

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 15, 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; 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. RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO CREATION OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT FOR RECEIPT OF DONATED STOCKS.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Town has created investment accounts in the past when they have solicited donations toward different projects including the Community Center. She reported that there is a person that would like to donate stocks toward the Pine Park Bridge and creating this account would allow for the Town to receive this type donation.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Authorize the Town Manager to Execute All Necessary Documents Relative to Creation of Investment Account for Receipt of Donated Stocks. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO CREATION OF INVESTMENT ACCOUNT FOR RECEIPT OF DONATED STOCKS.

3. UPDATE ON SALE OF TAX DEEDED PROPERTY – 10 GREENSBORO ROAD.

Ms. Griffin reported that Town took the property at 10 Greensboro Road by deed 3 ½ years ago. Since that time there have been costs associated with the property including a fire that occurred earlier this year. The costs to the Town include back property taxes owed plus interest, welfare assistance to the tenants, and costs of demolition after the fire. Ms. Griffin reported that there is also a \$65,000 lien on the property from the law firm that handled the estate of the tenants' mother, Lucille Dougals.

Ms. Griffin reported that she originally wanted to use a real estate broker to list the property but State Statute requires an estate auction; any money above and beyond the debt owed would be forwarded to the Estate and then distributed to the beneficiaries.

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Ms. Griffin reported that they have hired an auctioneer who is also an attorney that handles municipal auctions. He will be able to look at the property and make recommendations about the sale after the holidays. Ms. Griffin stated that she wanted to make the Board aware as they move forward and she anticipates that this will happen in late May or early June. She felt that there should be plenty of money to cover the costs as well as some to the Estate. She anticipates that anyone who purchases the property would likely demolish the remaining house. Ms. Griffin reported that this will be well advertised and because it's within walking distance to downtown, it should be very attractive for buyers.

- 4. BANNER REQUEST:**
 - Norris Cotton Cancer Center – The Prouty
 - Howe Library – Howel Classic

Ms. Griffin reported that they can accommodate these requests.

Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Approve the Banner Request of the Norris Cotton Cancer Center and the Howe Library as presented. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST OF THE NORRIS COTTON CANCER CENTER AND THE HOWE LIBRARY AS PRESENTED.

- 5. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION:**
 - Private Donations for Bridge in Pine Park
 - Donation to the Police Department

Ms. Griffin reported that they have received additional Pine Park donations in the amount of \$4,930. The Police Department also received a \$50 donation and a home cooked meal from a resident who wanted to express her appreciation for the officers.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Approve the Donations for the Bridge in Pine Park in the amount of \$4,930. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE DONATIONS FOR THE BRIDGE IN PINE PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,930.

Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Accept the \$50 Donation to the Hanover Police Department. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE \$50 DONATION TO THE HANOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- December 1, 2014

Chairman Christie noted that Betsy McClain had provided Elizabeth Rathburn with one change previously which would be incorporated into the Minutes.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Approve the Minutes of December 1, 2014, as amended. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2014, AS AMENDED.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin reported that they are in the process of starting the internal budget reviews with each department starting next week and into the first week of January. She noted that the Social Service agencies will make their presentations to the Board at their first meeting in February.

Ms. Griffin reminded the Board that the Town Holiday Breakfast will be held this Friday at the R.W. Black Center starting at 8:30 a.m.

8. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Nancy Carter

Selectman Carter reported that the Planning Board will meet tomorrow night where they will discuss changes to the zoning document itself. She noted that the changes are not substantive in nature but are the result of a huge amount of work to make the document more readable.

Athos Rassias

Vice Chairman Rassias had nothing new to report.

Bill Geraghty

Selectman Geraghty had nothing new to report.

Peter Christie

Chairman Christie reported that he met with Vicki Smith, Ed Chamberlain and Julia Griffin to identify new candidates for the Hanover Conservation Commission and it was very productive. Chairman Christie noted that they will be approaching a few people to join the Commission and stated that they have a good group now but need to add some more. He encouraged anyone interested to let them know.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

Ms. Griffin reported that the Conservation Commission will be making a presentation to the Board at their second meeting in January regarding an issue on Elm Road. The Conservation Commission and the property owner have come to an agreement that would require Town Meeting approval. The proposal is to move the Class VI right-of-way farther from the residential property and also to downgrade part of the road to a trail.

Selectman Carter noted that this issue sounds like it could create some complex questions. Ms. Griffin stated that the Town would include background information in the Town Report and then hold a public hearing in early April. Selectman Carter asked whether the Town should put out some kind of informational display. Ms. Griffin noted that they would put up a poster that shows a map and the mailing for each warrant article would include information about this. Chairman Christie felt that this was not going to be that different than the land swap that was handled previously on King Hill. He noted that there are advantages for the Town in that the trail will be further away from a resident's front door and it clears up any issues about where Elm Road is located.

Ms. Griffin reported that they are making progress in developing the regional household hazardous waste drop-off facility with Lebanon, Hartford and Norwich. Hartford has the facility at their transfer station that was constructed more than 20 years ago with federal grant funds with the purpose of building a household hazardous waste receiving facility which has not been used. The facility needs support and needs some site work. Hanover can send over workers to help with this; Lebanon can donate materials; Jeryl Frankenfield looked at the fire suppression system and Ross Farnsworth has been over to look at the carpentry needs. The original estimated cost to get the facility running is \$75,000 but she is hoping that by donating staff time and expertise they can bring that cost down dramatically. The Towns would then share the cost of having a person staff that facility once every two weeks or one day a month. She stated that the users may be charged a small fee to help offset the costs as well. The Regional Planning Commission is looking at whether this facility could then service other outlying communities.

Chairman Christie noted that this has been in the works for a long time and residents are eager to get rid of their hazardous waste in a timely manner.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

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

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Carter, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

SUMMARY

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