

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 8, 2012

7:30 P.M. – MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING – HANOVER, NH

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Athos Rassias. Present were: Athos Rassias, Vice Chairman; Bill Geraghty, Selectman; Nancy Carter, Selectman; Jay Buckey, Jr., Selectman; and Julia Griffin, Town Manager. Chairman Peter Christie arrived at the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Vice Chairman Rassias asked for Public Comment. There were no comments from the Public.

2. ELECTION UPDATE.

Ms. Griffin wanted to provide the Board with an update regarding the issues leading up to the November election. Ms. Griffin stated that it is still unclear where things will end up with respect to the voter registration issue. She wants the public to understand that the issue at hand is the type of registration form they will use and what it says about domicile as opposed to residence. Domicile applies to individuals such as students who may not be permanent residents of Hanover but they are domiciled here on a semi permanent basis while they finish their studies.

Ms. Griffin stated that the current decision as it stands although modified slightly by a Superior Court Judge requires that the State remove some of the wording from the previous form that indicated that anyone who was domiciled had to agree to register their vehicle and obtain their NH license within a short period of time. Local officials are watching this very closely because this will dictate what happens on Election Day. There is same day voter registration at the election and in the years past, there have been as many as 1,100 people registering the same day which could for long lines if there is a massive influx of same day registrations.

Ms. Griffin reported that the Supervisors of the Checklist are conducting an on-campus voter registration this week and the College is helping with the efforts to get the students registered in advance of the election. Ms. Griffin stated that they do expect to have a large turnout on Election Day. They are staffing with double the average number of ballot clerks but they could find this National Election challenging because there are challengers from both parties that are going to be present to watch and perhaps challenge voters that may not fit the criteria for residency. If someone chooses not to show a photo ID, they need to sign the affidavit and if they have questions, it will back up the lines.

Ms. Griffin noted that there will be a staff training session next week and Ms. Griffin encouraged Select Board members to attend in advance of Election Day. There may be some adjustments just prior to November 6th.

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Ms. Griffin noted that people can register to vote up to two weeks before the election at the Town Office.

Selectman Carter asked whether the students at Collis on Thursday will be asked to sign the form indicating that they will register their cars in NH. Ms. Griffin stated that they will not but there is an appeal to the recent decision; this could change before the election but at this time, they are not going to be asked to sign this form.

Selectman Carter stated that it sounds like now is the best time to register to vote. Ms. Griffin stated that this is the best time and the rules can change if an appeal of the Superior Court Judge's decision goes through.

Ms. Griffin noted that there were 241 people that refused to show their photo ID at the State primary so dealing with this issue could take up a lot of time.

3. FINAL REVIEW OF PROPOSED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2012-13.

Chairman Christie MOVED to Approve the Goals and Objectives for FY2012-2013. Selectman Buckey SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY2012-2013.

4. APPOINTMENTS:

- Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Selectman Carter MOVED to Re-Appoint Katherine Connolly to the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission through September, 2015. Selectman Buckey SECONDED the Motion.

Vice Chairman Rassias noted that Kate Connolly has served on the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission for years and has done a great job.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO RE-APPOINT KATHERINE CONNOLLY TO THE UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION THROUGH SEPTEMBER, 2015.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- September 24, 2012

There were no recommended changes to the Minutes.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Approve the Minutes of September 24, 2012. Selectman Buckey SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2012.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin provided the Board with an update on the Etna Library Project and the Hayes Farm Park Project. She noted that they had the final coordination meeting recently with the contractor, Mink Hill Timber Frame, who is handling the library addition. They may start excavating as early as this Friday. The building should be fully enclosed by December 31st and then Public Works staff will handle much of the interior finish work.

Ms. Griffin reported that the Recreation Department held a pancake breakfast last Saturday morning. They need to raise an additional \$12,000 out of the \$25,000 that they are obligated to raise for the Hayes Farm Park Project. The goal is to raise enough quarters to cover the multi purpose room at the R.W. Black Center.

Ms. Griffin reported that the playing field is essentially complete; the field will be seeded in the spring. The parking lot behind the Etna Fire Station is roughed in; the final paving will be done next spring along with landscaping and the project is right on track.

