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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 23, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Selectmen Present: Nancy Carney, Daniel Baker, Charles Kenison

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PRIMARY:

7:00 DISCUSS ENERGY COMMITTEE RE-ESTABLISHMENT

Susan Silverman met with the Selectmen to discuss re-establishing the Energy Committee. Ms. Silverman stated under RSA 38: D the Selectmen can formalize an energy committee and she would like the Selectmen to consider it. Ms. Silverman noted it would be a small committee. Ms. Silverman shared that a local group has been meeting since January and they are working with SWRPC and communities all around the Monadnock area looking at renewables.

Ms. Silverman thought that there was a big project coming into Fitzwilliam but the Town wouldn't see anything but tax revenue. Ms. Silverman would like to do a municipal solar project. Mr. Baker asked what the Selectmen's authority was. Ms. Favreau noted that an energy committee was approved at the 2007 Annual Meeting. Ms. Silverman discussed what the committee would be looking into. Ms. Silverman shared that there was a regional move to collaborate and share information and she thought it would be good for Fitzwilliam. Ms. Silverman noted that under the RSA there can be three to ten members. Ms. Silverman mentioned that the Town had an energy committee at one time and they looked at saving energy with LED lighting at the Town Hall and the Safety building. Mr. Baker asked about there being a down side and noted this would be information that the town would want. Ms. Silverman stated the committee could only make recommendations and she wanted to start small, with a committee of four. Ms. Silverman mentioned in addition to herself, that Stephanie Scherr, James & Ruth Kowalsky would be interested. Ms. Favreau shared with Ms. Silverman that groSolar had contacted her to discuss land that the Town owned.

Ms. Silverman asked the Selectmen to think about re-establishing an energy committee.

Ms. Carney arrived at 7:06 p.m.

The Selectmen thanked Ms. Silverman for meeting with them.

The Selectmen discussed the committee and Ms. Favreau shared that the members would be appointed by the Selectmen. The Selectmen agreed to have further discussion at next week's meeting.

***** APPROVE MINUTES**
- April 16, 2018

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

***** APPROVE MANIFESTS**

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

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

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CONSTRUCTION PERMIT
Map 15, Lot 29

The Selectmen discussed the replacement equipment remaining on the old tower.

Map 15, Lot 29 – Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Construction Permit for Map 15, Lot 29. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

7:15 MEET WITH BILL HARPER
Re: Update – column work

Bill Harper met with the Selectmen to give an update on the column work. Mr. Harper showed the ring and attachment bracket to the Selectmen, which would be used to hold the top of the column in place. Mr. Harper discussed what he found when looking at the beam. It was stacked 2X12s – not oak and not structural. Mr. Harper reviewed the plan detail of the reinforced support of the west tower posts and the beam work created by Ben Tirey. Discussion was held on how to lift the beam. Mr. Baker shared with Mr. Harper that the Selectmen were looking into an LCHIP grant and they discussed what materials would be allowed. Mr. Baker shared that timing was key. Mr. Harper stated that the column work couldn't be done unless the beam work was done. Mr. Harper also stated it was included as part of the cost.

Ms. Carney shared that she would be attending the LCHIP workshop next week. Mr. Harper shared that he would wait a week. Ms. Favreau asked if Mr. Harper had an updated cost. Mr. Harper would get that information to Ms. Favreau. Mr. Harper shared that grout would need to be added. Mr. Harper asked if the tower would be done this summer. Mr. Baker stated the plan was to have specs and shared that Mr. Harper would need to update his proposal. Ms. Favreau shared that the LCHIP grant deadline for intent to apply was May 18th and the application was due June 22nd. Mr. Harper mentioned EEI for grants and discounts. Mr. Harper would send Ms. Favreau the information.

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Harper for meeting with them.

7:45 MEET WITH MONADNOCK FUNDING COMMITTEE

Ben Drugg, Heather Shaver, Robert Young, John Tommila and Kathleen Stark of the Monadnock Funding Committee met with the Selectmen to give an update. Mr. Drugg read their mission statement and handed out information to the Selectmen.

Mr. Drugg discussed the makeup of the committee and shared this was the fourth Select Board they have met with. Mr. Drugg stated the packet included their mission statement, statement of intention, non-official advisory information, project milestones and timeline. The committee was looking to present the initial formula to the School Board by June 28th and bring to legal. Mr. Drugg mentioned in their conversation with the School Board that they had an interest in legal review. The committee was hoping to use the School Board's legal counsel. Mr. Drugg explained the committee's approach was one of inclusion for all towns and was a top down approach. Mr. Drugg noted they have strong support from Fitzwilliam and the purpose of their meet and greets were to garner support. Mr. Drugg explained the committee's interactions were through google groups (private group) and people just have to ask if they want in to get information on the work of the committee. Every town was represented and they were looking forward to the first run through with the formula and once an attorney and the School Board has reviewed and approved, the committee would bring to the Select Boards as a final proposal and if in support, would be looking to go to a public hearing in each town, with votes being brought to the School Board. Mr. Drugg discussed what the committee's strategy was. Mr. Baker noted the objective was to find a fair formula and that was it. Mr. Drugg agreed. Mr. Baker asked if the School Board supported it, it was a broader difference on how it could be formulated. Mr. Drugg stated if the School Board didn't support it, the formula could only be 0/100 or 50/50.

