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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2019
7:00 P.M.

Selectmen Present: Nancy Carney, Daniel Baker, Charles Kenison

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

PRIMARY:

7:00 PUBLIC HEARING
- KENO

Ms. Carney opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and the Public Hearing notice was read. This matter will appear on the 2019 Town Warrant. Ms. Carney asked if there were any questions.

There being no further discussion, Ms. Carney closed the public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

7:15 MEET WITH JOHN HEIKKINEN
- Lydia Ford Property

John Heikkinen reported that he had located Ms. Ford and she was willing to turn over the property to him. Mr. Heikkinen wasn't certain that he could save the building but his intention was just to renovate. The amount owed the Town for back taxes was \$78,000. Mr. Heikkinen shared that he thought the value of the lot was \$25,000 and demolition of the house was \$15,000. Mr. Heikkinen estimated renovating the house would be comparable to the house across the street which he stated he barely broke even on. Mr. Heikkinen shared that it helped him keep his guys busy. Mr. Heikkinen looked at the house two years ago and noted it was in pretty rough shape then. Water also runs through the basement. Mr. Heikkinen stated the foundation was intact from his inspection yesterday. Mr. Kenison shared that it was a historic building. Mr. Heikkinen stated he would renovate as close to the original as he could. He shared that he hired a private investigator to find Ms. Ford. Ms. Ford shared with Mr. Heikkinen that at one point she was trying to keep the house.

Ms. Carney ask the Selectmen what they wanted to do. Ms. Favreau shared that a letter of agreement could be done stating the Selectmen agree to abate a certain amount of money. Mr. Heikkinen mentioned that the Selectmen could think about it and let him know. Mr. Baker asked if he was prepared to make an offer. Mr. Heikkinen shared he could go up to \$10,000. He planned on renting the property out as he wanted to hold onto the property. Mr. Kenison shared that as a member of the Historical Society he would encourage Mr. Heikkinen not to tear it down. Mr. Baker asked what the expenses would be to record. Ms. Favreau shared there wouldn't be any recording fees. Mr. Heikkinen shared he would have his attorney write up a letter. Mr. Baker suggested to accept \$10,000 and abate the balance. Mr. Baker also wanted to have some assurance that the property would be renovated because right now it was a public hazard. Mr. Baker would like to settle provided there was a reasonable timeframe and noted that he was speaking for himself. Mr. Heikkinen shared that he anticipated the renovation would take a year and the goal was to get the outside done within two months. After discussion, the Selectmen agreed to accept the \$10,000 and abate the balance. Ms. Favreau noted that if the building needed to be torn down, it would no longer be grandfathered in. Mr. Heikkinen understood.

Mr. Baker made a motion to accept \$10,000 and abate the balance. Construction was to start in two months with completion by June of 2020. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

7:30 MEET WITH GENE CUOMO, ROAD AGENT
- State use of Retig building during construction of intersection

Mr. Baker shared that Mr. Mitchell told Gene Cuomo that he needed a letter from the Town to be able to park on the Retig property. NH DOT wanted to do something for the Town in exchange for this. Ms. Favreau shared that we needed to know where the boundaries of the property were so parking would be confined to that property.

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Mr. Cuomo shared that Mitchell Sand and Gravel needed a letter from the Town allowing them to park their DOT job trailer on the Retig property and he would get the certificate of liability. Mr. Cuomo noted that they would do something as compensation for the use of the property.

Mr. Cuomo shared that his salt barn was almost empty and that he has used 436 tons of salt. Mr. Baker asked Mr. Cuomo to look at his budget and do a projection and at Town meeting they could ask for additional funding.

Mr. Cuomo discussed the Transfer Station salaries and felt they needed to be paid more money. He was concerned that he might lose a couple of his guys. The Selectmen asked about moving them up a level. Ms. Favreau shared it would be sixty cents. Mr. Cuomo shared that he didn't know what would be fair compensation and asked to go up a Step.

At 7:47 p.m. Mr. Baker made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 7:51 p.m. Mr. Baker made a motion to leave non-public session. Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

Mr. Cuomo informed the Selectmen that he would not be at Town Meeting. Ms. Favreau asked if someone would attend in his place to speak to the highway warrant articles.

***** APPROVE MINUTES**

- February 19, 2019
- February 21, 2019

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Mr. Kenison made a motion to approve the February 21, 2019 minutes. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

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

***** APPLICATION FOR RENTAL OF TOWN PROPERTY**

- Elliot Institute
- Project Shakespeare

Ms. Carney reviewed the Application for Rental of Town Property request from the Elliot Institute Trust Fund for July 10 – August 16, 2019 for their Concerts on the Common.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Application for Rental of Town Property request the Elliot Institute Trust Fund. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Ms. Carney reviewed the Application for Rental of Town Property request from Deborah Shakespeare Thurber, for July 31, 2019 for their Project Shakespeare Group performance of The Tempest from 2 – 8 p.m. on the Town Common with use of the Upper Hall for getting into costumes and would also to be used in the event of rain. Ms. Favreau asked if the Selectmen would charge a fee. Ms. Favreau noted the fee for rental of Town property was \$45 per ½ day or evening and a charge of \$100 for moving benches in the Upper Hall.

Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Application for Rental of Town Property request from Deborah Shakespeare Thurber for July 21, 2019 on the Town Common with the standard fee. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

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

At 7:59 p.m. Mr. Baker made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 8:03 p.m. Mr. Baker made a motion to leave non-public session. Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

