolston; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

VIII. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

1. Payroll Manifest 13

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to approve Payroll Manifest 13 in the amount of \$55,072.45. Second – R. Hussey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

2. General Fund Manifest 13

MOTION: S. Smith moved to approve General Fund Manifest 13 in the amount of \$1,080,587.81 (School - \$1,000,000). Second – C. Deorocki; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: J. Rolston moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Second – R. Hussey; all in favor. MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

Monday, July 08, 2019 – 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room

Respectfully Submitted – Charlotte Hussey, Administrative Assistant

Approved: