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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2020
9:00 A.M.

Selectmen Present: Daniel Baker, Robyn Bates, Charles Kenison

Guests: Carole Beckwith, John Fitzwilliam

Mr. Baker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRIMARY:

9:00 PUBLIC COMMENT

Dana Pinney had followed-up with Ms. Favreau in asking several residents if they know of someone that would be interested in serving on the committee. Mr. Pinney shared that it was very hard to hear at Town meeting and he suggested having an amplifier at the podium. Mr. Baker mentioned that our system was wired. Discussion was held on finding people that were willing to sit on the committee, and the concern that people would only attend intermittently and traction would be lost. Mr. Baker would talk with Suzanne Gray. Mr. Kenison would talk with Brandylyn Handy to see what she thought of administratively supporting and also sitting on the committee.

***** APPROVE MINUTES**
- January 8, 2020

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

***** APPROVE MANIFESTS**

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

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

9:15 MEET WITH CHIEF DISALVO
- NON-PUBLIC SESSION - RSA 91-A:3 II(c) – PERSONNEL

At 9:17 p.m. Mr. Baker made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 9:48 p.m. Ms. Bates 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. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

9:45 MEET WITH COMMON COMMITTEE MEMBERS

John Fitzwilliam and Carol Beckwith, members of the Common Committee meet with the Selectmen and asked if Allenn Cates could sit on the committee. Both members were in favor of Mr. Cates joining the committee. Ms. Beckwith asked when the tree would go down. Mr. Fitzwilliam mentioned that people like it. Ms. Beckwith would like it down at the end of January and thought that she and her husband would be able to take the lights down without the lift. Mr. Baker stated that they would need to wait until the ground was frozen to bring in the equipment to take the tree down. Ms. Beckwith shared that she had talked with Ed Mattson, Jr. and had filled out the form to add funds to the Common Committee fund. Mr. Baker stated the fund was expanded to include both commons. Ms. Favreau shared that Mr. Mattson, Jr. hasn't contacted her. Ms. Favreau shared that Ms. Beckwith put in for \$500 and CIP went with that number. Ms. Favreau shared that both parks has funding for regular

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maintenance but if wanting to do something new, that would be funds requested from CIP. Ms. Beckwith mentioned that there would be a petition warrant article for the gazebo to be added to the common. Ms. Beckwith also mentioned that more seating was needed on the common. Ms. Bates stated that the petition warrant article would go to be voted on at Town meeting. Ms. Beckwith stated that the gazebo wasn't in good repair. Mr. Baker shared that once the lights were off of the tree, to let the Selectmen know and they would arrange to have the tree removed.

***** REVIEW CHANGE OF USE ASSESSMENT – MAP 10, Lot 83-04**

Mr. Baker reviewed the LUCT recommendation from Mark Stetson, Assessor Supervisor, Avitar regarding Map 10, Lot 83-04.

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

***** REVIEW APPLICATION FOR CURRENT USE**

Mr. Baker reviewed the Application for Current Use Assessment for Map 3, Lots 18 and 19. Ms. Favreau needed to verify with the assessor if it could be a parcel across the road.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve contingent upon verification of the parcel across the road. Ms. Bates seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

***** DISCUSS LEGAL OPINION REGARDING NEED FOR APPRAISAL**

Mr. Baker reviewed the information from Attorney Stephen Buckley from NHMA. There is no requirement that the Conservation Commission would need to obtain an appraisal on the property proposed for purchase. Ms. Bates shared that the Conservation Commission mentioned putting it on the MOU. Mr. Baker thought to get in front of the public with some validation, he was of the opinion to go with what they thought the value was and it was similar to the solar project and he didn't think that the cost of the appraiser was worth it.

Ms. Bates asked if the Selectmen needed to get back to Paul Kotila. Mr. Baker mentioned that Mr. Kotila would be talking with Matt Buonomano regarding a right of first refusal. Discussion was held on having a reasonable idea of value, without the timber as it has been cut within the last five years, Ms. Favreau would look back at old intent to cut. It was mentioned that if Mr. Buonomano timbered it, he has already devalued the property and we could go and asked Mr. Buonomano if he would consider selling for what he paid for it, since it has been timbered or if he agreed to sell for the appraised value, which would be the reason for the Selectmen to pay for an appraisal. Timber was valued at \$36,024 in 2015. It was determined that the previous owner had timbered the land.

***** REVIEW APPOINTMENT FOR RECREATION COMMISSION**

Mr. Baker reviewed the appointment recommendation of Lyndsey Murphy by the Recreation Commission.

Ms. Bates made a motion to approve the appointment of Lyndsey Murphy. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

***** DISCUSS STEEPLE PROJECT**

- **E-mail**
- **Invoice**

E-mail - The Selectmen agreed to defer the decision until next week.

