

**FINAL**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**July 6, 2015**

**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; Nancy Carter, Selectman; Joanna Whitcomb, Selectman; Bill Geraghty, Selectman; and Julia Griffin, Town Manager.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**2. FRIENDS OF HANOVER CREW REPORT REGARDING FULLINGTON FARM BOATHOUSE FACILITIES**

Ms. Griffin stated that the Friends of Hanover Crew (FOHC) were required to give an annual report to the Board of Selectmen on the activity at Wilson's Landing and the Fullington Farm Boathouse Facility. This was a condition placed by the Planning Board for approval of construction of the Boathouse. This is also an opportunity for abutters to the properties to bring up any concerns they may have. Ms. Griffin stated that FOHC have been using the properties for one full season and are currently in their second season.

Blair Brooks introduced himself to the Board of Selectmen as the President of FOHC. He stated that he would be providing the report based on use of the properties by the HHS Crew and youth rowing events in the fall. He also reminded the Board that, as part of the deed, Dartmouth College retained the right to store about twenty canoes and kayaks in the bottom of the barn at Fullington Farm. They have just recently begun to build the cage that houses the boats.

Mr. Brooks stated that they have had about 130 to 140 rowers each of the last two seasons, which is stable in comparison with the last five years. They conduct afternoon practices five days a week, and have had five successful dual or tri-meets since use of the properties began. FOHC feel that they have been successful at following the Operations Plan for use of these properties.

Wilson's Landing currently has a 120-foot dock. The original plan was for a 180-foot dock, but they were unable to raise enough funds for it. They are now planning on using the site for a couple of years to see if the current dock will continue to be a reasonable enough length. The dock was removed in November as required and put back this spring for the second season. They have been able to get fourteen to fifteen shells onto the water in the afternoons fairly successfully. A longer time period allowed for use of the dock contributes to this success in using the shorter dock, and they hope for this to continue. There were nine coach's launches moored at the dock during April and May. Moors will also be there for the fall rowing for the Upper Valley Rowing Foundation (UVRF).

FOHC have been careful with gas handling and have followed the Operations Plan with one exception—the plan called for FOHC driving the gas cans to Wilson’s Landing in the back of a pickup. Instead, they have been putting them in a hand cart and carrying them there, which they feel is safer.

Mr. Brooks reported that FOHC haven’t encountered any conflicts or problems at the Town boat launch access at Wilson’s Landing. There have been times that it was crowded, or a trailer would be parked in the way of getting shells on the water, but it has been amicably resolved. They have kept spectators away from the access side. Scullers sporadically use the dock, but this has not caused many issues. 45 kids from the Upper Valley participated in the youth rowing program in the fall of 2014. The operations plan allows for up to 60 participants

FOHC have been in compliance with the Operations Plan related to use of Fullington Farm, with the exception of a couple of incidences in the early stages when they arrived slightly before 8 AM. They did receive feedback about this, and there have been no issues or transgressions since then. Afternoon activities have been successful, but there have been two or three practices canceled this season due to thunderstorms. When they have to cancel practices that have already started, they face the challenge of what to do with 130 kids on-site. This is an issue that has been raised.

There are fifty-two parking spaces available, and they have been able to accommodate all vehicles, due in part to carpooling attendees.

The Creaghs, abutters to Fullington Farm, have noted on a couple of occasions that trailers were parked in their viewscape at the end of the barn. FOHC now have a system in place so this will not happen again, and trailers will be stored out-of-view of the neighbors.

Mr. Brooks reminded the Board that the boathouse is used by HHS in the spring, and by the UVRF youth program in the fall. They currently have twelve single scullers.

Signage has recently been updated in order to keep the traffic flow and parking in order. They would like to discuss the traffic pattern on Route 10 at the exits of the launches, as they are along passing lanes.

FOHC has been making an effort to mitigate the noise, and have been notifying the Town and neighbors about upcoming events.

Mr. Brooks stated that they are facing some challenges. The first is related to the passing lane on Route 10. It would be much safer for the passing lane to be eliminated by Wilson’s Landing.

The second challenge is that people occasionally use the parking lot when events are not occurring, to use the nearby trail, for instance. Continuing the fence around the property and placing signs indicating that the area is for rowing use only would help limit unauthorized parking and activity on-site.

Chairman Christie asked about how many cars park there in a day. The consensus between Ms. Griffin and Ms. Creagh, one of the abutters, was that it is not a lot. Selectman Whitcomb inquired about why others parking there is an issue. Mr. Brooks responded that the area is private property. It was also a concern with the Zoning Board about making sure the area was used for rowing only. There has also been an issue with people not cleaning up after their dogs.

