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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2019
9:00 A.M.

Selectmen Present: Daniel Baker, Robyn Bates, Charles Kenison

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

PRIMARY:

Mr. Baker asked to change the order of the Agenda, so that the Selectmen could hear Bill Davis' concerns. The Selectmen agreed.

Mr. Davis met with the Selectmen to discuss the meeting space conflict. Mr. Baker apologized for not realizing the conflict of the rain date for the Concerts on the Common. Mr. Baker asked if Mr. Davis could reschedule the July 18th concert or the events would have to happen at the same time. Mr. Davis shared the request that he turned into the office. Ms. Favreau shared that she didn't think about the back up for use of the Town Hall. Ms. Favreau apologized. Mr. Davis stated that they don't know how frustrated he is and he has done all of the work and turned in all of the forms. Yet he came to discuss solar last night and was blindsided and unable to move the concert. Mr. Davis explained how the concerts were set up, which include the requirements of the groups. Mr. Davis shared that he would be putting electrical cords all over the common and he was concerned about that. Mr. Davis mentioned that cost of the band was \$850. Mr. Davis stated that it was the kind of effort that he coordinates and mentioned not having a backup space should it rain. Mr. Baker apologized again and shared that they (Selectmen) needed to look at it as an important event. Mr. Davis asked if they could move the public hearing to the school. Ms. Favreau shared that it was noticed in the paper. Suzanne Gray shared that there were RSAs for noticing the meeting. Mr. Davis stated that he was very upset. Ms. Bates acknowledged that he had a right to be. Mr. Davis shared that it doesn't help and he mentioned his concern with parking. Mr. Davis stated if people can't find a place to park, they would go home. Ms. Favreau shared that she would call the Inn about parking. Mr. Davis mentioned the electrical issue in the common and shared that he was planning to run extension cords throughout most of the summer as he doesn't think anything would be done. Mr. Davis noted his concern and mentioned that he didn't know what would happen should it rain. Ms. Bates looked at the forecast and thought it would be okay. Ms. Bates asked if the school could be a backup. Mr. Davis asked how to get the word out to the public. Ms. Bates mentioned the sandwich boards were a great way to communicate. Mr. Davis stated there wasn't much room on the boards. Ms. Favreau would follow-up with the school.

Barbara Young mentioned the solar meeting originally affected the Planning Board meeting and she sent Ms. Gray an e-mail mentioning that the meeting was scheduled on the same night as the concert. This is the second time. Mr. Baker apologized and stated the Selectmen had to do better. Mr. Baker asked Ms. Favreau to contact the school.

Mr. Baker asked Suzanne Gray, Terry Silverman and Barbara Young why they were at the Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Gray stated that it was clear to her that the Town's people wanted information on the solar project. She shared that she was encouraged with the amount of people that showed up. It shows that the Town's people want us to communicate with them about this project. Ms. Gray stated that was where we might run into some issues due to how the Common Interest Agreement was written. Ms. Gray stated that we needed to be very clear on how we communicate with the public. She wanted to put that out on the table. Mr. Baker stated the agreement was on the table for discussion today and they (Selectmen) wanted to make sure they were on point with the agreement with the attorney. The Selectmen wanted to expand it to not just include the Selectmen and wanted to create a vehicle to make that happen. The advice the Selectmen were given, was to keep within counsel. Mr. Baker noted it was on the Selectmen's agenda for today. Mr. Baker's opinion was that somethings the State brings to the table without full knowledge of how it works, creates the sense that the Town was walking into this without out any oversight. Not portrayed in a way to acknowledge that any oversight was going to happen. The information was extremely important and the Selectmen felt they needed to manage all of it. To include what the State was going to do. Mr. Baker noted that the Selectmen weren't prepared to speak to it. Ms. Bates felt that the experts at the State level weren't understood by the public. Mr. Baker stated that solar and green power were great things and compensated with tax relief and he asked what it was that we think that companies would do. Ms. Gray stated that the Planning Board had asked for legal representation since October. She noted this was a big project and felt that the Selectmen somewhat tied their (Planning Board) hands. Ms. Gray stated the Planning Board still doesn't have an attorney, the Selectmen do. Ms. Gray shared that the Planning Board wanted to hire experts and we know that NextEra would pay for experts. It was noted that this was a tug of war between the boards.

