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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2017
6:30 p.m.

Selectmen Present: Susan Silverman, Nancy Carney, Daniel Baker

Ms. Silverman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PRIMARY:

***** APPROVE MINUTES**
- **November 13, 2017**

Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Silverman seconded. Mr. Baker – Abstained, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 2-0

***** APPROVE MANIFESTS**

Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the manifests. Ms. Silverman seconded. Mr. Baker – Abstained, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 2-0

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

6:30 NON-PUBLIC SESSION - RSA 91-A:3 II(c)

At 6:30 p.m. Ms. Silverman made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Ms. Carney seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

At 6:43 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. Baker seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

At 6:48 p.m. Ms. Carney made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Mr. Baker seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

At 7:03 p.m. Ms. Carney 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. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

At 7:04 p.m. Ms. Silverman made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Ms. Carney seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

At 7:13 p.m. Ms. Carney 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. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

7:15 MEET WITH CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Members of the Conservation Commission: Paul Kotila, Chair, Barbara Green, Dorothy Zug, Hiel Lindquist, Rick Brackett, Kevin Woolley, and Jeanne Sable, Secretary met with the Selectmen to give an update. Mr. Kotila shared that they have accepted a Stewardship Plan for the Katie Metzger Forest and over the next few months would design a plan for the trail. Ms. Silverman asked about access. Mr. Kotila shared that it was off of Rt 119, which at some point, would have parking. One consideration was to think about how to use both entrances or may be the 3rd, not necessarily for parking but to connect in other ways not just the forest. Mr. Brackett shared they were mostly in the feasibility concept phase. Members decided to do the trail design first, so when it comes time to do forest management, they would work around the trails. Ms. Silverman

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shared that Mr. Woolley had mapped out some of the vernal pools. Ms. Zug shared that she was watching a couple of properties: the Wenniger property, which goes around the pond, and also the Tolton property, which has been sold. Ms. Zug mentioned that she had met the new owner, who shared with her that he wanted to get used to the property and knew the Conservation Commission was interested in his property. Ms. Silverman asked if they were interested in other areas or just that side. Mr. Brackett shared the Conservation Commission was looking at the Chamberlain property but there's a title issue they are working on through the Conservancy. There's also a property on Fullam Hill Road they were looking at. Mr. Brackett stated the Conservation Commission wanted to build on the management units they have and also want to go ownership/management.

It was mentioned that the dog waste stations were being used and the Selectmen were asked if they were considering putting one on the green. Ms. Silverman replied "no". Mr. Brackett shared there may be an opportunity to put one at the Chamberlain property as there was parking there.

Ms. Zug asked about the Campbell property. Ms. Favreau shared it would need to be a Warrant Article. Mr. Baker asked why it was wanted.

Mr. Lindquist asked if the Selectmen had any new information on the solar array. Ms. Silverman shared that some property owners near the substation had been approach.

Ms. Silverman asked about the donation request in addition to membership dues and mentioned the Selectmen held onto their request because they didn't understand using taxpayer dollars. Mr. Kotila stated there were so many organizations that they, as a conservation organization, depend on. Mr. Kotila shared they would like to be able to acknowledge these organizations to be there when they need them and it wouldn't be a regular donation. The Conservation Commission would like to make an annual decision for something like this to go to an individual organization. This was a first attempt to do this to contribute to an organization that helps them. Ms. Silverman suggested it might be better to be added as a line item in their budget or a Warrant Article to let people know what they were doing and what organizations we were supporting. Mr. Kotila asked what line item it would be, as it wouldn't be the same organization every year. Discussion was held on how the Conservation Commission could handle it, what budget line item it could fall under – i.e. Other and explain, and they would need to make a decision when planning their budget. Ms. Silverman shared that she would like them to be transparent in how they support other organizations. Mr. Kotila mentioned it was too late and Ms. Carney shared that they could amend their budget.

The Selectmen thanked them for coming in.

