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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

September 24, 2012

Selectmen Present: Chair Betsy Hardwick, Scott Carbee, and Abigail Arnold

Also present: Tom Anderson and James Clarke

CALL TO ORDER: Betsy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

New Business

There was discussion about a shipping container that was donated to the Highway Department. Betsy stated she spoke to Road Agent Gary Paige and it is going to be used to store tires. The Board agreed to ask Gary about if it can be put somewhere other than in the front of the building. There was also discussion about how much money should be spent upgrading it.

Scott stated the Town Office's chimney has been capped and was inspected. The Town is still awaiting a bid on the work along the foundation.

The Board discussed the need to prepare for an early storm like we had last year. The Board agreed that the Highway Department will switch to the 5 day per week schedule effective October 8 – Mike will let Gary know.

The Board agreed to continue beginning their meetings at 6 PM effective next week.

The Board received a letter from Alan Thulander regarding the Vehicle Museum making recommendations – the Board will discuss it further on 10/8. The alarm keypads for the Town Hall and the Museum will need to be individually heated so they function properly in the winter. The Board discussed whether or not there is an agreement stating that the Town has or will assume ownership of the Museum. Scott stated that all of the exhibits currently in the Museum are Town-owned. The Board discussed the need to recognize Alan's efforts to make the Museum a reality. Betsy will talk to Charlie Pyle about Francestown Improvement & Historical Society's thoughts. Scott will speak to Fire Chief Kullgren about finding a Saturday to hold an event prior to Alan leaving late in October or in early November.

Old Business

The Board has received a financial review proposal from MRI and will review this at a later time.

Administrative Update

Mike stated the Highway Department is running low on gas and they were wondering if they needed the Board's authorization to order more. The Board stated that they do not need authorization.

Correspondence

Letter from Jan Hicks with Monadnock Quilters regarding putting up signs – The Board agreed that they can not put signs up on the triangle or the scale, they must be over by the horse sheds.

Letter from the Bennington Conservation Commission regarding perambulation of Town lines – Betsy stated that Francestown sent Bennington initiation information in 2010. Ben Haubrich is the Town's perambulation agent and he is able to attend the date set by Bennington, even though it was up to Francestown to initiate as the older town. The Board requested that Mike contact New Boston and Lyndeborough with a notice that we are past due on our perambulation, even though they are the older Towns.

Letter requesting funding from Monadnock United Way – this will be put in the 2013 Budget file.

Response from Tim Greene regarding how the GASB statement discussed last week should not impact the Town's fund balance.

Letter from Primex regarding the receipt of our refund check – the Board asked if this impacts the Town's rate stabilization received by staying with Primex for a long-term agreement. Mike stated he did not believe so but will follow up with Primex to confirm.

Items to Sign

1. Response to Terry Risk regarding September 11th election complaint – Mike stated this was approved by the Moderator.
2. Building permit for an unheated shed on Map 6 Lot 35.
3. Payroll Manifest for 9/24.
4. Payables Manifest for 9/24.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the 9/10 minutes as amended.

The Board approved the 9/17 minutes as amended. The Board clarified that they are looking for a current operations budget and they want the departments' recommendations for significant changes.

The Board approved the May 21 minutes as written.

The Board approved the May 14 minutes as written.

The Board approved the May 7 minutes as written.

The Board approved the April 30 minutes as written.

The Board approved the April 23 minutes as written.

The Board approved the April 16 minutes as written.

The Board approved the April 9 minutes as written.

The Board approved the March 26 minutes as written.

The Board approved the March 19 minutes as written.

The Board approved the March 16 minutes as written.

The Board approved the March 12 minutes as written.

James Clarke came in and discussed with the Board his Land Use Change Tax bill. The Board clarified a few matters regarding the LUCT bill and the assessing cycle for Mr. Clarke.

MOTION: Betsy made motion to enter nonpublic session at 8:15, seconded by Scott pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) personnel, (c) reputation of someone other than a member of the Board, and (d) property.

Roll Call vote to enter nonpublic session:	Betsy Hardwick	Aye
	Scott Carbee	Aye
	Abigail Arnold	Aye

The meeting room was cleared and the Board entered nonpublic session at 8:15 p.m.

At 8:40 the Board returned to public session having decided not to seal the minutes regarding reputation and one of the sessions on personnel and having voted by a vote of 2/3's or greater of the members present to not disclose the minutes and decisions reached therein to the public regarding the remaining topics, as divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the public body itself and would render a proposed decision ineffective, until – in the opinion of a majority of the members – the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply.

The Board agreed on charcoal shingles for the Town Hall Annex.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: October 1 at 6 PM

ADJOURNMENT: Betsy adjourned the meeting at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted by Administrative Coordinator Michael Branley

Approved on September 24, 2012

Board of Selectmen Chair Betsy Hardwick

Selectman Scott S. Carbee

Selectperson Abigail Arnold