

**FINAL**

**SELECT BOARD MEETING**

**March 28, 2016**

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

The meeting of the Select Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Peter Christie. Present were: Peter Christie, Chair; Athos Rassias, Vice Chair; Nancy Carter, Select Board Member; Bill Geraghty, Select Board Member; Joanna Whitcomb, Select Board Member; and Julia Griffin, Town Manager (by teleconference) .

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**2. PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT CONTRACT WITH NEPBA LOCAL 27.**

Ms. Griffin stated that the NEPBA Local 27 bargaining unit voted in favor 12-2 for the bargaining contract, with the same terms and conditions approved for other two units this time last year. However, this is for a one-year period instead of two. There will be no retro-active pay for the past year in which we were without a contract. They will receive a 1.5 percent cost of living adjustment on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will be transitioning to the same health insurance plan that all other Town employees transitioned to last year.

Chair Christie asked to confirm whether the terms of the contract are built into the proposed budget. Ms. Griffin confirmed that they are.

**Select Board Member Whitcomb MOVED to Adopt Contract with NEPBA Local 27. Select Board Member Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT CONTRACT WITH NEPBA LOCAL 27.**

**3. PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND ADOPT THE PROPOSED FY 2016-17 BUDGET FOR HOUSING FUND.**

Chair Christie stated that the Board is now convening as the Hanover Housing Authority.

Betsy McClain, Director of Administrative Services, stated that while there are some exciting discussions about the future of the Summer Park Housing, the proposed budget is fairly straightforward. She stated that there is one item of note, which is for funds to do a rent comparability study. The reason for this study is that Summer Park residents pay rent based on income. The Lebanon Housing Authority administers income requirements from the tenant, and

the difference between that and what HUD considers to be a fair rental amount is made up by a federal grant. Every five years, in order for us to add an annual increment to the rental amount deemed reasonable by HUD, we must evaluate market rates. Because this is a college town, determining a fair rental rate is difficult, so we have hired a consultant. Ditha Alonso from Lebanon Housing Authority will be overseeing this work.

Chair Christie noted that some maintenance for Summer Park Housing has been postponed, though we would still have money available for that maintenance if we need to move forward on it. Ms. McClain confirmed this and added that there is no reason to do major capital improvements for a building that may no longer exist in the not-too-distant future.

Select Board Member Carter asked Ms. McClain if she was aware of any policies in place to keep units vacant as they become so, in consideration of the building being replaced. Ms. McClain stated that those units are in relatively high demand, and she is unaware whether there have been any plans to keep units vacant as current tenants leave. Ms. Griffin stated that she does not believe there is any such policy, and feels that we would want to be much farther along in terms of finalizing plans before we do that. This has been discussed with Twin Pines Housing Trust, but the current thinking is that there would be one new 24-unit building in place before the three current buildings are taken down. This would allow for all tenants to be moved to the new unit with little interruption.

**Select Board Vice Chair Rassias MOVED to Adopt the Proposed FY 2016-17 Budget for Housing Fund. Select Board Member Carter SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED FY 2016-17 BUDGET FOR HOUSING FUND.**

**4. HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY: RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT REVISED SUMMER PARK HOUSE RULES.**

Chair Christie asked about the proposed revisions to the Summer Park House Rules, which includes the addition of the Violence Against Women Act Provisions. Ms. Griffin stated that we are required by HUD to include this provision. He asked Ms. Griffin what this provision means in simpler terms. She stated that it means we cannot discriminate against any woman that is a victim of domestic or sexual violence. This is in response to issues that have arisen with some victimized women that have experienced some retribution in terms of their ability to live comfortably in subsidized housing. This provision was mandated by the Federal government.

**Select Board Member Carter MOVED to Adopt Revised Summer Park House Rules. Select Board Member Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT REVISED SUMMER PARK HOUSE RULES.**

**Select Board Member Whitcomb MOVED to Adjourn as the Hanover Housing Authority. Select Board Member Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN AS THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY.**

**5. RECCOMENDATION TO APPROVE PETITION AND POLE LICENSE FOR FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS.**

Vice Chair Rassias asked how many poles FairPoint is petitioning to add to Pinneo Hill Road. Ms. Griffin stated that they are replacing two poles and adding three more. There are two large lots on Pinneo Hill Road that are available for development but there are currently limited poles. She added that there is one house on that end of Pinneo Hill Road that is served from Dogford Road, and they are at the end of that power line.

