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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2015

Present: Mrs. Silverman, Ms. Carney, Mr. Holman

7:00 pm: Ms. Carney called meeting to order.

PRIMARY:

*** **APPROVE MINUTES** Mrs. Silverman made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Holman approved with changes. Approved with changes. 3-0. Ms. Carney – yes. Mrs. Silverman – yes. Mr. Holman – yes.

*** **APPROVE MANIFESTS** Mrs. Silverman made a motion to approve the manifest. Mr. Holman approved. Approved 3-0. Ms. Carney – yes. Mrs. Silverman – yes. Mr. Holman – yes.

7:15 MEET WITH CHARLIE KOCH: Ms. Carney stated to Mr. Koch that one of the reasons the Selectmen asked Mr. Koch to come in was so that all Selectmen could meet him. Mr. Holman asked Mr. Koch if he notifies property owners when he is going onto their land. Mr. Koch answered no. Mr. Holman asked Mr. Koch if he could start notifying property owners. Mr. Holman asked if Mr. Koch requests to see the contract between property owner and loggers. Mr. Koch stated no. Mr. Holman read the RSA and discussed a situation that had happened. Mr. Holman asked Mr. Koch if he has ever checked out the basal areas and mentioned that PSNH has cut a lot but did not leave a 50' buffer. Mr. Koch stated that before next cuttings near the power lines, he will check it to be sure the logging is meeting the buffer zone requirements. Mr. Koch stated that it has been his position to just address the town. The Board discussed a logging situation that had violated wetland regulations. Mr. Koch said that it has been his practice that when he gets an intent to cut, he would then go out to the property and most times no one would be there, or the logging was halfway done so he wouldn't necessarily see any violations. The Board and Mr. Koch discussed including in the letters that go to property owners that Mr. Koch will be inspecting the cut. Ms. Carney asked if an intent to cut out is filled out but not signed, can cutting begin without the signature. Mr. Koch stated that there is a timeframe and that beyond that timeframe, the cutting can begin. Mr. Holman asked Mr. Koch if there is only one intent to cut needed for all 43 properties that the proposed pipeline will go through. Mrs. Silverman stated that the Utility Easement is a different category. Mr. Holman stated that they are trying to look at the logistics if the pipeline comes about. Mr. Holman suggested incorporating what Mr. Koch does for the town and bring it into the Selectmen's office as a regular yearly report. Ms. Carney stated that Mr. Koch does not go out for every property. Mr. Koch stated that it is the State's responsibility for setbacks. Mrs. Silverman stated that if the town adopts the State's setbacks then it would change. Mr. Koch stated that there is a fine line between regulating and over-regulating and it is illegal to go beyond State law. Mr. Koch stated that Timberland Owners Association is a great resource. Mr. Holman asked Mr. Koch if the town has sugar orchards. Ms. Carney stated the Mr. Koch has done a lot for the town over a long period of time and asked Mr. Koch if he has any questions for the Board. Mr. Koch discussed his worksheet and that he tries to make it as objective as he can and that a big part of it can be done on a map and he can tell the quality of timber when he walks the property. Ms. Carney stated that the Board will draft a form letter and Mr. Koch can review and this letter will go to landowners and loggers before Mr. Koch goes out to a property to notify parties that Mr. Koch will be going out to a property. Mr. Koch stated that the Report of Cut is on a total honor system.

7:32 MEET WITH JANE WRIGHT: At 7:32m, Ms. Carney made a motion to go into non-public session, Mrs. Silverman seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mrs. Silverman – yes, Ms. Carney – yes, Mr. Holman - yes

*** **Shade:** Mrs. Silverman made a motion to get a new shade for the Selectmen's office window. Ms. Carney seconded. Approved. Ms. Carney – yes. Mrs. Silverman – yes. Mr. Holman – yes

*** **SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION – MAP 11, LOT 01:** Mr. Holman made a motion to approve. Mrs. Silverman seconded. Approved. 3-0. Ms. Carney – yes. Mrs. Silverman – yes. Mr. Holman – yes

*** **BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION**

Re: Map 11, Lot 1: Mr. Holman made a motion to accept. Mrs. Silverman seconded. Approved. 3-0 Ms. Carney – yes. Mrs. Silverman – yes. Mr. Holman – yes.

Map 12, Lot 48-03: Mr. Holman made a motion to accept. Mrs. Silverman seconded. Approved. 3-0. Ms. Carney – yes. Mrs. Silverman – yes. Mr. Holman – yes

*** **REVIEW PQDG**

RE: KMO Associates: Board reviewed and discussed that the road is posted.

*** **REVIEW IRS STANDARD MILEAGE RATES:** Mrs. Silverman stated that the IRS standard mileage rate of 57.5 is for business related driven miles. Ms. Carney made a motion to adopt. Mr. Holman accepted. Approved 3-0. Ms. Carney – yes. Mrs. Silverman – yes. Mr. Holman – yes

*** **Letter from Town Clerk:** The Board reviewed the request to move to grade 10, step 4 and the rise of cost of living. Mrs. Favreau stated that on the Town Clerk line, the yearly salary was not correct. Ms. Carney stated to reissue with all the departments with the correction made. The Board discussed the auditors request for employee evaluations and discussed prosecutor's rate of pay.

*** **REVIEW JOB DESCRIPTION:** The Board discussed MRI's plan for the job descriptions and meeting all employees together, for a one hour meeting and then 20 minutes for individual interviews. Mrs. Favreau read the positions that will be interviewed. The Board agreed to go ahead with the ad for the newspapers. Mr. Holman suggested putting it on Craigslist with a link to The Keene Sentinel.