The third issue is that they need to establish appropriate use and access parameters. The access times are very clear—after 7 am on weekdays and 8 am on weekends. They have had issues with conforming to this when they have away races and need to haul the shells from the location at 6 am. They have had to park the trailer(s) at the middle school, police station, or other places, but they hope that they can get specific permission to leave a trailer on-site and bring in one pickup to get the trailer for the race.

The fourth issue is that afternoon practices are not always feasible, and they would like limited team practices allowed in the mornings, especially before the major race of the year. They would also like clarification on what is considered acceptable for land-based training on-site when weather is an issue.

The fifth issue is improving the appearance of the Fullington Farm site. The house needs paint and a new roof, but they are currently allowed to use it for only light storage, so they face the question of what to do with it.

Chairman Christie invited the abutters present to speak. Abutter John Creagh stated that he and his wife, Alice, were blindsided when finding out that the FOHC would be making a presentation at this meeting. They only became aware of it through the agenda for the meeting. He stated that he was unsure whether any other abutters were aware of the presentation and therefore felt uncomfortable speaking to any of the issues presented. He felt that the presentation should have been better advertised so that those interested could have the opportunity to speak. Mr. Creagh feels that the report should have been disseminated to at least the abutters and others interested beforehand. Chairman Christie and Ms. Griffin advised Mr. Creagh that they can still do this and give the opportunity for more input. Mr. Creagh stated that he felt there are others interested in the report, not just the abutters.

John Creagh's wife, Alice Creagh, stated that they hoped there would not be any vote related to the report. Ms. Griffin reassured Mrs. Creagh that the only vote would be on acceptance of the report for informational purposes only.

Mrs. Creagh said that there were some particular issues that should be addressed, one of which is idling buses and related fumes. In addition, the house has a lot of mold and that makes her nervous. The house is the oldest farmhouse in Hanover, and preservation had been guaranteed. The house hasn't been painted and the roof is bad. She felt that the problem with the house was related to the use of the land. Ms. Griffin replied that this is really an issue to be taken up with the Zoning Board. If FOHC could make greater use of the house, it may be easier for them to raise funds to make updates to the house.

Chairman Christie asked Mrs. Creagh whether she felt, overall, that things have gone well. Mrs. Creagh replied that the kids are wonderful and that they are by no means bothered by any of the afternoon and early evening activities. She felt that more notification from FOHC about upcoming events would be helpful. Mr. Brooks has let Mrs. Creagh know personally about upcoming events, but she had been the only one notified. An email notification to all abutters about upcoming events would be more sufficient. She is able to obtain emails from others if helpful.

Peter Kermond, one of the coaches for HHS Crew, asked if they didn't already send notification to the Town about their race schedule and whether the Town could then notify abutters. Ms. Griffin replied that they do receive notification about the home races through the outdoor activities permits. FOHC also has the race schedule on their website, but the Town does not directly receive a notification about races. She suggested that a member of FOHC obtain email addresses of abutters and send them notifications about practices and races.

Chairman Christie and Ms. Griffin briefly discussed that the issues presented are Zoning Board issues, and not Selectboard issues, but FOHC was required to provide the report to the Board as it was a stipulation of the license for the dock. Ms. Griffin stated that presenting the report to the Board also gives the opportunity to abutters to review the report. The report will be posted to the Town website for others to view.

Chairman Christie asked whether an item for feedback on the report should be placed on the Board's agenda. Ms. Griffin responded that they could do that or encourage those interested to reach out to her via email with any concerns.

Selectman Geraghty suggested that when the other abutters are notified of the report, it be noted that there is nothing in the report being voted on and that the report is simply an opportunity for discussion. This could help alleviate some of the emotions that could arise. He suggested that FOHC and abutters could meet for discussion of issues. Ms. Griffin suggested having this meeting on-site, as it could be helpful to have a visual during the discussion.

Mrs. Creagh added that security of the trailers at the property is a potential issue, as there is no security there.

Mr. Kermond added that it would be helpful to have the Operations Plan available so that any potential changes to it could be presented to the Zoning Board. Mr. Brooks stated that the most helpful document would probably be the Town license agreement, which includes the requirements of the Zoning Board as well as the Operations Plan.

Ms. Griffin stated that she would have all related documents posted to the Town website as well as FOHC's report. The abutters and interested parties will be notified of the availability of the documents and invited to join the discussion on-site.

