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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2015

Selectmen Present: Chairperson Abigail Arnold, Brad Howell, and Scott Carbee

Staff Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike

Also present: Jim Gaan, Polly Freese, Guy Tolman, Lisa Bourbeau, and others.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Consent Agenda

1. 10/12/2015 Payroll Manifests
2. 10/12/2015 Payables Manifests
3. Driveway Permit Application – Mike & Mary Murphy – Map 3 Lot 29-1

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Carbee to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Motion passes.**

Mr. Carbee called for a point of order and requested Ms. Arnold declare her vote on the above motion. Ms. Arnold declared that she voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Howell made a statement regarding the tone of recent meetings and the less than favorable comments that have been made. Mr. Howell encouraged the members of the Board to avoid sniping at one another. He also said that while member of the public may have 1st Amendment rights to say what they want, he asked them to refrain from making personal attacks and instead speak to the merits of the issues.

Items to Sign

1. Land Use Tax Change Warrant – VonRosenvinge Map 9 Lot 23

The warrant was signed as approved at the meeting held on October 5, 2015.

New Business

Mr. Pike presented two contract proposals for extension approval. 1) M & N Assessing in the amount of \$8,500 and 2) Roberts and Greene, PLLC in the amount of \$10,200. Both of these contracts are for the 2016 services of general assessing and auditing respectively.

A motion as made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Carbee to approve both contracts as presented. **Motion passes.**

Chairperson Arnold stated that there is approximately a \$25k surplus in the Building Projects warrant article #8 budget item. The Board was asked to think about further projects for this year or to allow the surplus to lapse into the Capital Reserve Fund. This item will be brought forward for discussion at the next meeting.

Correspondence

1. Report of the Town Administrator

Liaison Reports

Mr. Howell reported that the Heritage Commission had met Saturday, October 10th. The focus of the meeting was to draft a letter on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and the Heritage Commission for all town residents and interested parties as a fundraising effort for the Town Hall restoration project. Mr. Howell will be drafting this letter and submitting to the Boards for approval at a future meeting.

Administrative Update

Mr. Pike provided an update on the electrical system at the Transfer Station. Matt of Grace Electric reviewed the site and infrastructure on Wednesday, October 7th and found no substantive cause for the failure that had previously occurred. It was the opinion of Matt that there need not be any immediate changes to the motor or phase converter, but a plan should be developed should a catastrophic failure occur in the future to minimize any downtime.

Mr. Pike also reported that Jeff Harrington of Blake Equipment will be visiting the Library later this week to review the geothermal system and discuss about possibly moving forward with some type of forensic engineering report.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Carbee to approve the minutes of September 14th and September 21st with minor grammatical corrections. **Motion passes.**

Other Business

A motion was made by Mr. Carbee and seconded by Ms. Arnold to enter a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, II(a) to discuss the dismissal, promotion or compensation of a public employee. Roll Call Vote: Arnold, Aye; Carbee, Aye; Howell, Aye. **Motion passes unanimously.**

The Board returned to public session at 6:50pm.

Ms. Freese asked when the landscaping contract was going to be coming before the Board. It was stated that the contract is expected for the next meeting.

Mr. Gann asked Ms. Arnold about a statement that she made during the last meeting regarding an action not being into the “model of downtown”. Ms. Arnold did not recall making the statement.

NEXT BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING: Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Arnold adjourned the meeting at 6:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Not approved until signed.

Abigail Arnold

Scott Carbee

Brad Howell