Chair Christie pointed out, as we learned during budget meetings, that it is less expensive to place utilities underground. Ms. Griffin stated that, in the case of Pinneo Hill Road, it would be more expensive because there already have above-ground power. New residential subdivisions in Hanover, however, are required to place all utilities underground. This does not apply to Pinneo Hill Road. She added that the additional utilities on Pinneo Hill Road will increase the likelihood of area residents to get cable and higher-speed Internet.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Public Works Department has confirmed that the proposed placement of the additional poles would not interfere with highway maintenance operations, and other appropriate staff have no issues with the location.

Vice Chair Rassias noted that neighbors seem to be in favor of the pole placement as well. Ms. Griffin confirmed.

**Select Board Vice Chair Rassias MOVED to Approve Petition and Pole License on Pinneo Hill Road for FairPoint Communications. Select Board Member Whitcomb SECONDED the Motion.**

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**6. BANNER REQUESTS:**  
**a. Dartmouth College-Digital Arts Expo**  
**b. OSHER @ Dartmouth-Summer Lecture Series**

Ms. Griffin stated that the Town can accommodate both requests.

**Select Board Member Geraghty MOVED to Approve the Banner Requests of Dartmouth College-Digital Arts Expo and OSHER @ Dartmouth-Summer Lecture Series. Select Board Member Carter SECONDED the Motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUESTS OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE-DIGITAL ARTS EXPO AND OSHER @ DARTMOUTH-SUMMER LECTURE SERIES.**

**7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
a. February 24, 2016**

Approval of the February 24, 2016 minutes will be tabled to allow for a correction made during the February 25, 2016 meeting.

**8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

Ms. Griffin stated that next Monday is the pre-town meeting public hearing. The draft Warrant and background information will be distributed to the Board within the next couple of days. She will be making the recommended changes to the Select Board and Town Manager's letters. Next Monday's meeting will be focused primarily on looking through the warrants and discussing which Board members will be presenting which warrants at Town Meeting.

She reminded the Board that filing opened last Wednesday and closes this coming Friday.

**9. SELECT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS.**

**Select Board Member Bill Geraghty**

Select Board Member Geraghty reminded the Board that he would be out of town for the next meeting.

**Vice Chair Athos Rassias**

Vice Chair Rassias reported there is a chance of him being late at the next meeting.

**Chair Peter Christie**

Select Board Chair Christie had nothing to report.

**Select Board Member Nancy Carter**

Select Board Member Carter had nothing to report.

**Select Board Member Joanna Whitcomb**

Select Board Member Whitcomb reported that the Advisory Board of Assessors met on Thursday and understands that all went well. Jay Pierson noted that everyone would miss Mike Ryan, who is retiring this year.

The Bike and Pedestrian Committee met in early March. There are several important dates upcoming, including Bike to School Day on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Multi-Use Path will be on the same day. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be a bike rodeo at the Ray School for the youth community. The following Saturday, Dartmouth College and the Bike and Pedestrian Committee will sponsor an all-day workshop for individuals wishing to make bicycling an everyday part of life. The weekend following that is Green Key weekend, and there will be a light-up and silly walk event encouraging Dartmouth students to use crosswalks and both pedestrians and bicyclists to wear bright clothing.

The Rip Road community has recently had discussions with the Bike and Pedestrian Committee, and would like to see an advisory lane for the entire length of Rip Road.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS.**

Ms. Griffin stated that Select Board Member Carter spent two entire days with her and other Town staff interviewing for our new Planning and Zoning. There are some very strong candidates, which is very encouraging. She intends to invite the top two or three back to spend additional time with individually and to meet with College staff. She hopes to have someone on board by June 1<sup>st</sup>. She thanked Select Board Carter for her time helping in conducting interviews.

**11. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Select Board Vice Chair Rassias MOVED to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:56 p.m. Select Board Member Whitcomb SECONDED the Motion.**

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Respectfully Submitted,

Joanna Whitcomb, Secretary

*Minutes prepared by Adriane Coutermarsh.*

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