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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 4, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Selectmen Present: Susan Silverman, Nancy Carney, Daniel Baker

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

PRIMARY:

***** APPROVE MINUTES**
- November 27, 2017

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

***** APPROVE MANIFESTS**

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

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

7:15 MEET WITH GENE CUOMO, ROAD AGENT

Gene Cuomo, Road Agent met with the Selectmen to review his 2018 budget for the Highway Department and Transfer Station. Mr. Cuomo shared that he won't hire anyone until the spring. He has lined up Ross Tourigny and Dave Loocke to help plow. Mr. Cuomo stated it was getting harder to hire and mentioned that anyone with a CDL license can make more money than the Town pays. Mr. Cuomo left the position in his budget. Ms. Favreau asked if he budgeted the position for a full year. Mr. Cuomo shared that he always budgets that way. Mr. Cuomo stated that if the Selectmen wanted him to hire a fourth guy he would do that and if not, he could take that position out of his budget. Ms. Silverman stated that if Mr. Cuomo was confident that he could get by with the crew that he has, it was fine not to hire now. Mr. Cuomo stated he would adjust his budget. Ms. Favreau asked if it was better for his department to have a fourth guy seasonally. Mr. Cuomo shared that he has thrown that around to his guys and has talked about finding a laborer. Mr. Baker noted that in this economy, Mr. Cuomo could lose one of his full-time guys. Mr. Baker suggested Mr. Cuomo stick with his plan and hire in April.

Mr. Cuomo shared that he was doing a dead tree survey. As of now, there are several hundred dead trees and he tries to cut 15-20 trees at a cost of \$10,000. This expense comes out of his highway budget.

Mr. Cuomo and the Selectmen discussed the bridge at Collins Pond, look at closing if the State requires a permanent fix as cost was upwards of \$200,000, 2 bridges on Templeton Turnpike and one at #4 Road, and creating a bridge fund and funding every year. Ms. Silverman mentioned re-evaluating in CIP to put more than \$20,000 in. It could take care of half of the cost and do a Warrant Article for the remainder of the cost.

Mr. Cuomo gave an update on Rhododendron Road. He had talked with the Road Agent in Rindge and was told the State does all of the maintenance except for winter maintenance. Mr. Cuomo was given contact information for someone in Concord and he has left a message. Mr. Cuomo stated that he doesn't want to pour all of the Town's money into Rhododendron Road until he exhausts all avenues.

Transfer Station budget – Mr. Cuomo stated that he would stay with Mondanock Disposal and 2018 would be the 3rd year of service with them. Mr. Cuomo shared there are 3 guys at the Transfer Station and all were due for a step increase. The building has a new roof and was insulated. Mr. Cuomo noted that the electricity cost was up.

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Ms. Silverman shared that she had talked with a representative of ReVision Energy and they help municipalities put in solar arrays.

Mr. Cuomo stated he was keeping a list of signs to be replaced that were bent or faded and would place an order before year-end.

Discussion was held on the intersection of Rt 119 West, Richmond Road and Upper and Lower Troy Road.

Mr. Cuomo shared that he wanted to purchase a hotbox – it's like a sander and heats asphalt and patch. He put a request into CIP, but he has enough money in his budget to purchase before year-end. The Selectmen agreed to purchase in this year's budget.

Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the purchase of a hotbox. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Ms. Favreau asked Mr. Cuomo if he wanted to increase his Bridge Capital Reserve. Ms. Silverman stated to round up to \$35,000. Discussion was held on culverts, size determines whether an Engineer was needed, increase in cost because of the need for an Engineer, and the Town having a lot of large culverts that are in rough shape.

Mr. Cuomo would revise his budget and forward to Ms. Favreau by the end of the week.

Mr. Cuomo shared that Carl Michaelson may be willing to do the shoveling. Mr. Cuomo would follow-up. Mr. Cuomo would also obtain another quote for stump grinding.