Ms. Carney asked if there were any questions. Mr. Baker asked how many meetings the committee has had. Mr. Drugg shared the committee has had seven meetings and so far the meetings have been organizational in nature. Mr. Drugg shared that Jennifer Cesaitis, Chair was sick and unable to attend and she sent her apologies. Mr. Drugg also shared that last Thursday was their first brainstorming session. Ms. Favreau asked how to join. Mr. Drugg explained to do a google group search - Monadnock Funding Committee. Mr. Drugg discussed what documents were available. Mr. Baker asked what the reception had been from the School Board. Mr. Drugg shared it was a range of optimism and skepticism. The School Board was looking to vote to decide whether to allow the committee to be an ad hoc committee but the discussion was tabled. Mr. Drugg shared that School Board members, Betty Tatro, Win Wright, and Lisa Steadman were part of the committee and a couple Budget Committee members have joined as well, Adam Hopkins of Troy, and JoAnn Daris of Fitzwilliam. Mr. Drugg also shared that Jim Rousmaniere of Roxbury was commenting and following the committee along.

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Ms. Carney thanked the committee members for doing the leg work and the investment of time to do this work. Mr. Drugg shared that the committee was looking for something that everyone could agree on for 5 years and work together on another 5 years.

The Selectmen thanked the members of the Monadnock Funding Committee for meeting with them.

8:00 MEET WITH GENE CUOMO, ROAD AGENT

Re: Transfer Station – Contract
Hiring

Gene Cuomo met with the Selectmen to discuss the contract from Castella – they are the buyer and the Town is the seller. Mr. Cuomo stated that the Town actually pays them to take it. Castella was now doing contracts but doesn't list pricing. The contract goes to 2021 – describes what recyclables are. Mr. Cuomo thought it gives Castella the right to reject a load. Mr. Baker reviewed the contract. Mr. Cuomo shared the current cost for a ton of trash was \$105 and cardboard and mixed paper normally went to China but they are not taking it anymore and there isn't much money in plastic. Mr. Cuomo shared that he has seen the ups and downs in recycling. Mr. Cuomo stated if this continues, he needed to watch the budget as there isn't a lot of money in recycling – revenue was down

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the contract. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

NON-PUBLIC SESSION - RSA 91-A:3 II(a) - At 8:09 p.m. Mr. Baker made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Ms. Carney seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 8:26 p.m. Mr. Baker made a motion to leave non-public session and seal the minutes as disclosure would adversely affect the reputation of the person other than a member of the board. Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

*** REVIEW RESIGNATION LETTER – CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ms. Carney reviewed the resignation letter from Jeanne Sable. Ms. Favreau mentioned that Marion Wheeler was doing the Economic Committee's minutes and also the Budget Committee. Ms. Carney asked Ms. Favreau to ask Ms. Wheeler if she wanted to do the minutes. Mr. Baker asked if the Selectmen were responsible for minutes. Ms. Favreau stated with the larger committees/commissions like the budget, zoning, and historic, the Selectmen provide someone. Ms. Carney stated the Conservation Commission has always been outside of the Land Use Office. Ms. Carney asked to start with Ms. Wheeler. The Selectmen agreed. Ms. Favreau would send a thank you letter to Ms. Sable.

*** APPLICATION FOR RENTAL OF TOWN PROPERTY

Re: Fitzwilliam Garden Club

Ms. Carney reviewed the Application for Rental of Town Property request from Eleanor Luopa for the Fitzwilliam Garden Club for May 26, 2018 for their spring plant sale on the Town Common.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Application for Rental of Town Property request from the Fitzwilliam Garden Club for May 26, 2018 on the Town Common. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

*** VETERANS CREDIT APPLICATION

Ms. Carney reviewed the Application for Property Tax Credit/Exemptions (Veteran's Credit) of Christopher Whipple (Map 27, Lot 25).

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Veteran's credit. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

*** EVERSOURCE REQUEST TO PRUNE TREES – FULLAM HILL ROAD

Ms. Carney reviewed the request from Eversource. Ms. Favreau shared it was a piece of property the Town owns.

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***** NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II(a) – EMPLOYEE EVALUATIONS**

At 8:33 p.m. Mr. Kenison made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 8:52 p.m. Ms. Carney made a motion to leave non-public session and seal the minutes as disclosure would adversely affect the reputation of the person other than a member of the board. Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Southwest Community Services Economic Impact Report** – The Selectmen reviewed.

Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed. 3-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Nancy Carney, Chairman

Daniel Baker

Charles Kenison
Board of Selectmen