



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 1, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Selectmen Present: Martin Nolan, Chairman-late; Nancy Carney; Thomas Rothermel

Guests: Dana Pinney; Mike Piquette; David Tighe; Gretchen Wittenborg; Pat Deyo; Leonard DiSalvo, Chief of Police; Marion Wheeler, Tax Collector

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

Call to Order

1. Ms. Carney called the meeting to order at 6 pm
 - a. Nancy Carney; Thomas Rothermel
 - b. Mr. Nolan arrived at 6:15

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Pinney asked about a parking ordinance that may already be on the books

Appointments

1. 6:15 Meet with Gretchen Wittenborg
 - a. Discussion regarding decision on legal case Wittenborg V. Fitzwilliam Water District
 - i. FWD has no rights or easements in property and never has since January 2007
 - ii. FWD is a quasi-public/quasi-private organization
 1. BoS has ultimate jurisdiction over FWD
 2. reported septic/sewage smell from property across street
 3. repercussions from lien placed on property title related to FWD issue
 4. questionable recognition of the FWD as a legitimate entity with the State
 5. brought a petition for withdrawing her property from the Water District and causes that accompany
 6. Board will take everything under advisement and have response prepared in all haste
 - b. Discussion regarding steps to take to legalize Town propane tank siting and usage
2. 6:30 Meet with Pat Deyo
 - a. Laurel lake boat ramp improvement project
 - i. Mr. Deyo on Laurel Lake Board of Directors
 - ii. Ramp project is co-operative effort between Twon and LLA
 - iii. Brought proposal for ramp improvements that stays within grant budget and meets all requirements of impact on watershed

- iv. Have an opportunity to outsource work, because plans are complete and there are safety issues on the ramp and it could happen sooner
 - v. Coordination is trickiest part in order to expedite the repair
 - vi. Board will discuss and have a response prepared as soon as possible
- 3. 6:45 Meet with Chief DiSalvo
 - a. Discuss no parking ordinance for portion of East Lake Rd and how far the zone should extend
 - i. Complaints about how little passage is available when cars park on the road in that location
 - ii. Recommended public hearing on proposed ordinance, need two weeks to post for a public hearing
- 4. Non-Public RSA 91-A :3 II (e) Legal
- 5. 8:00 Meet with Tax Collector, Marion Wheeler

tax levies with undesirable obligation or potential legal issues

 - a. Property 1
 - i. Property owner deceased since 2018, taxes owed from 2014 onward
 - ii. Town can appoint administrator of estate if no heirs come forward
 - iii. Reasons why Town may not want to take ownership of property
 - b. Property 2
 - i. Taxes not paid since they bought in December 2020 to tune of about \$12k
 - ii. No mortgage
 - iii.
 - c. Property 3
 - i. On payment plan and fairly regularly making payments owes \$20,637
 - d. Property 4
 - i. Several years of owed back taxes, last payment made in July of 2023 (\$19,000), still owes 11k
 - e. Property 5
 - i. Owes 39k, has payment plan, last payment in September 2020
 - f. Property 6
 - i. Owes \$28,321 since 2018, both deceased in early 2019
 - ii. no will
 - iii. In touch with daughter, advised her to go through probate to become administrators
 - iv. Son hands-off
 - g. Property 7
 - i. Deceased January 2017, owes taxes from 2020 onward, \$6k
 - ii. No mortgage
 - iii. Daughter lives at property
 - h. Property 8
 - i. \$22k, in arrears since always
 - ii. Just property, people dump on his property without his permission
 - i. Property 9
 - i. Last payment August 2023 to stave of deeding, owes \$10,143
 - ii. Lien with NHES
 - iii. Has judgement with Town
 - iv. No payment plan
 - v. Multi-family home
 - j. Property10
 - i. Owes 12k, no payment plan
 - k. Property11
 - i. Deceased
 - ii. Taxes owed since 2018
 - iii. \$8,194 owed
 - iv. Last payment made August 2023
 - v. Hardship exemption

- vi. No mortgage
- I. Property 12
 - i. Deceased in 2020
 - ii. Son executor
 - iii. Owes \$12,447
 - iv. was making payments online, is making an effort
- m. Property 13
 - i. Since 2008, \$63,881
 - ii. Has payment plan, no payment since November after consistent payments
- n. Property 14
 - i. Homeowners deceased, daughter taken over
 - ii. 2021 paid all owed except \$57 penalty, but penalties racked up
 - iii. total owed \$16,913.95
- o. Property 15
 - i. Owes \$36,185
 - ii. On payment plan, but faithfully makes \$100 payment every month
- p. BoS suggests letter to property owners to come in and discuss payment plan or face losing property
 - i. Will discuss options

Consent Agenda

- Approve 4/24/24 public and non-public minutes
- Construction Permits
 - Map 10, Lot 11-1
 - Map 15, Lot 54-2
 - Map 2, Lot 13

Mr. Rothermel made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Carney seconded, motion carried 2-0

Continued Business

1. email regarding livestock
 - a. additional complaint email received and discussed
2. Mr. Rothermel met with chief Dubriske and had brief tour of facilities; briefed on their departmental status
3. Dropped bid request from Home Depot, a rep from a company in Keene coming in to give third estimate in their stead
4. Set up interviews for DPW applicants
5. Brief discussion of upcoming ARPA projects

Other Business – Information Only

1. Confirmation from State regarding cancellation of grant
 - a. No repercussions against future grant applications
 - b. Recommendation to speak with DPW director regarding using smaller trucks for plowing
2. Invite from Economic Development Committee
 - a. May 16, 2024, Selectmen are invited and sign-up highly recommended
3. Emerson School meeting with Planning Board regarding renovations
 - a. Tony Breen stopped in and checked in regarding renos at school; to which Board should it be presented?
 - i. Planning Board is proper channel to start, BoS rep will be present
4. Greenan letter requesting site review plan, but all associated agencies have already denied a construction permit

Part (A) Non-Public RSA 91-A :3 II (e) Legal

At 7:13 p.m. Mr. Rothermel moved to go into non-public session ; Mr. Nolan seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0

At 7:30 p.m. Ms. Carney moved to go back to public session ; Mr. Rothermel seconded the motion; motion passed 3-0 Roll Call vote: Mr. Rothermel -yes, Mr. Nolan - yes, Ms. Carney – yes

After returning to public session Mr. Nolan moved to seal non-public minutes; Ms. Carney seconded; motion passed 3-0

Adjournment

- Ms. Carney moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.; Mr. Nolan seconded; motion passed 3-0

Submitted by:

Shannon Godby Lucas
Secretary

Martin Nolan, Chairman

Nancy Carney

Thomas Rothermel

Board of Selectmen