Selectman Rassias asked how the playing field will be used. Ms. Griffin stated that it will be a multi-purpose field for fall and spring sports. This will likely be used by younger participants in the programs and it's a little bit larger than Costello Field in Etna Village; half of the field will hopefully be flooded for a skating rink but this is dependent on the volunteers that are committed to the project.

Selectman Carter noted that the Recreation staff will put canisters around town to collect quarters for their fundraiser. The canisters will say Hayes Farm Project which supports this public field.

7. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Bill Geraghty

Selectman Geraghty attended the Recreation Pancake Breakfast as well and wanted to point out that the Recreation Department will take dollar bills as well as checks; not just quarters. They have a quick turnaround to reach their goal for November.

Jay Buckey

Selectman Buckey reported that he had a question from a citizen that rides a bicycle regarding the signal sensors on Greensboro Road; the signal sensor apparently works for a car but not a bicycle.

Ms. Griffin stated that the sensor is not powerful enough to sense a bicycle. The Bike & Pedestrian Committee would like to have a visit with the Select Board to provide an update. She is aware that the Committee has discussed bicycle sensors as potential for requests as part of the

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Capital Improvement Program. She expects that the Committee will come to the next meeting scheduled for October 22nd.

Vice Chairman Rassias stated that the other sensor issue is at the intersection near DHMC which does not work for bicyclists but that area is controlled by the State. Ms. Griffin stated that the State Department of Transportation takes care of Route 120 at Greensboro Road (and Greensboro Road and Etna Road are also handled by State DOT); bike friendly sensors are probably not at the top of their priority list. This has been a topic of discussion for the last few years.

Vice Chairman Rassias asked if the Bike & Pedestrian Plan is on the website. Ms. Griffin will check the website to make sure it is accessible.

Selectman Carter asked whether the Town could offer to contribute funds to the State toward the purchase of the sensors. Ms. Griffin stated that this is a possibility; the Town of Hanover has a great working relationship with the State DOT. Ms. Griffin noted that Public Works Director, Peter Kulbacki, would also be present at the next meeting and may be able to speak to some of these issues.

Nancy Carter

Selectman Carter reported that the Planning Board met on October 1st and they met with the consultants who are working on the Residential Zoning Project. She noted that the firm is located outside of Boston but one of the individuals at the firm is a full-time long term resident of Hanover. There was a lengthy discussion that was not a public hearing but there is a workshop coming up this Saturday, October 13th starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Ray School through 1:30 p.m. There will be light refreshments and a variety of activities. There will be opportunities to provide feedback. She recommends that people come before 9:30 to get nametags and to get signed in. She recommended carpooling as well since parking is limited. They are not set up for childcare but she does hope that those with young children will be able to find childcare opportunities to be able to participate. This will be the first of two public forums with the next one being scheduled sometime in December or January.

Selectman Carter reported that the Planning Board also met on October 2nd to deal with a lot line adjustment issue. The Planning Board also spent time with Dartmouth architects/engineers to discuss the noise abatement for some temporary chilling equipment located outside Thompson Arena. There are parts on order and once the parts come in, the noise problem should be taken care of. Selectman Carter noted that the equipment was being used to make ice for the summer hockey camps. The entire apparatus outside of Thompson Arena will be taken down after the equipment arrives and this needs to be done by the end of December. This was a good example of an issue that was brought to the Planning Board by the residents.

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Athos Rassias

Vice Chairman Rassias reported that the Conservation Commission will meet this Wednesday. He stated that at the previous meeting in September, there was discussion about turning some Class VI roads to trails. The Conservation Commission is discussing this to attempt to protect the right-of-ways that are experiencing more and more use by vehicles which is leading to erosion.

Peter Christie

Selectman Christie had nothing new to report.

8. OTHER BUSINESS.

Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Follow the Request for a Non-Public Session to Discuss Items Pursuant to RSA 91-a: 3, II (a), (c) and (e).

PETER CHRISTIE, YES; NANCY CARTER, YES; JAY BUCKEY, YES; BILL GERAGHTY, YES; AND ATHOS RASSIAS, YES. THE MEETING WENT INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:09 P.M.

Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Exit the Non-Public Session. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXIT THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 9:25 P.M.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Adjourn the Meeting. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Carter, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

SUMMARY

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