

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

August 5, 2013

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 Chairman Peter Christie. Present were: Peter Christie, Chairman; Athos Rassias, Vice Chairman; Bill Geraghty, Selectman; Nancy Carter, Selectman; and Julia Griffin, Town Manager. Absent: Jay Buckey, Selectman.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairman Christie asked for Public Comment. There were no comments from the public.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND ACCEPT DONATION FROM BYRNE FOUNDATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PAVILION AT THOMPSON TERRACE.

Chairman Christie opened the Public Hearing. Julia Griffin noted that the Town had received a donation of \$7,500 from the Byrne Foundation to be used toward the estimated \$145,000 construction cost of a shade pavilion at Thompson Terrace. The shade pavilion will be constructed adjacent to the playground. Julia Griffin noted how grateful the Town is for the many generous donations the Byrne Foundation has made over the years to support residents. The Board echoed her statement and thanked Dorothy Byrne for her unfailing generosity.

No member of the public testified during the public hearing.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Accept the \$7,500 Donation. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO ACCEPT THE \$7,500 DONATION.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Ms. Griffin invited Pat Coutermarsh, Town Treasurer, to speak to the Board.

Ms. Coutermarsh noted that the Board received a copy of the Treasurer's Report along with the investment policy which must be reviewed every year in addition to a memo regarding a change that was made to their banking services. She invited the Board to ask any questions.

Chairman Christie was discouraged about the interest earned on the money invested. Ms. Griffin stated that the Town used to make \$370,000/year in interest income and they are now below \$50,000. Ms. Griffin noted that Ms. Coutermarsh looks for opportunities in the market; Ms. Coutermarsh was open to suggestions for other alternatives. Vice Chairman Rassias noted that

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there is a complete list within the investment policy regarding areas that they can and cannot invest. Ms. Coutermarsh noted that they are earning between .21% and .25% in interest through Mascoma Savings Bank. Chairman Christie was hopeful that this would increase in the future.

Chairman Christie asked about changes to the investment policy. Ms. Coutermarsh stated that the changes included formatting and some rewording.

The Board had no further questions for Ms. Coutermarsh.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ADMINISTRATIVE ABATEMENT.

Ms. Griffin stated that with the Town's purchase of the property at 44 Lebanon Street, the taxes for the period beyond the purchase date need to be abated as it makes no sense for the Town to pay taxes to itself. The abatement amount for the first half of 2013 is \$3,156.86 and another abatement will be required for the next half of the year.

Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Approve the Administrative Abatement. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE ABATEMENT.

5. BANNER REQUEST:

- Howe Library (Everyone is Reading)
- Granite United Way (Day of Caring)
- Dartmouth Athletics (2013 Football Season)
- Hypertherm (8th Annual Special Olympics)
- Good Beginnings of the Upper Valley (Fall Lecture)

Vice Chairman Rassias asked about the banner for Good Beginnings and the amount of words included. Ms. Griffin would clarify the design with Good Beginnings.

Vice Chairman Rassias noted that a couple of the banner requests are not specifically Hanover related but they do fit within the policy. Ms. Griffin stated that for those events that take place outside of Hanover yet fit within the policy, those requests will be honored if they can accommodate them within the schedule but if another event that takes place in Hanover comes forward for that time period, they would take precedence.

Ms. Griffin noted that the Fire Department stays busy taking down and putting up banners. She has considered looking at charging a small fee for this service. Vice Chairman Rassias asked how long it takes for the Fire Department to do this. Ms. Griffin stated that it probably takes 3 people about 20 minutes or so but it requires getting up onto the roof of the Hanover Inn and the use of the ladder truck. Vice Chairman Rassias felt that it was time that they start charging for this.

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Selectman Carter MOVED to Approve the Banner Requests as Presented. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUESTS AS PRESENTED.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- July 1, 2013

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Approve the Minutes of July 1, 2013. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 3 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT, 1 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 1, 2013. (Vice Chairman Rassias abstained from the vote).

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin reported that they had a wonderful visit from 2 adults and 10 Middle School students (and an interpreter) from their sister city in Nihonmatsu, Japan. She noted that Dartmouth stepped up and helped take on assisting with this visit.

Ms. Griffin reported that they had a successful sidewalk sale in downtown Hanover between the Shriner's Parade and Football game. She noted that it was very lively downtown and the weather was great.

Ms. Griffin noted that that water line project was completed on Lebanon Street and she hopes that this means that they will not have to have school canceled due to water line breaks. The paving on Lebanon Street and Hovey Lane that are about to take place will allow for additional parking spaces. Ms. Griffin noted that it's a busy construction summer for the Department of Public Works crew.

8. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Bill Geraghty

Selectman Geraghty had nothing new to report.

Athos Rassias

Vice Chairman Rassias had nothing new to report.

Nancy Carter

Selectman Carter had nothing new to report.

Peter Christie

Chairman Christie had nothing new to report.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

Ms. Griffin stated that she forgot to put on the agenda a \$1,000 donation from the Hanover Rotary Club after the 4th of July Barbecue. Rotary donates money toward the Parks and Recreation Department each year and the Board of Selectmen need to vote to accept the donation.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Accept the Donation from the Hanover Rotary Club. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO ACCEPT THE DONATION FROM THE HANOVER ROTARY CLUB.

Ms. Griffin distributed the Dog Warrant to the Board members and requested that the Board adopt it. The Hanover Police Department will then follow up with the owners of the dogs that have not registered their dogs with the Town.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Adopt the Dog Warrant as Presented. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO ADOPT THE DOG WARRANT AS PRESENTED.

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

SELECTMAN CARTER VOTED YES; CHAIRMAN CHRISTIE VOTED YES; VICE CHAIRMAN RASSIAS VOTED YES; AND SELECTMAN GERAGHTY VOTED YES. THE BOARD WENT INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:05 P.M.

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

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO EXIT THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:40 P.M.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

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

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THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Carter, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

SUMMARY

1. **Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Accept the \$7,500 Donation. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

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3. **Selectman Carter MOVED to Approve the Banner Requests as Presented. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.**

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