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Mr. Baker stated the need to make sure that NextEra would pay for the experts and the Selectmen just interviewed and hired an attorney for the Town. The Selectmen didn't understand that it was a separate counsel, as they wanted to hire someone with broad experience that could handle all of it. The Selectmen did not want to restrict. Ms. Favreau shared that was why the Selectmen invited the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board to give input. Ms. Gray shared that when she read the Common Interest Agreement that it was an attorney for the Selectmen. Mr. Baker explained the purpose of the agreement. Mr. Baker asked to defer any further discussion.

Ms. Bates asked that the Boards respect that the Selectmen were looking out for what was best for the Town. The Selectmen acknowledge that they are not experts and they rely on the Boards to assist them. Mr. Silverman shared that the SEC was overworked and underfunded. Mr. Silverman stated that the State's interest was different from the Town's interest. Mr. Baker agreed. Discussion continued on educating the State if the Town calls on experts, NextEra would look out for money spent, prioritize what's important to have those specialists in those areas, let the State hire experts that wouldn't be duplication of effort, the Town's job was to do the best to mitigate to our point of view, have our voice supported by experts and let the State do what the State does. We are intervenors in that process and we don't give our information until it is called for. We don't collaborate with the State. The attorney would file for intervenor status for the Town. Mr. Baker would like to get the Conservation Commission involved as well.

10:15 NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:2 I(b) – LEGAL MATTERS

At 10:12 a.m. Ms. Bates made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:2 I(b). Mr. Kenison seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 11:18 a.m. Mr. Kenison 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. Ms. Bates seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

11:00 MEET WITH THE COMMON COMMITTEE

Members of the Common Committee (Carole and Ken Beckwith, John Fitzwilliam, and Gary Taylor) met with the Selectmen to give an update on the fountain. Ms. Beckwith discussed the cost to repair the fountain and the sign. A major piece of the fountain was broken when it was taken apart. The cost to weld was \$300 and Matt absorbed the cost. Ms. Beckwith shared that money wasn't included for Matt to pick up the fountain and he has absorbed that cost. The sign was included in the \$5,750. Ms. Beckwith shared that Matt would be happy to speak with the Selectmen. She noted that Matt had told her that the sand blasting had been completed and he mentioned that the threads in the pipe wouldn't hold up as they were worn. Matt suggested that if not in good shape, he could file off the pipe and install new pipe. Mr. Baker mentioned the center pipe that brought water up through the center of the fountain. Ms. Bates asked if he could estimate the cost of the center pipe. Mr. Baker asked if Matt had given Ms. Beckwith a quote. Ms. Beckwith stated that she would prefer that the Selectmen talk with Matt. Mr. Taylor mentioned that Mr. Pinney gave \$1,000 and the Historical Society gave \$1,000. The Selectmen spoke with Matt about the fountain. Mr. Baker shared that he was aware of the center pipe. It was for water and part of the structure. Matt believed that was true. Matt described how the pipes were laid out and what pieces had been repaired with epoxy and he shared he wasn't sure what might happen once it was baked. Matt thought that one or two pipes would need to be cut and cleaned. He wasn't sure what would happen welding wise. Mr. Baker asked if it could be done once it came back. Matt didn't think so as it might burn the finish off. Ms. Bates asked for an estimate of cost. Matt thought maybe a \$100-200 in parts and \$100-200 in labor. Ms. Bates asked if the Selectmen could do not to exceed \$500. Matt stated he could relay that to the welder and noted the pipes could be sourced from a plumbing company.

Ms. Bates made a motion of the cost not to exceed \$500 for casting and welding. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

The Selectmen thanked Matt for speaking with them.

Mr. Baker noted funds were potentially at \$6,250 and he didn't think the money was specifically for the fountain. The donation from the Historical Society was for the fountain but Mr. Pinney's donation was for the common.

