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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2015

Selectmen Present: Susan Silverman, Nancy Carney, Christopher Holman

At 7Pm, Ms. Carney convened the meeting.

PRIMARY:

*** **APPROVE MINUTES**

*** **APPROVE MANIFESTS** Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the manifest. Mr. Holman seconded. Approved 2-0.

7:01 MEET WITH ERIK DURMER Mr. Durmer, Ms. Hogan, Susan Gray, and Ms. Sable met with the Selectmen to discuss a Question and Answer form for the town and to update the Selectmen on the Pipeline Committee group's activities. Mr. Durmer gave the Selectmen copies of the Q&A form. Mr. Durmer stated that the group will be set up at the Town Hall on March 7th as an open house and Mr. Durmer is hoping people will drop in and visit for 15 minutes. Mr. Durmer said that there will be tables set up with information on environmental impact and economic impact, and health services. Mr. Durmer is hoping to have a Selectmen's table. Mr. Durmer is hoping to have a wetlands representative. Mrs. Silverman stated an error on this group's paperwork and that the prime wetlands is article 16. Mr. Durmer is also hoping to have someone there from the Conservation Commission. Mr. Durmer said that they are hoping to show a powerpoint presentation on the pipeline and asked for a dark area upstairs in the town hall to show this presentation. Mr. Holman stated maybe at the front of the stage. Ms. Sable stated that Stephanie Scherr may be the person that will locate a place to set this up upstairs. Ms. Sable stated there are two presentations, each approximately 20 minutes long. Ms. Carney suggested showing the presentations downstairs in the town hall. There are shades and chairs and it will not interfere with other information being passed along. Mr. Holman stated that Ms. Scherr contacted him about possible equipment that may be needed. Mr. Durmer asked Mr. Holman if he should be contacted for needed equipment. Mr. Holman said that he will set up the equipment needed. Mr. Durmer said that he will get back to Mr. Holman with any equipment that is needed. Mr. Durmer stated that activism material will also be available. Mr. Durmer stated that he hopes that at least one Selectmen will be available to talk to people also. Mr. Durmer stated that as far as publicity, there will be flyers that Ms. Hogan will be putting up, and a blurb will go in the newsletter. The group and Selectmen discussed places to put up the flyers. Mr. Holman suggested including handouts with the flyers. Mr. Holman asked the group if they could share the pdf file. Mrs. Silverman suggested contacting someone to borrow their sandwich board and putting the sandwich board at a place where people will see it. Ms. Gray asked if the flyer will say "only for Fitzwilliam residents". Ms. Carney said that this should be open for anybody including people affected by the pipeline in other towns. Ms. Gray stated that this meeting is an informational meeting and it is timed for our town meeting but anyone that wants to come, can come. Mr. Durmer stated that they are hoping that the Q&A forms could be left at town offices. Mrs. Silverman stated that it would be useful to have the Q&A form available electronically also. Mr. Durmer asked if the group's coping needs may be done at the town hall. Mr. Holman suggested funding copies made at Staples. Mrs. Silverman stated that the town does not have a budget for this. The group and board discussed possibilities of a business donating copy service. Some of the members in this group decided that they will donate \$20 toward copy service. Mrs. Silverman stated that she liked the Q&A form. Mr. Durmer stated that he wants the meeting to feel neutral so that people can receive the information that they need to make an informative decision. Mr. Durmer stated that their publicity strategies are word of mouth and social media. Mr. Holman suggested inviting insurance and appraisal representatives to the open house. Mr. Durmer stated that we will need to use more than one idea. Mr. Durmer stated that this group will offer information for people to help them make a decision. Ms. Gray stated that a misconception may happen: that if the articles are passed then it is a done deal with Kinder Morgan and it is not. Ms. Carney stated that the Selectmen will be presenting the prime wetlands. Conservation Commission will be presenting their resolution. Mr. Holman stated that he will contact a wetlands scientist for representation. The board discussed the value of a scientist present. The board and group discussed a time to setup. Mrs. Silverman said that she is willing to be at the Selectmen's table from 10am to 12pm, March 7th. Mr. Holman stated that he is not sure if he will be present for March 7th to represent the Selectmen's table. Mrs. Silverman told the group that a letter from the Selectmen will be mailed to homeowners. Mr. Durmer stated that they may need to meet again with the Selectmen before the March 7th meeting. Mrs. Silverman said that communication can be through email also.

