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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Selectmen Present: Brian Doerpholz, Chairman; Martin Nolan; Nancy Carney

Selectman Absent: none

Guests: Dana Pinney; Suzanne Grey, Planning Board Chairman

Also Present: Debbie Favreau, Town Administrator; Shannon Lucas, Secretary

Call to Order

1. Mr. Doerpholz called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Public Comment:

1. Ms. Grey is here to give background info on ZBA. She is concerned that representatives from the planning board are not in attendance when ZBA issues are discussed. She also gave some background information on some relevant issues
2. Mr. Doerpholz suggests that a Planning Board representative meet with the BoS on Election Day 1/23/2024, Ms. Grey accepts, and states a representative other than herself can attend

Consent Agenda – Ms. Carney made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Mr. Nolan seconded, motion carried 3-0

New Business

1. Reviewed legal invoice
2. Reviewed proposed zoning amendments mentioned by Ms. Grey in public comments
3. Discuss Moderator position
 - a. Up to supervisors of checklist to fulfill position
 - b. Cuomo and Sutton will decide between them which of them will do it
4. Review ZBA Administrative Decision of Appeal
 - a. Appeal was postponed until after the planning board has worked with turnkey on issues presented
5. Make year-end budget transfers
6. Budget work
 - a. Review estimated revenue
 1. Estimated for 2023: \$1,097,000.00
 - a. Actual: \$1,192,582.00
 2. Estimated for 2024: \$1,142,549
 - b. Loss of employee at DPW, suggest leaving training money in operating budget

- c. Mr. Nolan states that salary increase for selectmen causing consternation among some citizens
 - i. Mr. Doerpholz reminds that it has been 17 years since the last increase
 - ii. Mr. Pinney hands statement to Mr. Doerpholz
 - iii. Mr. Nolan made motion to reverse decision to increase selectmen's compensation to 8k back to original 5k per year; Mr. Doerpholz seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0
- d. Review CIP
 - i. New request from Parks and Rec, want to double amount from last year, for basketball? court and repairs to the pole barn
 - 1. Leave request at \$10,000 and address the courts
 - ii. Reviewed DPW budget for final recommended numbers
 - iii. Reviewed Police budget for final recommended numbers
 - iv. Reviewed Library budget for final recommended numbers
 - v. Reviewed Fire budget for final recommended numbers
 - vi. Reviewed Conservation budget for final recommended numbers
 - vii. Economic sign
- e. Review petition warrant articles
 - i. The Board of Selectmen reviewed the request to increase the Veterans tax exemption from 500 to 750
 - 1. Mr. Nolan made a motion to approve the request; Ms. Carney 2nd; Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Nolan – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes. Approved – 3-0
 - ii. Re: Changing zoning at Dunkin Donuts, petition failed/invalid; enough signatures on petition, but not the required minimum of 25 registered voters
- f. Budget transfers
 - i. Street lighting over budget \$1,064.01
 - ii. Transfer station over budget \$1,766.90
 - iii. Health over budget by \$107.22
 - iv. Mr. Doerpholz made motion to transfer budget overages from Parks and Rec; Mr. Nolan 2nd; all in favor 3-0

Non-public Session 91-A:3 II(c)

At 7:09 p.m. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Mr. Nolan seconded; the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Nolan – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes.
 At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to leave non-public session. Nolan seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Nolan – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes.

Non-public Session 91-A:3 II(a)

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a). Mr. Nolan seconded; the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Nolan – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes.

At 7:40 p.m. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to leave non-public session. Mr. Nolan seconded: the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Nolan – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes.

Non-public Session 91-A:3 II(a) 32 L

At 7:40 p.m. Mr. Doerpholz made a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II(a) 32L. Mr. Nolan seconded; the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Nolan – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes.

At 7:45 p.m. Ms. Carney made a motion to leave non-public session. Mr. Doerpholz seconded and the motion passed 3-0. Roll Call vote: Mr. Doerpholz – Yes, Mr. Nolan – Yes, Ms. Carney - Yes.

Adjournment

- Mr. Doerpholz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.; Mr. Nolan seconded; motion passed 3-0

Submitted by:

Shannon Godby Lucas
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Brian Doerpholz, Chairman

Martin Nolan

Nancy Carney

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