7:30 MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES JOHN HUNT AND JOHN O'DAY

- School Funding
- Rhododendron Road

Representatives John Hunt and John O'Day met with the Selectmen to discuss the following:

Rhododendron Road – Gene Cuomo gave an overview of what was agreed to in 1989 between the Town and the State. In 1992 Rhododendron Road was resurfaced – Town and State both paid 50% of the cost. Mr. Cuomo shared that Rhododendron Road was coming up for paving and he had talked with Senator Andy Sanborn about it but no one knows about the program. In 1973 the State took some Class 5 roads and changed them to Class 2. A Class 2 road was under the State. Mr. Cuomo wanted to find out if there was funding available. Representative Hunt suggested Mr. Cuomo research what was going on in Rindge (Cathedral Road) and if the State puts funding on that road then they should do the same for Rhododendron Road. Mr. Cuomo mentioned that it was noted that Rhododendron Road wasn't brought up to the State's specs.

School Funding – Representatives Hunt and O'Day shared that Rindge and Jaffrey were going through the same issues. Ms. Silverman shared the School Board was being pushed to talk about the funding formula. Ms. Carney shared that the Superintendent's Office was being asked for information but Fitzwilliam goes through the State for funding information. Ms. Carney shared that the School Board, at their last meeting, decided not to discuss the funding formula. Ms. Silverman shared the State needed to come up with a more reasonable way to fund education. Representative Hunt shared that Jaffrey got more State funding than Rindge because they have more at-risk children. Discussion continued on how towns are affected, pitting one town against another, disrupting working relations that have been established, donor and receiver towns, using assessed values only, not student population and the formula was currently 75/25.

Representatives Hunt and O'Day stated that anytime the Town wanted to put in an RSA to let them know.

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*** **CONSTRUCTION PERMIT**

- **Map 14, Lot 8-2**
- **Map 14, Lot 37**
- **Map 17, Lot 4**
- **Energy Code Application**

Map 14, Lot 8-2 – Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the Construction Permit for Map 14, Lot 8-2. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0
The Selectmen agreed that an Occupancy Permit wasn't needed.

Map 14, Lot 37 – Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the Construction Permit for Map 14, Lot 37. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0
The Selectmen agreed that an Occupancy Permit was needed.

Map 17, Lot 4 – Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the Construction Permit for Map 17, Lot 4. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0
The Selectmen agreed that an Occupancy Permit was needed.

Energy Code Application – Ms. Favreau shared with the Selectmen that she had e-mailed the Public Utilities Commission to determine if an Energy Code Application was necessary if heating with wood. Someone came in and shared that his contractor had told him they didn't need one because of heating with wood. The reply from the Public Utilities Commission was that the application was strictly administrative for the State.

Ms. Carney made a motion to no longer require an Energy Code Application. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

The Selectmen asked Ms. Favreau to put something in the Newsletter.

*** **REVIEW LETTER FROM MARK STETSON**

Re: Assessment Ratio

The Selectmen reviewed the letter from Mark Stetson, Assessor Supervisor, Avitar regarding the preliminary 2017 DRA Assessment to Sales Ratio, which was 99.4%.

*** **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

- **Review Police, Animal Control and Conservation – Meeting with the Budget Committee this week** - Tabled
- **Tree at the Depot Common – to purchase now**
- **Trees in front of the Town Hall – to purchase in the spring**

Tree at the Depot Common – to purchase now – Ms. Silverman shared that the Selectmen talked about replacing the tree last year but agreed that it was too late to plant now.

Trees in front of the Town Hall – to purchase in the spring – Ms. Silverman discussed the type of trees to put in and suggested hiring someone to grind the stumps. The Selectmen asked Ms. Favreau to get pricing on stump grinding.

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

At 8:45 p.m. Ms. Silverman made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(b). Ms. Carney seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

At 8:46 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. Ms. Carney seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Selectmen discussed how best to communicate with Bill Harper. Mr. Harper was unable to meet with the Selectmen tonight and they asked Ms. Favreau to schedule Mr. Harper to meet with them next week. The Selectmen agreed to meet at 6:45 next Monday.

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Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Ms. Carney seconded and the motion passed. 3-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Susan Silverman, Chairman

Nancy Carney, Vice Chairman

Daniel Baker
Board of Selectmen