Selectman Whitcomb asked if the Town had to take any action related to the use of the site by Prouty volunteers this weekend. Ms. Griffin replied that the use by the Prouty volunteers is not currently in compliance with the Zoning Board's limitations. We need to make sure that Prouty

volunteers know they cannot park at the boathouse site and that volunteers at Wilson's Landing park at Wilson's Landing.

One of the issues in keeping people off the property is that there is little other than a chain across the bottom driveway indicating restricted use. Gates and/or fences may be required to keep people off the property.

**Selectman Whitcomb MOVED to Accept the Friends of Hanover Crew's Report on Fullington Farm Boathouse Activities. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 1 ABSTAINED TO ACCEPT THE FRIENDS OF HANOVER CREW'S REPORT ON FULLINGTON FARM BOATHOUSE ACTIVITIES. (Selectman Carter abstained from the vote, as she is on the Board of FOHC).**  
*(Note that this vote is for acceptance of the report as informational purposes only).*

**3. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE ADOPTED RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR FY 2015-2016.**

Chairman Christie opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Griffin stated that she and Betsy McClain worked on making adjustments to the adopted rates and fees schedule based on the Board's input at the last meeting. They changed a number of fees that had not been changed in several years. They did not, however, make any changes to Planning and Zoning fees, as she feels that getting a new Planning and Zoning Director on board is an important first step. She would like to make careful comparison of fees with other communities. The after school and playground program fees have also been left as-is as well as Parking fees. Parking fees were left alone because they were implemented systematically just a couple of years ago related to the Desmond Report. They raised fees where they could fairly consistently.

Chairman Christie reminded Ms. McClain that the Board had requested information on how much the general rate had increased since the last time the fees had changed. Ms. McClain replied that she simply did not have the time to add this information to the schedule as they were changing fiscal years and things were very hectic. She did say, however, that she could tell them how much the rate had gone up, but it would not be helpful as the rate increases were "all over the map". She stated that she and Ms. Griffin looked at increasing the fees consistently.

Chairman Christie stated that they did know that the general tax rate had increased at least ten percent in the last four years, and many of the fees presented on the schedule had not increased at all over the same period of time. Ms. Griffin replied that they were trying to avoid "sticker shock" but at the same time realized that the Board had a point in requesting some increases in these fees.

Selectman Geraghty noted that none of the presented changes were overly-dramatic, so he felt that, at this point in time, he was comfortable with the changes. He did suggest that prior to the

next fiscal year end, they talk about this more in the budget process. Ms. McClain added that it is important that users know the Board expects the users of certain services pay their fair share rather than increasing the tax rate in other areas. Chairman Christie added that they would like to keep the fees as a percentage of the total budget consistent with what is being raised from general taxation, and that implies reasonable increases every year. He feels that the changes proposed for this fiscal year will need to be looked at again for changes in the next fiscal year, and those rates may need to increase again.

Selectman Carter stated that we will want to educate the taxpayers and users about this change in philosophy to placing the burden on the end user, and that the Board supports it.

Chairman Christie stated that the proposed changes are a good first step and they will plan on seeing how the rate changes have affected the budget by early next year.

**Selectman Carter MOVED to Accept the Changes to the Adopted Rates and Fees Schedule for FY 2015-2016. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO THE ADOPTED RATES AND FEES SCHEDULE FOR FY 2015-2016.**

**4. RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT JOB TITLE OF FIRE LIEUTENANT, LABOR GRADE 17.**

Fire Chief Marty McMillan provided each of the Board members with information related to the proposal of a new position of Fire Lieutenant. Ms. Griffin stated that the position is essentially a promotional opportunity. She reminded the Board that they had agreed to the concept of this new position during the hearing for the Fire Department budget earlier this year, and these positions are supported in the adopted budget.

Chairman Christie asked Chief McMillan whether this position is one that he would be proposing based on an organizational standpoint or whether it is more related to providing promotional opportunities within the department. Chief McMillan stated that he feels the position is important from an organizational standpoint. He stated that when he interviewed for the position of Fire Chief, it was apparent that there was no Deputy Chief position, which he felt was extremely important. He has also talked to the Fire Chiefs in both Hartford and Lebanon about their organizational structures. These are both towns that would like to regionalize efforts along with Hanover's Fire Department. They were able to get Fire Department employees within these towns on the same 24-hour schedules, as though they are working as one large "department." The Hartford and Lebanon Fire Departments both have Lieutenant and Captain positions, but Hanover does not have a Lieutenant position. Chief McMillan stated that within the Hanover Fire Department, when a Captain is not present due to vacations or other reasons, the most senior person within the group would be temporarily promoted to acting Captain. The problem with this is that the person taking that position may not necessarily have the appropriate credentials to do the job. One of his goals in creating the Lieutenant position is to create a succession plan for himself and to start creating "leaders" in the department. He feels that it is important that, in

each group, there be a “boss” with credentials—someone to make decisions and has an educational background to rely on. This would put us on-par with our neighboring Fire Departments.

**Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Adopt the Job Title of Fire Lieutenant, Labor Grade 17. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE JOB TITLE OF FIRE LIEUTENANT, LABOR GRADE 17.**

**5. REQUEST BY HANOVER CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO GRANT TIMBER TAX ABATEMENT.**

The Conservation Commission has requested a timber tax abatement from logging at the Marshall Pressey Brook Natural Area this past winter.

Chairman Christie stated that the fundamental question related to this request is whether they want the tax of \$2,993.72 in the General Fund or the Conservation Fund.

Selectman Whitcomb asked whether the Conservation Commission is funded through the General Fund. Ms. McClain stated that their annual budget of \$8,400 comes from the General Fund. This is for trails maintenance, membership dues, etc. Historically, the Conservation Commission has been funded through half of the previous year’s land use change tax. As of today, the total amount in all subaccounts comes to \$262,000. Selectman Whitcomb asked whether that money can only be used to acquire properties, not to cut trees to make trails. Ms. Griffin replied that they actually can and do use those funds for that purpose. Ms. McClain stated that there are general purpose funds, which are generally utilized for capital purchases, stewardship funds to maintain properties, and a Storrs Farm Conservation fund (raised through private fundraising), and the biodiversity fund which has been generated through Ledyard Bank shares and other gifts.

Chairman Christie asked if we abate the tax, if the money increases just the funds, not their operating budget. Ms. McClain confirmed this. Her assumption was that the net proceeds from the timber operations would go into their capital. They have already transferred the full \$52,000 in logging revenues, and there is administrative work done by the Assessing office related to the intent to cut. Ms. Griffin added that in the past, we have not charged the Conservation fund the overhead allocation that we do for other funds. This is where an issue comes up with being consistent about charging funds for overhead. We should be charging administrative overhead to the Conservation fund to be consistent. Chairman Christie asked for some examples of where we do charge administrative overhead. Ms. Griffin stated that we charge the Water and Wastewater funds, Parking, Fire, and Ambulance funds. We do not charge any of the General Fund departments for administrative overhead, but we do for all other funds.

Selectman Whitcomb stated that the Conservation Commission only does the timber harvest once about every ten years. She asked how we can charge them annually for funds they only

generate once every ten plus years. Ms. Griffin replied that we are supervising the investment of those funds and overseeing their books. They do want to abate the tax, but it does bring up the question of not charging the funds consistently. She added that she and Ms. McClain can see both sides of the debate of whether or not to abate the tax.

**Selectman Whitcomb MOVED to Grant the Timber Tax Abatement for the Conservation Commission. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT THE TIMBER TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.**

**6. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF FY 2015-2016 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.**

Ms. Griffin stated that she wanted to include the most recent updates on the goals and objectives, as the Board typically looks these over the course of a few meetings to give suggestions as to goals and objectives members would like to see staff focus on as well as what the Board should focus on.

Chairman Christie invited other Board members to present suggestions on new initiatives or objectives.

Selectman Geraghty stated that some of the goals and objectives could be more specific related to timelines. Chairman Christie agreed and suggested specific dates for lingering goals and objectives.

Selectman Whitcomb would like to encourage having a full staff to do some planning as some of the goals and objectives require someone with a vision, leadership, and time.

Ms. Griffin stated that she would work on making the goals and objectives more specific, and asked the Board members to think about items they would like to add or remove in the meantime.

Chairman Christie said that some of the items have become part of their regular operations because they wanted to reinforce them, and could now be removed since they have become routine.

**7. BANNER REQUEST:  
GRANITE UNITED WAY—UPPER VALLEY DAY OF CARING**

Ms. Griffin stated that the Town can accommodate this request.

**Selectman Carter MOVED to Accept the Banner Request of the Granite United Way—Upper Valley Day of Caring. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.**



**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE BANNER REQUEST OF THE GRANITE UNITED WAY—UPPER VALLEY DAY OF CARING.**

- 8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - A. MAY 18, 2015**
  - B. JUNE 22, 2015**

**Selectman Whitcomb MOVED to Approve the Minutes of May 18, 2015. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 1 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2015. (Selectman Carter Abstained from the Vote).**

**Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Approve the Minutes of June 22, 2015. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2015.**

- 9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

Ms. Griffin stated that Capital Improvement projects are well underway.