*** **REVIEW LETTER FROM CHESHIRE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
re: Southwest Region Planning Commission involvement in pipeline issue Ms. Carney stated that her concern is that the letter stated that there were no major aquifers affected. Mrs. Silverman stated that she feels it is a good idea for Southwest Region Planning Commission to get involved and help towns connect. Ms. Hogan stated that the County told Kinder Morgan that Kinder Morgan has to deal with the towns. The board agreed to respond with a letter to accept any help from Southwest Region Planning Commission. Mr. Holman suggested adding an invite to the March 7th meeting.

*** **REVIEW LETTER FROM SOUTHWEST REGION PLANNING COMMISSION**
re: Ten year transportation plan Board discussed paving plan to depot and questioned why not pave town line to town line.

*** **REVIEW LETTER FROM STATE OF NH**
re: paving schedule for 2015

*** **REVIEW PREAMBULATION**

*** **REVIEW ABATEMENT APPLICATION** Map 42 Lot 298.
At 8:13, Mrs. Silverman made a motion to go into non-public under 91-A:3 II(b), Mr. Holman seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Silverman – yes, Mr. Holman – yes, Ms. Carney –yes.

At 8:17, Mrs. Silverman made a motion to go out of non-public under 91-A:3 II(b), Mr. Holman seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Silverman – yes, Mr. Holman – yes, Ms. Carney – yes.

*** **SIGN TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND APPOINTMENT** Mr. Yon is now appointed.

*** **LETTER FROM RECREATION COMMISSION**
re: Open gym Reviewed.

*** **REVIEW LETTER FROM PLANNING BOARD**
re: Eversource Board reviewed the letter. Board discussed scenic roads and declaring roads scenic

*** **DISCUSS BLASTING ADMINISTRATOR** Ms. Carney met with assistant chief in Windham and Ms. Carney was given all the forms and RSA's for blasting including a blasting checklist. State law states anyone blasting must notify two weeks prior to blasting. Ms. Carney relayed to the board, the information she received. Ms. Carney stated that Ms. Gillis will be working on getting this information available for the townspeople. Blasting Administrator has to be identified. Ms. Carney is willing to be the blasting administrator. Ms. Silverman made a motion to have Ms. Carney as the Blasting Administrator. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney recused herself. Approved 2-0.

** **VILLAGE FIRE STATION KEY REQUEST** Mr. Prigge has given Mark Sweeny permission for a key to park the snow blower in fire station.

*** **PERSONNEL POLICY**
Re: Sick time – Adopt policy change Mrs. Silverman stated we need a strategy. The board agreed the two individuals affected should be notified together. Exempt would be changed to Non-exempt. Board discussed meeting with the two individuals a week after town meeting to discuss a possible policy change. Board agreed to make a decision March 16th after meeting with the individuals.

*** **CONSERVATION COMMISSION** \$500.00 check has been mailed. Board discussed working with Conservation Commission with the proposed pipeline.

Mrs. Silverman discussed two bills at the House and Senate and the likelihood of these two bills passing.

*** **REVIEW EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS**

*** **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES** Submit an update on House bills for April's Newsletter.

Board discussed town meeting and handling setup for registered and non-registered voters and town residents and non-town residents.

REVIEW: Various Committee Minutes

Mrs. Silverman made a motion to adjourn at 9:36 pm, Ms. Carney seconded and the motion passed 3-0.

Submitted by,

Donna Hill

Susan S. Silverman, Chairman

Nancy W. Carney

Christopher J. Holman
Board of Selectmen