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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 27, 2016

Selectmen Present: Susan Silverman, Nancy Carney, Chris Holman

Ms. Silverman called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

PRIMARY:

Tom Parker asked to meet with the Board of Selectmen to discuss Monadnock Regional School Board's meeting tomorrow night. The Selectmen gave Mr. Parker a copy of the letter that they had written to the Chairman of the School Board. Ms. Silverman shared that the Towns of Troy, Swanzey and Richmond sent letters as well. Mr. Parker asked if the Selectmen had any ideas that they would like him to bring up at the meeting. Ms. Silverman mentioned the article in the Keene Sentinel last week and the health funds that the towns want back. Ms. Silverman noted that under the contract the funds were to be used. Mr. Parker stated the contract runs out on June 30th. Mr. Parker stated the money was no longer available on June 30th and should go back to the taxpayers. Mr. Holman shared that he had spoken with Winston Wright about this issue and Mr. Wright shared that it had to do with the way teachers were split and that some money should go back to the towns. Discussion continued on the number of teachers, salary and benefits, teacher aides, size of classrooms, classroom structure, combination classes, closing Gilsum STEAM Academy, repairs to Mt. Caesar, the drop in enrollment in the district, and the condition of George Emerson Elementary School. The Selectmen shared with Mr. Parker that funding should come back to the taxpayers.

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Parker for meeting with them.

***** APPROVE MINUTES**
- **June 14, 2016**

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**

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

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

***** UPDATE ON NOTICE OF SUMMONS**
- **Federal National Mortgage v Mary Ann Wenniger**

Ms. Favreau shared that the complaint against the town has been dismissed with prejudice.

***** CONSTRUCTION PERMIT**
- **Map 12, Lot 29**
- **Map 12, Lot 45-6**

Map 12, Lot 29 – Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the permit for Map 12, Lot 29. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Map 12, Lot 45-6 – Mr. Holman made a motion to approve the permit for Map 12, Lot 45-6. Ms. Carney seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

*** **FIREWORKS PERMIT**

Fireworks Permit for Gary Heald – 126 Dunton Road on July 3rd. Mr. Holman made a motion to accept. Ms. Silverman seconded. Ms. Carney – recused herself, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 2-0

Fireworks Permit for William Davis – 30 Holman Road on July 2, 3 or 4th. Ms. Carney made a motion to accept. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney – Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Fireworks Permit for Keith Gustafson – 1121 NH Rt 12 S on July 3rd. Ms. Carney made a motion to accept. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney – Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Fireworks Permit for John Tommila – 165 Sunset Road on July 4th. Ms. Carney made a motion to accept. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney – Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Fireworks Permit for Elias Filipi – 46 Karl Lane on July 4th. Ms. Silverman made a motion to accept. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney – recused herself, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 2-0

Fireworks Permit for Scott Lagerberg – 9 Derby Mill Road (Fitzwilliam Sportsmen’s Club) on July 2nd. Ms. Carney made a motion to accept. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney – Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

*** **RECOMMENDATION FROM AVITAR**
Re: Abatement - Map 28, Lot 23

Map 28, Lot 23 - Ms. Silverman reviewed the recommendation of Jonathan Rice, Assessor, Avitar. Mr. Rice, in his letter, recommended the assessment be reduced to \$74,900 with noted changes to the property card and also recommended abatement on the \$400 value difference.

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

*** **CHRIS HOLMAN**

- **TAP (TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM) – LETTER OF INTENT DUE JULY 1ST**
- **UPDATE - COMPLETE STREETS WORKSHOP – JUNE 24TH – TROY**