*** **LETTER FROM RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

Re: Trash clean up day: The Board reviewed the letter in reference to May 2nd for trash clean- up day and setting up at Town Hall, 9-11 am for handing out the blue trash bags and for refreshments. Mrs. Silverman stated the need for putting up parking signs. Ms. Carney suggested writing a letter reminding the Recreation Department have the parking south of the town Hall building so that the library's parking area is not used. Mr. Holman suggested that the Town Clerk's sign could be used.

*** **REVIEW MEMO FROM JILL WIXOM:** The Board reviewed the rumors that Ms. Wixom made mention of and that Ms. Wixom felt that the letter that Robin Marra had received should have been different from the other applicants. Mrs. Silverman stated that she had talked to Mr. Marra that next day and there had been some confusion about the letter writing due date. Mrs. Silverman stated that everything was in a non-public meeting and that she does not understand how Jill's neighbor could have received accurate information and that people's speculation might be taken into consideration. Mrs. Silverman stated that the information became official last Monday night.

*** **REVIEW MEMO FROM RICHARD SHEILS:** Ms. Carney stated that the Board needs more information.

*** **WASTE OIL FURNANCE AT HIGHWAY BARN:** Ms. Carney stated that the furnace is not working and needs to be replaced. Mrs. Favreau said that she has looked at the grants but these grants have been exhausted until June. The Board decided to meet with Mr. Cuomo to talk more about this.

*** **BOARD ASSIGNMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS:** Mrs. Silverman stated that she will attend the Zoning Board meeting. Ms. Carney stated that she will attend the Planning Board meeting. Mr. Holman stated that he will continue to attend the Historic meetings.

*** **Memorial Day** The Board discussed the people that have offered to help and the VFW. Ms. Carney stated that the 30th of May is the Charlie Wallace Race and Ms. Carney will check with Mrs. Beede for the Fishing Derby date. Mrs. Silverman stated that she will not be here for Memorial Day and asked Mr. Holman if he could be there for Selectmen representation.

*** **UPDATE ON PIPELINE COALITION:** Mrs. Silverman stated that she attended last Tuesday's coalition meeting presenting town by town updates of Kinder Morgan meetings. Mrs. Silverman stated that Rindge had police present and that Kinder Morgan had paid for police presence. Mr. Holman stated that we should film our meetings with Kinder Morgan. Mrs. Silverman stated that it is important to have a moderator for these meetings. Mrs. Silverman said that Susan Gray went to a Senate meeting. Mrs. Silverman stated that eminent domain does not apply to public property or restricted property and that Kinder Morgan would have to buy the entire property. Mr. Holman suggested listing the 43 properties affect by the proposed pipeline, listing each property's individual characteristics. Mrs. Silverman stated that Kinder Morgan has been using expired maps and there has been discussion about how the proposed pipeline route could be changed. Mrs. Silverman discussed the role of an attorney. Mrs. Silverman stated that towns have different sizes, different budgets, and different needs. Mrs. Silverman stated that most of the people at the Coalition meeting feel that Senators, Representatives and the Governor are not taking a stand and that Massachussettes had its turning point when their politicians came out. Mrs. Silverman stated that Liberty Utilities are questionable and discussed tax impacts and the construction phase. Mr. Holman stated that economic impacts need to be included in survey. Ms. Carney stated that the pipeline will cause depreciation and over time this will have an economic impact. Mr. Holman suggested looking at communicating with other towns with boundary lines marked and sharing the professional costs. Mrs. Silverman stated that there are Town Administrators attending the pipeline coalition meetings and that it would be a good idea that Mrs. Favreau attend the next meeting. The Board discussed how to get the word out for the next Kinder Morgan meeting. Mrs. Silverman stated that the meeting needs a moderator that can control the room and also to have police detail present. Mrs. Silverman suggested sending out a memo to other town boards notifying them of our next Kinder Morgan meeting.

*** **WEBSITE INFORMATION:** Mrs. Favreau stated that she has had the training and now she is able to put information the town website. Mrs. Favreau stated that she is gathering her information and also that Heidi Wood has offered to help. Mrs. Silverman said that she would like to help also. Mrs. Silverman stated that we need to buy a domain name. The Board discussed the process and a timeframe for announcing new website. The Board discussed the difficulties for assigning a deadline for the website. Ms. Carney stated that the website is a work in progress. Mrs. Favreau suggested writing the information and then present it for any changes.

*** **EMAIL ACCOUNTS:** The Board discussed buying a domain with our hosting domain and have two email addresses for Selectmen's office which would be free and other emails could be with Wivalley for \$5 per month. Mr. Holman stated that he does not like the idea of paying for emails and would rather go through gmail. Ms. Carney stated that there are no email for the Fire Department. The Board decided to check with Richmond and Grantham to see what they do.

REVIEW:

*** **VARIOUS COMMITTEE MINUTES** The Board discussed the Economic Committee status. The Board will meet with them in June to get an update on the Committee's goals and the direction the Economic Committee is going. Mr. Holman discussed the upcoming 40th anniversary of the antique show, historic sites, and different funding. Mrs. Silverman stated that the antique show is not a town sponsored event. Mr. Holman stated the importance of promoting local resources.

UPDATES The Board discussed the sign for the Public Safety Building.

Mr. Holman discussed going to conference for grants. Mr. Holman stated that the conference he would like to go, addresses scenic roads. Ms. Carney stated that last week the Board denied this conference attendance. Mr. Holman stated that these conferences are important because they are dealing with topics our board is dealing with. The Board discussed the resources available for scenic roads.

8:49 pm Ms. Carney made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by,

Donna Hill

Ms. Nancy Carney, Chairman

Mr. Christopher Holman

Mrs. Susan Silverman

Board of Selectmen