Mr. Baker shared the work that has been done to-date. Mr. Baker mentioned that Mr. Southgate has posted some of our steeple pictures on his Facebook page.

Invoice - The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the invoice from Jay Southgate in the amount of \$28,872.53. The invoice was for structural work – 269.5 hours at \$100 per hour and for work on roofing, dipping and installation of shingles.

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

***** DISCUSS MEETING SCHEDULE – Discussed at last week's meeting.**

- **Budget Meeting 1/9/20**
- **Selectmen switch to 1/29/20**

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ON-GOING BUSINESS:

*** STEEPLE PROJECT

Mr. Baker mentioned to John Fitzwilliam that the LCHIP grant was for a restoration of the steeple and that the Town didn't get the grant. Mr. Baker noted that the steeple work was a rebuild and looking at what could be restored. It was becoming costly to restore even trim. The Selectmen wanted to get in front of the Historic District Commission to get that discussion out and get their opinion. Mr. Fitzwilliam mentioned the corbels were relatively minor and was a feature that could be recreated and to spend money on restoring a minor piece didn't make sense. Mr. Baker stated it made sense as to why they reached their decision with the steeple. Mr. Southgate has ordered cedar and has replicated the moldings.

Mr. Baker would like the HDC to give their opinion. Mr. Fitzwilliam asked if the Selectmen wanted to schedule a special meeting. Ms. Bates shared that this issue didn't come up at last week's meeting. Ms. Bates reviewed the list of questions that Mr. Southgate had, which needed to be answered before the next HDC meeting. Mr. Fitzwilliam shared that as long as it looks original, he didn't have a problem with it being new and not recreating a 1970's window. Mr. Baker shared that these are the types of decisions that are coming to the Selectmen. Mr. Baker shared with Mr. Fitzwilliam the discussion that the Selectmen has had with Mr. Southgate regarding cedar shingles versus copper. The Selectmen went with copper because cedar shingles can't be installed at the angle of the steeple roof.

Ms. Bates asked if it made sense for Mr. Fitzwilliam to be the Selectmen's guide. Mr. Fitzwilliam stated the HDC would like to look at the photos. Mr. Baker asked if these issues could be decided by Mr. Fitzwilliam as they don't have time to wait for an HDC meeting once a month. Mr. Fitzwilliam felt that we wouldn't be able to tell from the ground. Mr. Fitzwilliam asked if a special HDC meeting was set up next week would it be timely enough for the Selectmen. Mr. Baker felt it would be and the Selectmen would like to get this information out to the HDC. Mr. Fitzwilliam asked to get a meeting notice out for next Thursday. Mr. Kenison asked if it might be appropriate for the Commission members to go the highway barn to see the steeple. Mr. Fitzwilliam felt it would be a great idea.

Ms. Bates asked if Mr. Southgate could give them a little more lead time. Mr. Baker would like to work out with the HDC a way to expedite a meeting or act as a guide. Mr. Fitzwilliam felt that a lot of this could be answered next Thursday and ease some potential fears. Mr. Baker stated that some pictures would be printed out. Ms. Favreau would notice the meeting which would be held on January 24th at 4:00 p.m. Ms. Bates asked Mr. Baker to put in a call to Mr. Southgate to find out what other issues would be coming up. Mr. Baker would delay Mr. Southgate on the questions that he just brought up. Mr. Fitzwilliam stated that the HDC has a range from restoration versus practical. Mr. Fitzwilliam suggested raffling off some of the historical pieces. Mr. Baker stated that the Selectmen needed to come up with a way to get rid of the pieces they have. Mr. Fitzwilliam asked if the clock tower would be replicated. Mr. Baker stated that it would be.

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Fitzwilliam for meeting with them.

*** PRIME WETLANDS PROJECT

*** AMBULANCE SERVICE

*** SOLAR

- Notice of Public Meeting

*** TOWN-WIDE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED AND THEIR ENFORCEMENT

- Unregistered vehicles

- Debris and junk in yards

Mr. Baker would like Mr. Cuomo and Chief DiSalvo to come to the Public Hearing regarding Richmond Road. Ms. Bates would like to hear what the public thinks about having it a one-way, no thru way and trying to limit the discussion to Richmond Road. Ms. Favreau stated Richmond Road was the only road noticed. Ms. Favreau shared that she had put in a request to correct the google GPS mapping of Richmond Road.

INFORMATION

*** THANK YOU NOTE FROM CVTC FOR DONATION

Meeting Schedule:

9:00 a.m. - Thursday, January 2, 2020

7:00 p.m. - Wednesday, January 8, 2020

9:00 a.m. - Thursday, January 16, 2020

7:00 p.m. - Wednesday, January 22, 2020

9:00 a.m. - Wednesday, January 29, 2020

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Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Ms. Bates seconded and the motion passed. 3-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Daniel Baker, Chairman

Robyn Bates

Charles Kenison
Board of Selectmen