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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 2016

Selectmen Present: Chairman Brad Howell, Abigail Arnold and Henry Kunhardt

Staff Present: Town Administrator Jamie A Pike

Also Present: Betty Behrsing, Robin Haubrich, Jan Hicks, Len Mannino, Ruth Behrsing, Polly Freese and others.

Chairman Howell called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Mr. Howell announced the tragic and unexpected death of 18 year old Cole Wohle who died of a heart attack in Vermont while competing in a rodeo. The funeral will be held at the Old Meeting House on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Howell asked that everyone respect the Wohle's privacy while they mourn the loss of their son, and if called upon to help, do so

Len Mannino, Republican Candidate for County Commission, District 3

Mr. Mannino spoke about his plans, if elected, to improve transparency, improve accountability across departments, reduce costs and restructure the way the County approves the final budget.

Consent Agenda

- A. 08/01/2016 Payroll & Accounts Payable Manifests
- B. Trustee of Trust Funds for Kevin Pobst
- C. Building Permit for Paula Hunter, 151 Reid Road, Map 2 Lot 26
- D. Notice of Property Lien on Map 7 Lot 5-9B

A motion was made by Ms. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Kunhardt to approve the consent agenda items A through D. **Motion Passes.**

New Business

Charitable Exemptions - These renewal requests are for existing exemptions. The Board discussed whether or not all the lots in the renewal requests are eligible for the charitable exemption and what makes them eligible for the exemption. After discussion it was decided as follows:

- Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center - Brad Howell made a motion to approve the Charitable Exemption, seconded by Abigail Arnold. **Motion Passes.**
- Fracestown Improvement & Historical Society and Old Meeting House of Fracestown - Brad Howell made a motion to approve the Charitable Exemptions for each organization, seconded by Abigail Arnold. **Motion Passes.**

- Francestown Village Water Company - Brad Howell made a motion to approve the Charitable Exemption, seconded by Abigail Arnold, Henry Kunhardt, opposed. **Motion Passes.**
- New England Forestry Foundation, Inc. - Brad Howell made a motion to approve the exemption for Map 6 Lot 55 but the exemption for Map 3 Lot 1 & 5 were denied, seconded by Abigail Arnold. **Motion Passes.**

Mr. Howell indicated that a budget for the grant writer Barbara Miller was needed so that she can apply for grants. There was a budget prepared by Barbara Miller indicating that only \$75,000 needed to be raised for the Town Hall project, which was inaccurate. There was discussion regarding how the amount was calculated and what is included in hard costs and soft costs. Mr. Howell indicated that the best cost estimate the town currently has is what should be attached to the grant application. He presented a budget summary for consideration and asked that Board of Selectmen members review and approve it at the next meeting. The budget summary is needed for grant applications.

Ms. Arnold asked about the site walk for the Moulton Memorial Forest. The previously scheduled date of August 7th is no longer available due to the funeral scheduled on Sunday. The Board decided they will meet at the 155 Journey's End Road on August 15th at 5:30 pm for the site walk.

Correspondence

Chairman Howell reviewed the correspondence received since the last meeting.

1. Police Department Job Task Report for 7/25/2016 through 7/28/2016
2. Letter from Monadnock Humane Society regarding the elimination of a Cruelty Investigator position
3. Memo from Southern NH Planning Commission to Road Agent, Town Administrators, etc. regarding Road Safety Audits
4. Letter to the Town Administrator from Southern NH Planning Commission regarding their Technical Advisory Committee's revised Rules of Procedure
5. Letter to the Town Clerk from Upton and Hatfield regarding test cases that will be tried in October to determine proper methodology to be used in assessing all poles, conduit and right-of-ways.
6. Email from Ruth Behrsing regarding dangerous trees on Gerrish Road that she would like to have taken down. Mr. Pike will ask the Road Agent to take a look.
7. Letter from Hillsborough County enclosing a copy of the 2017 Budget
8. Town Administrator's Report 07/29/2016

Liaison Reports

Mr. Howell reported that 6 days of DASH treatments (harvesting of Milfoil) have been completed. More are planned for later in the summer. The herbicide treatment was done on July 26 for Milfoil control.

Administrative Update

Mr. Pike indicated that;

- On Saturday Officer Zamachaj passed his physical fitness test and will now attend the academy beginning on August 13, 2016.
- Class A trail signs were installed on Dennison Pond, Candlewood Hill and Cressy Hill Roads.
- On Wednesday August 3rd Mr. Pike, Henry Kunhardt and Gary Paige will meet with Jen Drociak at DES to discuss mitigation on Pleasant Pond Road.

- We received a request to put out a fundraising donation can for the Wohle family at the Transfer Station. Mr. Howell indicated that an account will be set up at TD Bank for donations. Jenny Fritz is coordinating efforts. The Board declined to approve the request. The Board suggested putting Jenny Fritz's contact information on the white board, if Ms. Fritz wishes.
- The second air conditioning unit in the Selectmen's Office is failing. The Board asked Mr. Pike to get budget prices for replacements.
- There are two proposals from Twin Bridge Services. One for Network Security Equipment and Wireless Access at the Police Station for \$1,100 and the second proposal is to purchase and replace the Highway Department Computer for \$900. Both purchases were included in the 2016 budget. The Board approved going forward with the two proposals
- The bids for heating fuel for the 2016/2017 heating season have been received. Rymes is the lowest at \$1.329 for propane and \$1.799 for oil. The Board agreed to go with Rymes again this year.

Public Questions and Comments

Polly Freese asked for more details about the Humane Society letter. The Board explained that there is a new Executive Director and she wanted to explain a change they were making to eliminate the Cruelty Investigator position, for financial reasons.

Chairman Howell adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie A Pike

Brad Howell

Abigail Arnold

Henry Kunhardt