#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

## **December 1, 2014**

# 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; Jay Buckey, Selectman; and Julia Griffin, Town Manager.

### 1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

#### 2. REVIEW OF PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2015.

Ms. Griffin asked the Board to review the meeting calendar. The Board reviewed the 2015 calendar and made adjustments to the proposed budget hearing schedule.

# 3. SOLARIZE HANOVER UPDATE.

Ms. Griffin reported that there are 235 solar site visits scheduled. She noted that the goal was to have 300 site visits and past experience is that 30% of people who have site visits result in the installation of solar panels.

Selectman Buckey noted that in Vermont if a group of people find a site that can work, they can group together and invest in solar panels and receive the same benefits in terms of tax credits. Ms. Griffin stated that this is group net metering and individuals who do this can get a credit on their electric bill which is not allowed in New Hampshire. She reported that there is a bill in the legislature to allow for group net metering that they hope will pass in January. She stated that shared metering works well for neighborhoods that have one area that is ideal for solar panels and the neighbors can share a system. The deadline for Solarize Phase 2 is January 31<sup>st</sup> and there is no guarantee that the legislature will vote on this in time.

Ms. Griffin stated that Peter Kulbacki, Public Works Director, has been working with *Revision* which is a company on the seacoast to design a facility for the water treatment plant; the Town could install a large solar farm that could almost fully power the Water Facility. She noted that the Trescott Company has talked about potential group net metering sites on their property if it gets passed through legislation.

Ms. Griffin noted that group net metering is also not as straightforward as it may sound because there are agreements signed between neighbors and issues can arise if a property that houses solar goes up for sale, etc. There are a lot of people in Hanover who have the means but not the ideal property and Ms. Griffin stated that she isn't sure they will see 30% participation but the interest is encouraging.

# 4. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF POSITION, LABOR GRADE 20.

Selectman Buckey MOVED to Approve the Deputy Fire Chief Position, Labor Grade 20. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF POSITION, LABOR GRADE 20.

## 5. APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING BOARD.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Appoint Kelly Dent as an Alternate to the Planning Board. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT KELLY DENT AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE PLANNING BOARD.

# **6.** BANNER REQUEST:

- Dartmouth College Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Upper Valley Special Olympics

Ms. Griffin stated that these requests can be accommodated.

Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Approve the Banner Requests for Dartmouth College and Upper Valley Special Olympics. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

# THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUESTS FOR DARTMOUTH COLLEGE AND UPPER VALLEY SPECIAL OLYMPICS.

Ms. Griffin noted that the banners have been of concern in the past because of the access points involved and staff having to get up onto the Hanover Inn roof. She stated that since the renovation, it has become much more dangerous. Chief McMillan was able to reconfigure the banner installations using some equipment generally associated with sail boats so there is no longer a need to climb onto the roof and is a much safer option.

## 7. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION:

- Donation to Police Department
- Private Donations for Bridge in Pine Park

Ms. Griffin noted that a couple sent a \$50 donation to the police department for the service they received with their lost wallet that was subsequently returned.

Ms. Griffin stated that there were a number of private donations toward the Pine Park Bridge project in the amount of \$8,200; the total fundraising goal is \$25,000 to cover materials and specialty rental costs. The Town is receiving these gifts directly to cover the cost of the recent Pine Park bridge project constructed by our Public Works Department. The Pine Park

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Association is working to establish its non-profit status and intends to directly accept gifts for stewardship and other Pine Park projects in the future.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Accept the Donation to the Police Department and for the Pine Park Bridge Project. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCPEPT THE DONATION TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE PINE PARK BRIDGE PROJECT.

## **8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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Chairman Christie noted one small addition to the Minutes regarding undesignated fund balance.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2014, AS AMENDED.

# 9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin reported that she is busy with budget and will be scheduling budget meetings. She noted that letters will be sent to all social service agencies to outline the process for funding requests. She stated that they will work on having the agencies meet with the Select Board at the start of the budget hearing process.

## 10. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

## Jay Buckey

Selectman Buckey reported that he attended the Finance Committee Meeting and they did approve the Board's tax rate target. Selectman Buckey noted that he and John Ruth will be working with Betsy McClain on the bonding policy. He stated that one issue that was discussed was the benefit of choosing either principal payments or level payments.

# **Nancy Carter**

Selectman Carter reported that the Howe Library Board met last week. She announced that they have a new set of officers; Bill Thomas, Chairman; Ginia Allison, Vice Chair; Bill Mlacak, Secretary; and Rick Sayles, Treasurer. She noted that the Howe Library is in the middle of their annual campaign which provides some of the money used for the library programs; the campaign usually raises around \$100,000.

Selectman Carter reported that the Planning Board will meet tomorrow. The Board is in the midst of creating initiatives that will eventually become zoning amendments.

Selectman Carter announced that at tomorrow night's Planning Board meeting, they will get a preliminary look at the West Wheelock Corridor work tomorrow. Architect Chris Kennedy and

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his team have pulled together a visual presentation of what this area could look like. She stated that this is the very beginning of a long project.

#### **Peter Christie**

Chairman Christie reported that the Conservation Commission met and they have found some possible solutions to the issues on Elm Road; there was a septic field built on this Class VI road that needs to be corrected.

#### **Athos Rassias**

Vice Chairman Rassias had nothing new to report.

## **Bill Geraghty**

Selectman Geraghty had nothing new to report.

# 11. OTHER BUSINESS.

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

SELECTMAN BUCKEY VOTED YES; 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.

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

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXIT THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:32 P.M.

# 12. ADJOURNMENT.

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

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Carter, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

## **SUMMARY**

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