TAP (TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM) – LETTER OF INTENT DUE JULY 1ST – Mr. Holman asked the Selectmen if they were interested in applying for a TAP grant. The minimum grant was \$400,000 with \$80,000 (20%) to be leveraged by people applying for the grant. Mr. Holman would like to team up with Marlborough, Swanzey and Troy. Mr. Holman shared that it was for trail funding and SWRPC would do the bulk of the work – writing the grant and supervising it. Ms. Favreau asked Mr. Holman how he proposed getting the 20%. Mr. Holman thought about grassroots fundraising as he doesn’t want to go to individual towns. Ms. Silverman asked about state owned property. Mr. Holman shared that the state gave the snomoles permission to maintain. Mr. Holman stated that the snomoles would be the people he would go to as they have a structure for fundraising. Mr. Holman would also ask Chris Silvia to help him facilitate the process. Ms. Carney asked if Marlborough and Troy were interested. Mr. Holman shared that the Selectmen in Troy spoke to him about it when he was in attendance at a Troy Recreation meeting. They are very pro trails since their new community center is off of the rail trail. Also looking for funding for the old logging road to add on. Ms. Carney asked if SWRPC was aware of this and were they willing to write the grant and be the contact for all of it. Ms. Carney also asked about the process. Mr. Holman shared that JB Mack and others from SWRPC would be involved. Ms. Silverman asked about the letter of intent and what does it obligate the town to do. Mr. Holman wanted the Selectmen to authorize looking into this and creating a plan to go after the funding or whether it needed to go through another nonprofit, such as snomoles.

Ms. Silverman stated there wasn’t any real way to monitor who uses the trails. Ms. Silverman wanted to see the entire picture and to know what the goal would be. Mr. Holman stated someone biking from Massachusetts would be the ultimate goal. Mr. Holman shared that even if we decide in the long run not to do it, we could start the process. Ms. Silverman shared that she sees it as a positive and a negative. There are a lot of people using this corridor and you don’t know who. Mr. Holman agreed that it was a problem and understood Ms. Silverman’s concerns. Ms. Silverman stated that it seemed like a lot of money even splitting between 4 towns. Ms. Silverman asked if the Selectmen state they are interested in looking into the TAP grant, are we tied in. Mr. Holman stated the Selectmen could still decide to wait or not to do. Ms. Carney stated she was interested in letting SWRPC do a letter of intent. Ms. Favreau asked if we should have someone from SWRPC come and talk to the Selectmen. Ms. Carney would like SWRPC to look into this and come in and meet with the Selectmen. Ms. Favreau asked Mr. Holman if he would contact SWRPC to let them know to write the letter of intent on behalf of the Selectmen and have them contact her to schedule a meeting with the Selectmen. Mr. Holman responded that he would contact SWRPC. The Selectmen would like the Conservation Commission at the meeting, as well as people that are interested. The meeting would be scheduled at the beginning of a Selectmen’s meeting. Mr. Holman shared that he was excited that the Selectmen would consider looking into the project.

UPDATE - COMPLETE STREETS WORKSHOP – JUNE 24TH – TROY – Mr. Holman shared that he wasn’t able to attend.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

- **Review letter submitted**
- **Review Schedule**
- **Review Police Logs for the Month of May 2016**
- **Stop Sign Request**

Review letter submitted – Ms. Silverman asked the Selectmen to review the letter in order to discuss with Chief DiSalvo.

Review Police Logs for the Month of May 2016 – Ms. Silverman shared that Chief DiSalvo gave detailed police logs and the Selectmen reviewed. Ms. Favreau shared that this was public information.

Stop Sign Request – Ms. Favreau reported that Tina Parker came into the office today to request that a stop sign be put at Dunton Road and #4 Road. Ms. Parker had been at the Police Department to ask for a stop sign and Debbie Boncal sent her to the Selectmen's office. Ms. Carney thought there used to be a stop sign there and asked Ms. Favreau to contact Gene Cuomo.

REVIEW ADDITIONAL QUOTE FROM JOHN GREER

The Selectmen reviewed the quote from John Greer in the amount of \$750 to upgrade the emergency panel at the public safety building. Ms. Carney talked with Mr. Cuomo about the generator at the public safety building not being big enough to be used there. Ms. Carney would like to relocate to the public safety building the generator on wheels that was currently housed at the Highway Department. The generator could be hooked up at the back of the depot station and could handle the power for the entire building and the existing generator could be used at the shelter.