Ms. Beckwith mentioned that since talking with Mr. Geer, they wanted a line over to the flag pole. Mr. Geer went to the American Legion and the VFW and they voted to install a solar LED light and would purchase and install it themselves. Ms. Beckwith mentioned going from the box to the old flag pole location and out either side (do a T) would have minimal digging. Mr. Baker asked if Ms. Beckwith had a revised estimate. Ms. Favreau shared the cost was \$779 but didn't include Mr. Holman digging. Ms. Favreau stated the original balance was \$6,150.57, plus a \$1,000 donation, quote for fountain work, including the sign was \$5,750 and other expenditures to date of \$814.88, as well as painting expense of \$363.45, leaving a balance of \$222.57 plus receipt of a \$1,000 donation, leaves a balance of \$722.24 after approving \$500 for casting and welding. Mr. Holman would be used because he had the equipment that wouldn't make a mess. Discussion was held on the cost of renting a ditch witch. Ms. Bates made a donation of \$100. Mr. Baker stated if they were over budget, the Selectmen would find a budget line item to pull from. Mr. Baker stated he doesn't want to debate this anymore.

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

Ms. Bates made a motion to have Gene Cuomo rent a ditch witch or come up with a better way to dig, to include the electrical placement drawing and to authorize Mr. Greer to proceed with the work. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Mr. Baker would follow-up with Mr. Cuomo.

Mr. Taylor asked about not putting a cover on the electrical box and shared that he wanted to put the roof and side back on. It was noted that Eversource stated a roof or doors couldn't be added. Mr. Taylor shared that he was waiting to hear from someone from the Historical Register. Mr. Baker shared that until the electrical box was finished, the doors couldn't be added.

Mr. Kenison mentioned a tool that dug a trench and buried the wire at the same time.

The Selectmen thanked them for coming in.

***** APPROVE MANIFESTS**

Mr. Baker 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.**

***** CONSTRUCTION PERMIT**

- **Map 32, Lot 45**
- **Map 6, Lot 31-4**

Map 32, Lot 45 – The Selectmen agreed to defer until reviewed by the Historic District Commission.

Map 6, Lot 31-4 – Ms. Bates made a motion to give conditional approval as long as the Code Enforcement Officer determines there isn't an additional bedroom or bathroom. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

***** VOLUNTEERING/COMMUNITY SERVICE – LIABILITY**

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed. Mr. Kenison moved that we ask Town counsel. Ms. Favreau shared that the Town wasn't required to allow someone to do community service, if there wasn't something for them to do. Ms. Favreau stated that the Selectmen made their decision because they determined it wasn't in the best interest of the Town for someone to do work in the Cemetery.

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

***** REVIEW ABATEMENT APPLICATION**

- **Map 22, Lot 3**

Mr. Baker reviewed the recommendation of Mark Stetson, Assessor with Avitar. Mr. Stetson's recommendation was to deny the abatement.

After discussion, Ms. Bates made a motion to deny the abatement for Map 22, Lot 3. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

***** REVIEW JUNKYARD RENEWAL APPLICATION**

- **Bailey & Sons Garage (Map 11, Lot 48-1)**

The Selectmen reviewed. Ms. Favreau would contact the State to determine when the next scheduled inspection would take place.

After discussion, the Selectmen agreed to defer action until additional information was received from the State.

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***** REVIEW AND SIGN 2020 FOREST FIRE WARDEN/DEPUTY APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT FORMS**

At 11:54 a.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 11:58 a.m. Mr. Baker 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.

Mr. Baker reviewed the list of Forest Fire Warden/Deputy/Issuing Agent reappointments and Deputy Forest Fire Warden appointments.

Mr. Baker made a motion to recommend the Forest Fire Warden/Deputy/Issuing Agent reappointments and Deputy Forest Fire Warden appointments. Ms. Bates seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Abstained. Approved – 2-0

***** REVIEW APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX CREDITS/EXEMPTIONS**
- Map 7, Lot 28-2

Mr. Baker reviewed the application for a solar exemption.

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

***** REVIEW ANONYMOUS COMPLAINT**
- White's Grove Road/White's Campground

Mr. Baker reviewed the complaint. Discussion was held on the fact that it was private land and a private road. Ms. Favreau mentioned the issue of draining into the lake. Mr. Baker mentioned the pipe running down the road. Ms. Favreau would e-mail Carole Ann Rocheleau to look into as a health issue. Mr. Baker asked who would understand the violation. Mr. Kenison stated it would be DES. After discussion, it was decided that Ms. Favreau would contact the State to look into.

***** RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**
- Robyn Andersen

Mr. Baker reviewed the Recreation Commission recommendation to appoint Robyn Andersen as a member.

