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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Selectmen Present: Nancy Carney, Chris Holman, Susan Silverman

Ms. Carney called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

PRIMARY:

Dana Pinney met with the Selectmen to discuss the substation. Mr. Pinney shared that after the last meeting with Eversource, they are going in a different direction and they aren't interested in building a sound wall. Mr. Pinney also shared that he had gotten guidance from the Public Utilities Commission and it has been brought to the attention of Eversource.

Mr. Pinney informed the Selectmen that he had spoken with an attorney that specializes in this type of litigation and reviewed the list of documents that the attorney wanted from the Selectmen and the Planning Board in order to move forward. The Selectmen shared that there was a 25 cents per copy charge and a \$25 per hour charge for research. Ms. Favreau shared that a year of minutes had been posted on the town's website and that hard copies were in the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Pinney shared that he had attended pipeline meetings on the 7 bills and had sent a broadcast mail out to the legislators and had received a good response.

Mr. Pinney thanked the Selectmen for meeting with him.

***** APPROVE MINUTES**
- February 01, 2016

Mr. Holman made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Silverman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

***** APPROVE MANIFESTS**

Mr. Holman made a motion to approve the manifests. Ms. Silverman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

****** REVIEW SIGNATURE FOLDER – The Selectmen reviewed and signed.**

***** BUDGET**
- Changes at Public Hearing

Ms. Carney reviewed the budget changes from the Public Hearing last Thursday. The Planning/Zoning Board budget increased by \$2,888 for a sound study. Mr. Holman stated that he was surprised by that and wanted to know if we would have access to the information.

Ms. Silverman made a motion to recommend the Planning/Zoning Board budget of \$71,359. Mr. Holman asked if it was originally budgeted in last year's budget and Ms. Silverman explained that it was too late to change to last year's budget. Mr. Holman asked about the study being done and both Ms. Carney and Ms. Silverman explained that the substation baseline study was done. Mr. Holman seconded and stated that he wished there had been more notice. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Ms. Silverman shared that the cost was \$200 per hour and there was no way to know the total amount.

Ms. Carney reviewed the change to the Library budget in the amount of \$15,800. \$15,000 was for legal expenses and the Library Trustees wanted \$2,700 added to their budget. Ms. Carney shared that the Budget Committee recommended a total budget of \$151,105. Mr. Holman noted that when there was discussion about the Library's updates to technology, it was made to seem that it was costing more. Ms. Silverman shared that she doesn't feel they are above board with what they want to do in their budget presentation. Ms. Carney stated that if the legal line item was taken out – their budget was over \$4,000 higher. Mr. Holman shared that Fred Wilkinson did an amazing job in his analyzing and discussion of the Library budget. Ms. Carney stated the Selectmen were being blamed for the increase in salary. Ms. Favreau stated the budget was up by \$4,500. Ms. Silverman wanted to leave the \$3,500 cut in their budget. The Selectmen agreed that they needed to leave the legal amount in their budget.

Ms. Silverman mentioned that the heat at the library wasn't turned down when the building was unoccupied and was kept at 70 degrees. Mr. Holman discussed a couple of aspects that bothered him in the Library budget discussion. Ms. Silverman stated that the Budget Committee folded.

Discussion continued on the information that was sent out by the Library. Ms. Silverman shared that she was bothered by their disregard of taxpayer money. Discussion was held on the number of residents that use the Library and the fact that some taxpayers were having trouble paying their taxes.

Ms. Carney made a motion to recommend the Library budget of \$151,105. Ms. Silverman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Ms. Carney shared that after the Public Hearing, the Budget Committee asked that when talking about CIP – that an additional column be added to show what was in the expendable trust and what was being voted on.

DISCUSS LETTER FROM CARL HAGSTROM
Re: access across town property for septic system installation

Ms. Carney reviewed the letter from Carl Hagstrom requesting access across town property for installation of a replacement septic system at Map 15, Lot 15 - 94 Richmond Road. In order to meet State and Local requirements, the only replacement location would be behind the house and access to that area would require temporary access across town property, Map 15, Lot 3-8. Ms. Carney shared that discussion had already been held with the homeowner.

Ms. Silverman made a motion to approve the request of Carl Hagstrom giving access across town property for installation of a replacement septic system at Map 15, Lot 15. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

DISCUSS INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED AT LIBRARY REGARDING BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Favreau discussed the "book mark" that was distributed at the Library regarding the Budget Public Hearing. The "book mark" asked that residents come and support the Library at the Budget Public Hearing and listed: "2,000 cut, no line recommendation or reason given, lack of usual procedure, no notice to us, not posted. Ms. Favreau felt that the Selectmen should write a letter stating that procedures were followed by the Budget Committee and they have concerns that incorrect information was posted. Ms. Silverman suggested putting an article in the newsletter thanking Budget Committee members for their work and state that the Selectmen want to reiterate that things are done as they are supposed to be done.

Ms. Carney stated that it was important to thank Budget Committee members as they work on budgets from October through January and Ms. Carney also wanted to put an acknowledgement in the newsletter. Discussion continued on how budget season was handled in other towns and the value that the Town of Fitzwilliam was able to have a Budget Committee.

Ms. Favreau had drafted a letter of response to the Library Trustees and the Selectmen approved and signed. The Selectmen asked Ms. Favreau to enclose a copy of the "book mark". Ms. Carney stated that any correspondence to the Library needed to go to the Trustees and they could forward to the Librarian.

REVIEW LETTER FROM DES
- **Letter of Deficiency – Damon Lumber**
- **Letter of Compliance – 179 NH Rt 12 N**

Letter of Deficiency – Damon Lumber – The Selectmen reviewed and discussed.

Letter of Compliance – 179 NH Rt 12 N - The Selectmen reviewed and discussed. Mr. Holman questioned whether or not the town could receive some of the money that the owner was receiving from the tower, now that we have contact information.

Ms. Silverman thought that we would need to get an attorney but wasn't sure if we had any ground to stand on. The Selectmen asked Ms. Favreau to contact Attorney Joseph Hoppock.

*** **REVIEW EMAIL WITH REGARD TO GRANT FOR DIGITIZING TOWN RECORDS**

Ms. Carney reviewed the email from Kate Thomas regarding a grant opportunity for digitization and access of records from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). Ms. Thomas thought that the Cemetery and Town records could be digitized. Ms. Favreau shared that she had forwarded this information to the Cemetery Commissioners. Ms. Silverman mentioned that having a record of town roads would be useful. The Selectmen started the discussion of what could be digitized and to look at the inventory of what could be searchable, i.e. roads, class, and culverts. Mr. Holman would like a response sent to Ms. Thomas and ask if she had a project in mind.

**** **CONSTRUCTION PERMIT
MAP 12, LOT 26**

Map 12, Lot 26 – Mr. Holman made a motion to approve the permit for Map 12, Lot 26. Ms. Silverman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman – Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

*** **NON-PUBLIC SESSION - EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS – RSA 91-A:3 II(c)**

At 7:45 p.m. Mr. Holman made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Ms. Silverman seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

At 7:49 p.m. Ms. Silverman made a motion to leave non-public session and seal the minutes. Mr. Holman seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Reminder – BOS meeting – Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Holman asked that the person in charge of FitzNet be contacted with the change so it could be posted. Ms. Silverman asked that it be put on the Town's website and stated that people should look at the town's website for information.

Mr. Holman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Ms. Silverman seconded and the motion passed. 3-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Nancy Carney, Chairman

Chris Holman

Susan Silverman
Board of Selectmen