Mr. Greer was hoping to complete the work the week after next and he would be using his generator to keep the building powered. Ms. Silverman shared that it might increase the cost but wanted to do everything at once. Ms. Carney recommended taking the smaller generator at the public safety building and relocating it to the shelter. Ms. Carney shared that the generator runs off of propane. The Selectmen asked Ms. Favreau to coordinate with Mr. Greer the timeframe to complete the work.

REVIEW LETTER FROM THE STATE

Re: Rt. 12 & Rt. 119 Intersection – discuss day and time to schedule meeting

Ms. Silverman reviewed the letter from Michael Dugas. Ms. Favreau shared that Frank Bequaert came into the office and asked what night the Selectmen would prefer the meeting to be held. Ms. Favreau asked if it should be separate from the Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Silverman mentioned holding the meeting during the first hour of a Selectmen's meeting or waiting to put in the newsletter for a Monday night in August when more people might attend. Ms. Silverman thought that Mondays would be fine, especially if advertised in advance. Ms. Favreau asked if the Selectmen wanted the meeting to start at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Silverman agreed and thought that 1 hour was adequate. Mr. Holman shared that we needed to be clear with Mr. Bequaert on how the meeting would be set up. Ms. Silverman stated that it was the Selectmen's meeting and that we were inviting NHDOT to come in.

REVIEW JUNKYARD PERMIT

Ms. Silverman reviewed the Junkyard Renewal Application from Don Bailey - Bailey's Garage. Discussion was held on how to do an inspection of a junkyard. The Selectmen asked Ms. Favreau to contact NHMA for information.

REVIEW MEMO FROM ROAD AGENT, GENE CUOMO

**Re: Vacation request
Trash Barrels**

Ms. Silverman reported that Mr. Cuomo had requested vacation time in July. The Selectmen approved.

Mr. Cuomo, in his memo, shared that there wasn't a problem with trash at the beach and the boat ramp until the trash barrels were put in place. Mr. Cuomo questioned why we have a sign and a barrel. Mr. Cuomo would continue to pick up the trash but felt we were sending a mixed message. Ms. Favreau suggested removing the barrels and see what happens. Ms. Carney suggested making sure the signage was visible. Ms. Silverman felt there needed to be more Police presence and enforcement. Discussion was held on the types of trash cans available, and talking to Mr. Cuomo about the barrels. The Selectmen asked Ms. Favreau to contact the Police Department to ask for more patrols at the beach.

COMPLAINT

Ms. Favreau shared that Sheryl White received a complaint from an individual who was taking a left turn into Mr. Mike's from Rt 12 N. She felt intimidated by Mr. Holman as he followed her into Mr. Mike's. Mr. Holman stated that he did talk to her and gave her his contact information. Mr. Holman shared with the Selectmen that when he was contacted by Ms. Favreau about the complaint, he went to Mr. Mike's to view the video and mentioned the Selectmen could view the video as well.

Ms. Silverman stated that the Selectmen are enforcement but the town has a Police Department to enforce. Mr. Holman shared that the person was in front of him. Ms. Silverman shared with Mr. Holman that in the future for him to write down the license plate number and let the Police Department handle it. Ms. Favreau shared that it was intimidating for a woman to be approached by a man she doesn't know.

***** NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91:A:3 II(c) HARDSHIP ABATEMENT**

At 8:22 p.m. Ms. Carney made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Mr. Holman seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

At 8:39 p.m. Ms. Silverman 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. Holman seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Review letter from State of NH – Groundwater Sampling Meadowood Assembly Hall – The Selectmen reviewed. Mr. Holman asked if the property would be useful to the town – if sold. Ms. Silverman stated the town shouldn't take it on right now. Discussion continued as to whether or not it would need to go to town meeting and Mr. Holman asked if meals on wheels would be pushed to SWRPC in order to keep providing meals.

Review letter from State of NH – Burning of Non-Conforming materials

Review Letter form Sate of NH – 25 Rantilla Lane – Shorelands violation

NHMA – Floor policies

Mr. Holman asked if a response had been received from the Library regarding the Selectmen's letter. Ms. Favreau shared that she hadn't heard anything.

ON-GOING BUSINESS

Prime Wetlands Study

Ms. Silverman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Mr. Holman 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