Ms. Griffin added that during the course of the Ray School project, a sewer line at the bottom of Dresden Road was uncovered that had been overlooked in the review of the original site plans. The Town worked out a deal with the school district where the Town would fund half the cost of the sewer line replacement.

Public Works staff have been overseeing the paving of South Main Street and part of Currier Place. Work is almost done. She added that the center line will be moved slightly West to give more room for bicyclists going uphill. The area for bicyclists was too tight. Selectman Geraghty asked Ms. Griffin for clarification on who is paying for what. Ms. Griffin replied that the Urban Compact, which is Town maintained, starts just North of Brook Road on South Main Street, also known as Route 10. The portion from Brook Road into Lebanon is State-maintained. The paving that is currently going on is being paid for by funds provided by Liberty Utilities as part of the overhauling of their substation and service lines on South Main Street last summer.

The Multi-Use Path on Lyme Road is the next major project, and will be starting as soon as the work on South Main Street is completed. The road will be taken down to gravel as a new sub-base will be put in. The work will start at North Park Street and continue to the Reservoir Road roundabout.

Ms. Griffin stated that Town staff had contemplated making improvements to the crosswalk at Hemlock and Reservoir Roads in conjunction with the Ray School project, but because the

construction at the Ray School will continue right up until, or possibly into, the start of the school year, they decided to wait until summer of 2016.

There will also be some improvements made at Wilson's Landing.

Public Works staff will be going to the Planning Board meeting tomorrow night for site plan review for the salt shed. The old salt shed has already been removed. If the project passes, work will begin very soon so it can be serviceable for salt and sand deliveries starting in September.

The Prouty is this Saturday. Things are already lively, and Nicole Leonard at the Recreation Center is trying to run the summer playground program at the Richmond Middle School at the same time the Prouty has moved in for their event.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Sustainable Hanover Committee got 384 households to sign up for green-e certified electricity through ENH. They are trying to convince the Committee to do another round this fall for more households to sign up, but the Committee has been extremely busy and may need to take a break. They are currently getting ready for the Town-wide yard sale on Labor Day weekend.

The Sidewalk Sale will be held on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Nihonmatsu students will be arriving Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. They have all ten host families needed. Ms. Griffin will be sending out the schedule for their visit later in the week and would like Board members to look at it and let her know if they will be available on Sunday night at the Norwich Inn.

## **10. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.**

### **Selectman Bill Geraghty**

Selectman Geraghty thanked the Parks and Recreation staff for their work with the Fourth of July Event.

### **Vice Chairman Athos Rassias**

Vice Chairman Rassias had nothing to report.

### **Selectman Nancy Carter**

Selectman Carter stated that the Planning Board would be meeting tomorrow night at 7:30. The agenda includes several cases. All information is available on the Town website.

### **Selectman Joanna Whitcomb**

Selectman Whitcomb had nothing to report.

**Chairman Peter Christie**

Chairman Christie had nothing 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, II (d) and (e).**

**SELECTMAN GERAGHTY VOTED YES; VICE CHAIRMAN RASSIAS VOTED YES; CHAIRMAN CHRISTIE VOTED YES; SELECTMAN CARTER VOTED YES; SELECTMAN WHITCOMB VOTED YES. THE BOARD WENT INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 9:00 P.M.**

**Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Exit the Non-Public Session at 9:44 p.m. Selectman Whitcomb SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXIT THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION.**

**12. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:44 p.m. Selectman Whitcomb SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Whitcomb, Secretary

*Minutes prepared by Adriane Coutermarsh.*

## SUMMARY

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2. **Selectman Carter MOVED to Accept the Changes to the Adopted Rates and Fees Schedule for FY 2015-2016. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

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**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE JOB TITLE OF FIRE LIEUTENANT, LABOR GRADE 17.**

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**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT THE TIMBER TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.**

5. **Selectman Carter MOVED to Accept the Banner Request of the Granite United Way—Upper Valley Day of Caring. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.**

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6. **Selectman Whitcomb MOVED to Approve the Minutes of May 18, 2015. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 1 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2015. (Selectman Carter Abstained from the Vote).**

7. **Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Approve the Minutes of June 22, 2015. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2015.**

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

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**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**