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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2015

Selectmen Present: Susan Silverman, Nancy Carney, Christopher Holman
Also Present: Jennifer Hogan, Stephanie Scherr

At 7Pm, Mrs. Silverman convened the meeting.

PRIMARY:

*** **APPROVE MINUTES:**

*** **APPROVE MANIFESTS:**

7:00 MEET WITH GENE CUOMO: Mr. Cuomo met with the board to discuss the contract for the Transfer Station. We will be ending the contract with Waste Management and signing with Monadnock Disposal effective March 1, 2015.

7:00 MEET WITH JENNIFER HOGAN: Ms. Hogan discussed the State's Town Administrators' meeting and the statewide group called NH Pipeline coalition and asked the board if they are aware of this group. Mrs. Silverman said no. Mr. Holman stated that the State's Town Administrators' meeting was held in January. Ms. Hogan stated she thought that this meeting in January was just to discuss the pipeline. Ms. Carney said that the board has not received any emails about this. Ms. Hogan also asked if there is going to be a discussion about monies for flyers mentioned at the last Selectmen's meeting. Mrs. Silverman said that there has been no further discussion on this topic. Ms. Hogan asked if the Board of Selectmen are planning to pay monies for the flyers. Mr. Holman stated that the group has not asked the board to pay for this. Mrs. Silverman asked Ms. Hogan and Ms. Scherr if they had read the Eversource article in tonight's Keene Sentinel and their thoughts about the article. Ms. Hogan and Ms. Scherr said they had not. Ms. Hogan talked about hostile looks stated that Kinder Morgan has sued people for looking at them "in this way". Mrs. Silverman shared a letter from Eversource with Ms. Carney. Ms. Hogan and Ms. Scherr discussed with the Board, the proposed route for the pipeline. Mrs. Silverman asked Ms. Hogan and Ms. Scherr if they had read the letter from the Conservation Commission. Ms. Hogan and Ms. Scherr stated they had read it. Mrs. Silverman stated she is monitoring the bills very closely and State Representatives. Mrs. Silverman stated to Ms. Hogan and Ms. Scherr that the Conservation Commission is working with the Wetlands Scientist.

7:15 MEET WITH NICK NOYES:

At 7:15pm, Ms. Carney made a motion to go into non-public session, Mr. Silverman seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call Vote:, Mrs. Silverman – yes. Ms. Carney –yes. Mr. Holman – yes

At 7:25 pm, Mrs. Silverman made a motion to go out of non-public session, the motion passed 2-0. Mrs. Silverman – yes, Mr. Holman - yes

*** **SIGN AND REVIEW CONTRACT FROM GOV.OFFICE:** The Board reviewed the coverage of the contract and what the contract will transfer. Mrs. Favreau stated that the contract is \$1,000 more than the current contract and stated that Heidi and Sandra have used this new system and like it. Mr. Holman made a motion to approve a three year contract. Mrs. Silverman seconded. Passed 2-0.

*** **REVIEW INFORMATON FROM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

- **Gas Pipeline Resolution:**
- **Minutes:**
- **Senate Bill 83:**

Mr. Holman asked if there have been any separate groups. The Board discussed that the Selectmen have been the initial contact group and added that the Selectmen would like to include many constituents in the town. Mr. Holman stated that 88 acres have been determined that will be impacted by the pipeline. Mrs. Favreau stated that Paul Kotila asked Sandra to put a letter on town letterhead and Sandra said that it should be on the Conservation Commission's letterhead. Mrs. Silverman said that the Board can state the Board's support on town letterhead. Mrs. Silverman said that Winchester has written opposition to the pipeline because it will be too close to the school.

*** **TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND APPOINTMENT:** Mrs. Silverman made a motion to accept Carmen Yon to the Trustees of the Trust Fund. Mr. Holman seconded. Passed 2-0.

*** **REVIEW LETTER FROM EVERSOURCE TO PLANNING BOARD:** Mr. Holman stated that Eversource needs to re-apply with the current name that they are using. Mrs. Silverman stated that she understood that the Board does not need to reply to the letter because the letter was not written to the Selectmen. Mr. Holman discussed the operations of the quarry. Mr. Holman stated Q166 line is the line in question. Mr. Holman stated a letter to DRED should be written for a cease and desist. Mrs. Silverman stated that they have been given an exemption. Mrs. Silverman will email Arthur and explain what is going on at Webb Hill. The Board discussed the costs of the lawyer and the meetings the lawyer had attended and the lawyer's written drafts. The Board discussed the use of the lawyer with Land issues. Mrs. Silverman stated that she is an abutter so Mr. Holman and Ms. Carney would have to decide. Mrs. Silverman stated that the town does not have the authority to activate a cease and desist order.

*** **VETERANS EXEMPTION APPLICATION:** Mrs. Silverman made a motion to approve. Mr. Holman seconded. Approved 2-0.

*** **MS 535:** Reviewed.

*** **NON – PUBLIC SESSION – PERSONNEL ISSUE DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR**

At 7:52pm, Mrs. Silverman made a motion to go into non-public session, Mr. Holman seconded and the motion passed 2-0. Roll Call Vote:, Mrs. Silverman – yes. Mr. Holman – yes

At 8:02 pm, Mrs. Silverman made a motion to go out of non-public session, Mr. Holman seconded and the motion passed 2-0. Mrs. Silverman – yes, , Mr. Holman - yes

*** **DISCUSS BLASTING ADMINISTRATOR:**

** **TOWN HALL KEY REQUEST:** Mark Sweeney has asked for a key to the Fire Station so that he can put the snow blower in it when the snow blower is not in use. The Board will write a memo to the fire ward with this request.

*** **PERSONNEL POLICY**

Re: Sick time: The Board discussed the policy of the three months of paid sick time for exempt employees. Mrs. Silverman read the policy. The Board feels that three months is a lot of time. The Board discussed eliminating it. Regular employees can accrue up to 240 hours if they accrue more than this, they are paid for any ohours over 240 at the end of each year. Mrs. Silverman mentioned the wage and salary review. Mr. Holman suggested a meeting with town employees. Mrs. Silverman stated that there is not a lot of extra staff and someone would need to be able to fill in. Mrs. Silverman said that the Board will need to come to a decision and then meet with the town employees.

*** **DISCUSS MARCH 2 MEETING**

Re: Pipeline : Mrs. Silverman stated that this was discussed at the last Selectmen's meeting and discussed having a follow up meeting. Mrs. Silverman said that the March 2nd meeting is a Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Holman asked if we have enough information to have a meeting. Mrs. Silverman stated we are in a lull period yet we have to be able to answer people's questions and that the group that met with the board during the last Selectmen's meeting will have to present the information and the Selectmen will support the group. The Board discussed the affected areas of the pipeline. Mrs. Silverman stated that she has heard that Kinder Morgan is putting new maps out March 13th. Mr. Holman stated that we need to support the affected land owners. Mrs. Silverman stated that we need to be sure these land owners understand what is going on. Mr. Holman stated that we should ask if the landowners have any unique landscapes on their property so that the Board is aware what will be affected. The Board discussed writing to the homeowners affected to let the homeowners know that the meeting will cover information to understand the warrant articles and homeowners will also have an opportunity to ask questions. The Board agreed that they will write letters to the affected homeowners.

*** **NEWLETTER ARTICLES** The Board would like an article with regard to signage in the April newsletter.

REVIEW: Various Committee Minutes

Mr. Holman made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 pm, Mrs. Silverman seconded and the motion passed 2-0.

Submitted by,

Donna Hill

Susan S. Silverman, Chairman

Nancy W. Carney

Christopher J. Holman
Board of Selectmen