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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 23, 2017

Selectmen Present: Susan Silverman, Nancy Carney, Chris Holman

Ms. Silverman called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

PRIMARY:

***** APPROVE MINUTES**
- **January 19, 2017**

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

***** APPROVE MANIFESTS** – The Selectmen approved the manifests at their last meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2017.

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

***** REVIEW BUDGET AND WARRANT**

The Selectmen reviewed the draft of the Budget Worksheet. Ms. Silverman asked Ms. Favreau if there was any budget that they differed on with the Budget Committee. Ms. Favreau shared the Conservation Commission Warrant Article was the only one. The Budget Committee reduced their Warrant Article request to \$5,000. Mr. Holman would like the money to go towards more time with Rick Van de Poll. Ms. Favreau shared that \$5,000 goes on the Warrant. Mr. Holman shared they shouldn't be given any money until they have some Stewardship Plans in place. Mr. Holman would like that \$5,000 to go towards working with Mr. Koch. Ms. Silverman agreed with Mr. Holman. Ms. Silverman asked the Selectmen to wait and see what happened at the Town Meeting. Ms. Favreau shared that the Selectmen would need to vote tonight if they wanted to change the amount. Ms. Silverman noted this was the fund for purchasing land. Ms. Favreau thought it was the fund for purchasing land and stewardship. Ms. Silverman thought the Conservation Commission shared they do stewardship from the Land Use Change Tax. Ms. Favreau confirmed this account was for purchasing land and other expenditures for Conservation come out of the account the Land Use Change Tax was deposited into. Mr. Holman noted he would like to see more prep work being done. Discussion was held on the amount in the fund as of December 2016, payments made, and a donation to the Monadnock Conservancy. Mr. Holman stated there were other things that they could be doing. Ms. Silverman stated they ask every year to build up the land fund. They still need to come back to the Town for the remainder of funds to purchase land. The Selectmen voted to give them 0 the year before, so those funds could go towards the Prime Wetlands Study. Ms. Carney noted they requested \$5,000 and the Selectmen recommended \$5,000. Ms. Silverman asked the Selectmen about giving \$5,000. Ms. Silverman shared that the Monadnock Conservancy purchases the land, the Town does not. The Town gives a donation to the Monadnock Conservancy. Ms. Favreau shared that once it goes into conservancy – it is permanent. The Selectmen agreed to recommend \$5,000 for the Conservation Commission Expendable Trust.

Ms. Favreau stated the Budget Committee approved the same budget as the Selectmen.

Ms. Silverman asked about the Library budget. Ms. Favreau shared the Budget Committee approved the Library budget at the amount requested.

The Selectmen reviewed the Town Warrant. Ms. Silverman asked about the order of the Articles. Ms. Favreau shared it was a long Warrant. Mr. Holman noted the cost was lower.

The Selectmen discussed grouping the Articles by department. Ms. Silverman reviewed Article 25 and asked that it be at the end.

The Selectmen discussed adding an article to dispose of the Rettig property. Their concern was the time allowed to be repurchased by the property owner. The Selectmen agreed to leave this out.

The Selectmen discussed the possibility of articles being voted down or modified.

The Selectmen approved the Warrant Articles and the Budget. Ms. Favreau shared that she sends the Warrant Articles to DRA for approval.

Ms. Carney shared that the Budget Committee Public Hearing would be held on January 26th and another date has been scheduled in case there was something that came in after the Public Hearing. Ms. Silverman shared that if a Petition Warrant Article comes in and has at least 25 signatures, it gets added to the Town Warrant and as long as there isn't any money involved a Public Hearing doesn't have to be held.

**REVIEW LETTER FROM SWRPC – TEN YEAR ROAD PLAN
- EMAIL FROM JIM TALBERT**

Ms. Silverman reviewed the Ten Year Road Plan and noted the Town doesn't have anything listed in the plan. The Selectmen thought this was different than the intersection at Rt 12 and Rt 119. Ms. Silverman reviewed Jim Talbert's e-mail requesting the Selectmen ask the State for its inclusion in the Ten Year Plan. Ms. Favreau would contact SWRPC to verify that the intersection was different and she would draft a letter to Mr. Talbert.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

Mr. Holman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Ms. Silverman seconded and the motion passed. 3-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Susan Silverman, Chairman

Nancy Carney, Vice Chairman

Chris Holman
Board of Selectmen