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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 2022
8:30 A.M.

Selectmen Present: Brian Doerpholz, John E.F. Craig, Martin Nolan

Guests: Dana Pinney

Mr. Doerpholz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

PRIMARY:

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

9:00 MEET WITH GRETCHEN WITTENBORG

Gretchen Wittenborg and Dick Drew presented a survey of her property. There are parts of the town hall property that we are using that belongs to Ms. Wittenborg. Part of the parking area in the front is her property. She was willing to draft a Quitclaim deed and deed that portion over to the Town.

Mr. Craig asked about the work that Ms. Wittenborg was doing with Bob Corrette and thought it would be valuable to the Town. He asked if she was willing to share this information with the Historical Society. Ms. Wittenborg shared that they (Historical Society) are years behind in categorizing. Ms. Wittenborg and Bob Corrette didn't want to invest time in things that aren't productive. She noted they are working on how the town was developed. Mr. Craig and Mr. Nolan agreed that it was valuable information for the town.

Mr. Doerpholz asked if there was anything the town needed to do. Ms. Wittenborg stated that she wouldn't deal with this until the Fitzwilliam Water District issue is resolved. Ms. Wittenborg explained the issue at hand with the document of Lois Lockner. Ms. Wittenborg mentioned that slander of title puts a flaw on her title and makes it difficult to sell her property. The only way to get rid of this is to file a lawsuit or get the Fitzwilliam Water District to file a document that articulates what rights they have. Mr. Doerpholz noted that what Ms. Wittenborg does with the Fitzwilliam Water District doesn't affect the town.

Mr. Craig shared that he felt he needed to recuse himself and leave the meeting if the conversation continues regarding the Fitzwilliam Water District. Ms. Wittenborg didn't think that Mr. Craig needed to recuse or leave the meeting. Mr. Doerpholz shared that this is beyond the scope of what the town can do and the Selectmen have no ability to direct the outcome. Ms. Wittenborg would meet with the Fitzwilliam Water District but she would have to have her legal counsel present. Mr. Craig shared that he previously talked with Ben Thomas and he was willing to meet with Ms. Wittenborg and listen to her concerns. He (Thomas) hoped something could be done to meet Ms. Wittenborg's needs and protect the viability of the Fitzwilliam Water District for its clients. Mr. Craig was happy to make an appointment for Ms. Wittenborg to meet with the Fitzwilliam Water District. Mr. Doerpholz asked if the Selectmen could send a letter to the Fitzwilliam Water District indicating that they are willing to be a neutral party to help them come to a resolution. Ms. Wittenborg was concerned with involving the town and shared that her attorney has mentioned that the Fitzwilliam Water District has no rights of enforcement. Mr. Drew thought it would be great for the Selectmen to arrange and mediate a meeting. Mr. Doerpholz shared that the Selectmen don't have any authority over the Fitzwilliam Water District and he asked Ms. Wittenborg if she wanted them to have a role as a mediator. Mr. Nolan thought it was beneficial for the Selectmen to moderate the meeting.

Mr. Doerpholz asked Mr. Craig to coordinate a date and time outside of the Selectmen's meetings. Mr. Craig was happy to arrange a meeting as it is important for the Fitzwilliam Water District to know what the concerns are and what her desired outcome is. Mr. Doerpholz and Ms. Wittenborg agreed that the Fitzwilliam Water District Commission didn't need a preview. Mr. Doerpholz asked Ms. Favreau to send a letter to the Fitzwilliam Water District asking to set up a joint meeting, instead of Mr. Craig contacting them.

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Dana Pinney thought there would be multiple meetings between the Selectmen and the Fitzwilliam Water District and he thought that the Selectmen would be present but not participating, only listening in the beginning. Ms. Wittenborg shared that she isn't interested in having multiple meetings. Ms. Wittenborg wants unrestricted access to her entire property.

*** UPDATE ON REQUEST TO USE TOWN HALL FOR AMERICAN LEGION MONTHLY MEETING

Mr. Doerpholz shared that they usually meet on the 4th Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and they have six members. They haven't contacted the depot station yet. Ms. Favreau shared it would be unusual for a key to be given to a member of the public. Mr. Doerpholz mentioned the meeting space at the Library might work if there are only six members and depending upon what events the Library might have scheduled. Mr. Doerpholz asked Ms. Favreau to touch base with Kate Thomas, Library Director.