*** REVIEW LETTER FROM AVITAR ASSOCIATES – LAND USE CHANGE TAX

Re: **Map 7, Lot 28**
Map 41, Lot 2-1

Ms. Silverman reviewed the letter from Mark Stetson, Assessor Supervisor with Avitar regarding Land Use Change Tax recommendations for the following properties:

Map 7, Lot 28 – Mr. Baker made a motion to accept the recommendation of Avitar. Ms. Carney seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Map 41, Lot 2-1 – Mr. Baker made a motion to accept the recommendation of Avitar. Ms. Carney seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

*** CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Map 10, Lot 68-06
Map 6, Lot 13
Map 11, Lot 38-2

Map 10, Lot 68-06 – Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the Construction Permit for Map 10, Lot 68-06. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Map 6, Lot 13 – Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the Construction Permit for Map 6, Lot 13. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Map 11, Lot 38-2 – Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the Construction Permit for Map 11, Lot 38-2. Ms. Carney seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

*** OCCUPANCY PERMIT

Map 28, Lot 17

Map 28, Lot 17 – Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the Occupancy Permit for Map 28, Lot 17. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

Ms. Favreau noted the condition that the storage space above the garage cannot be made into a living area because it would exceed the 800 square foot requirement.

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*** **REVIEW REPORT FROM SOUTHGATE STEEPLE**

Ms. Favreau shared that Jay Southgate of Southgate Steeple Jacks wanted to know if the Selectmen would like him to prepare a quote as it takes a day and a half to prepare. Ms. Favreau reported that he was a year out.

The Selectmen discussed the fact that the work needed to be done right away. The Selectmen discussed bringing Bill Harper in to discuss the need for a performance clause in the contract, concern that a lot of things didn't get addressed in last week's quote, and the latest contractor's concern of the possibility of the steeple collapsing.

Ms. Favreau shared that the other steeple company would contact her this winter. Mr. Baker asked Ms. Favreau to schedule a meeting with Mr. Harper next week.

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

At 8:00 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 8:05 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.

*** **NON-PUBLIC SESSION RSA 91-A:3 II(e)**

At 8:06 p.m. Mr. Baker made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(e). Ms. Carney seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes.

At 8:15 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.

*** **PRIME WETLANDS UPDATE**

Ms. Silverman reported that Rick Van de Poll notified her that there was a new person in charge of prime wetlands at the State level. Ms. Silverman reviewed Mr. Van de Poll's e-mail.

*** **REVIEW LETTER FROM FRANK BEQUAERT – Tabled until next week**

**Re: TAC Representative
Rt 12 S Safety Island Project
Intersection at Rt 119 W, Richmond Road, Upper and Lower Troy Roads**

*** **REVIEW LETTER FROM ATTORNEY MARK BELIVEAU, PIERCE ATWOOD LLP**

**Re: Filing of Motion to Terminate Receivership and Discharge Receiver
Map 15, Lot 29**

The Selectmen reviewed.

*** **VETERAN TAX CREDIT APPLICATION**

Ms. Silverman reviewed the Veteran Tax Credit Application for Wayne Dunham, Jr. Mr. Dunham requested a veteran's tax credit.

Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the Veteran Tax Credit. Mr. Baker seconded. Mr. Baker – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

*** **REVIEW SOLAR ORDINANCE DRAFT**

The Selectmen reviewed. Mr. Baker asked about the 2 different noise ordinances. Ms. Carney would asked at tomorrow night's Planning Board meeting.

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*** **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Ms. Favreau mentioned that the Selectmen needed to review the budgets. Ms. Silverman asked about the Rettig property and doing a Warrant Article.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Review Proposed 2018 County Budget – Up \$4,594,974 – 10%** - The Selectmen reviewed and discussed.
- **Public Notice** – The Selectmen reviewed.

The Selectmen reviewed their meeting schedule due to the Holidays and agreed to meet on Wednesday, December 27th at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Silverman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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