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

***** FOLLOW-UP TO MUNICIPAL PERMITS FOR REGISTRATION**
- Title XXI, Section 261:157 – Exemption of Amputee and Other Disabled Veterans

Ms. Favreau shared that the Selectmen had asked for clarification on the Veterans registration exemption.

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

***** DISCUSS ELECTRICAL ON COMMON – Discussed earlier with members of the Common Committee.**

***** NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL STATE SCHOOL FUNDING**

The Selectmen reviewed and discussed. Ms. Favreau shared this would be additional revenue for the Town in 2020.

***** ACCEPT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESIGNATION**

The Selectmen reviewed Nancy Carney's resignation.

Ms. Bates made a motion to accept Ms. Carney's resignation as Emergency Management Director. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

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

At 12:39 p.m. Ms. Bates made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 1:21 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. Baker seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

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

At 1:21 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. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

At 1:38 p.m. Mr. Baker 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. Ms. Bates seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes.

***** NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II(a) – Evaluations - The Selectmen deferred until their next meeting.**

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

- **CHINOOK SOLAR – NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION**
- **STEEPLE PROJECT – Invoice from Dave Drasba** – Ms. Bates made a motion to approve the invoice in the amount of \$11,615.24. Mr. Kenison seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Bates - Yes, Mr. Kenison - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Mr. Baker gave background history on obtaining a proposal for the steeple work above the bell tower. Jay Southgate was now working on different components and would invoice the Town for this work. Mr. Baker noted that at some point we would want a bid for the additional work. The only detail of the estimate was the steeple. Some of the additional work has been estimated but Mr. Southgate was willing to continue to work this way and shared that the Selectmen could scrutinize his invoices. Mr. Baker asked that Mr. Southgate meet with the Selectmen to provide a bid for the additional work. Mr. Baker asked Mr. Southgate to submit an invoice for the additional \$15,000. Ms. Bates stated it didn't make sense to get another three bids for the additional work. Mr. Baker stated that he wanted to give Mr. Southgate until the end of August to get the additional bid to them. Mr. Baker stated it would cost 10 hours of time for Mr. Southgate to create the bid detail. Ms. Bates asked what the Town would get for the 10 hours. Mr. Baker shared that a detail of the work, material and cost would be provided. Ms. Bates asked Mr. Kenison how he felt about it. Mr. Kenison wanted to stay with Mr. Southgate and agreed with Mr. Baker. Ms. Bates stated it made sense in that 10 hours, the Selectmen get educated on the detail of the additional work. Mr. Baker would contact Mr. Southgate.

INFORMATION

- **Tax Collector Vacation Schedule**

Newsletter – Ms. Young shared with the Selectmen that the Town would start receiving a bill for \$150 per month. Mr. Baker stated the Selectmen were willing to support the newsletter. Ms. Bates shared that the Selectmen had determined that departments would be responsible for the cost of advertising in the newsletter. Ms. Young shared that the Library would be billed \$50 for their full page ad and that she had met with the Friends of the Library. Mr. Baker asked if they were okay with that. Ms. Young felt that they were. Mr. Baker asked about the organizational structure of the newsletter and if they were set up as a non-profit. The Selectmen had asked that this be done when they discussed having the newsletter come under the umbrella of the Town. Ms. Young shared that Janet Wilkinson had discussed coming under the umbrella of the Town but decided not to do that. Mr. Baker shared that all volunteers were subject to some liability and the Selectmen were concerned with that, if the Town was funding it. Ms. Young stated that she wasn't sure the Town was funding – just paying a bill. Ms. Favreau shared that the Town was just a vendor.

The Selectmen discussed their meeting agendas and noted the additional workload because of the solar project. Discussion was held on how to communicate and how to be more organized.

The Selectmen agreed to keep their August meeting schedule the same with alternating Thursday mornings and Wednesday evenings. Mr. Baker asked that the Selectmen's meeting schedule be e-mailed to them.

Meeting Schedule: 9:00 a.m. – Tuesday, July 9, 2019
9:00 a.m. – Thursday, July 18, 2019
7:00 p.m. – Wednesday, July 24, 2019
9:00 a.m. – Thursday, August 1, 2019

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Ms. Bates made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Kenison 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