*** REVIEW CHANGES TO THE AMBULANCE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

The Selectmen had reviewed the agreement with the changes, and agreed to forward to Mary Guild, Troy's Town Administrator.

Ms. Favreau suggested scheduling a meeting with our billing company. The Selectmen agreed.

*** DISCUSS TOWN HALL ROOF REPAIR

Mr. Craig sent out a recommendation to replace the roof to the Selectmen. Ms. Favreau shared that we can't start work until LCHIP has made their funding recommendations, which is later in the fall. Mr. Doerpholz asked why repair versus replace. Mr. Craig restated the respond given by John Green of GDC. Also mentioned was the need for an annual maintenance plan, at a cost of approximately \$3,500 per year. Mr. Doerpholz asked why slate requires annual maintenance. Mr. Craig shared it's because slate is a natural material. Mr. Nolan thought that an annual inspection seemed excessive and we could do every 2-3 years.

Mr. Craig hoped that the Selectmen could made a decision on whether to repair or replace. The Selectmen discussed the need for the fire suppression system in the steeple to be reconnected. Ms. Favreau shared that she has kept a log of when she has contacted NH Fire. On May 3rd she talked to someone who thought they were waiting on parts. Ms. Favreau has emailed the president of the company and he has assured her that it would be taken care of. Ms. Favreau would contact them again today. Mr. Nolan mentioned Life Safety out of Dublin. Mr. Doerpholz suggested contacting NH Fire during the Selectmen's meeting next week asking for a resolution.

Mr. Craig mentioned that GDC works only in slate roofing and cooper appointments and shared that Mr. Green was disappointed in the soldering work of the copper. Mr. Craig felt that Mr. Green knows and understands his work. Mr. Doerpholz shared that if Mr. Green, who is a specialist with slate is recommending repairing, than he had trust with the recommendation. Mr. Doerpholz suggested making provisions to not only have the roof inspected but to have the septic pumped at the same time. Mr. Craig thought that we needed to explore a little more. Mr. Doerpholz shared that now we know the figure to go for LCHIP funding and we also know a number to hold from the ARPA funds.

Mr. Nolan made a motion to repair and not replace the roof. Mr. Doerpholz seconded. Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Craig – Yes, Mr. Nolan - Yes. Approved – 3-0.

Mr. Craig wanted to pursue two other companies. The Selectmen were in agreement. Discussion was held on making sure we were comparing the same bid information, looking at the chimney and finding out when they can do the work. Mr. Craig asked about checking references. It was mentioned to wait until a contractor had been selected. Mr. Doerpholz mentioned that in the spring, we may find other issues that have come up and may need to be incorporated in the bids. Ms. Favreau confirmed that LCHIP's schedule for funding decisions was mid November.

Mr. Pinney felt that with the rise in materials the companies would want to rebid in the spring.

*** NON-PUBLIC SESSION - RSA 91-A:3 II(b) – HIRING

At 10:02 a.m. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(b). Mr. Nolan seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Craig – Yes, Mr. Nolan - Yes.

At 10:41 a.m. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to leave non-public session. Mr. Craig seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Craig – Yes, Mr. Nolan - Yes.

At 10:42 a.m. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to seal the non-public minutes as disclosure would adversely affect the reputation of the person other than a member of the board. Mr. Nolan seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Craig – Yes, Mr. Nolan - Yes.

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

At 10:42 a.m. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Mr. Nolan seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Craig – Yes, Mr. Nolan - Yes.

At 10:48 a.m. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to leave non-public session. Mr. Craig seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Craig – Yes, Mr. Nolan - Yes.

At 10:48 a.m. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to seal the non-public minutes as disclosure would adversely affect the reputation of the person other than a member of the board. Mr. Craig seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Craig – Yes, Mr. Nolan - Yes.

INFORMATION

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

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

- Unregistered vehicles
- Debris and junk in yards

Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. Mr. Craig seconded and the motion passed. 3-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Brian Doerpholz, Chairman

John E.F. Craig

Martin Nolan
Board of Selectmen