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Selectmen's Work Session

August 27, 2015

MINUTES

Selectmen: Christopher P. Shipp, Chair, Russell C. Wakefield, Josiah H. Bartlett, Jean M. Beadle, Paul T. Punturieri; Carol Granfield, Interim Town Administrator, Scott Kinmond, Administrative Liaison.

I. Call to Order: The Chairman called the meeting to Order at 4 P.M., followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

II. Work Session Items for Discussion:

1. Drug Epidemic: Police Chief Leonard Wetherbee briefed the Board relative to the effects of the heroin drug epidemic. He reported that he has had electronic communications with the NH Drug Czar, and has been keeping apprised of the latest trends and how this heroin addiction has become what we know today. The Chief spoke of the opiate addiction, which has now evolved into the heroin addiction. He also stated that the state is underserved with access to services for treatment of the addiction. The Chief felt that law enforcement has a duty, but recognizes that the only way to combat the addiction is with treatment services for the addiction. The Chief reported that he will be working to have his officers trained to be able to administer the lifesaving drug "Narcan" and hopes to see this come in the next few months. The officers will need some first aid training as well, which again, is a worthy and well warranted life safety skill. The Chief spoke briefly of the cost of incarceration vs. treatment. He told the Board that the addiction has been fueled by the use of pain medications, and with the crack down of the dispensing and regulation of these prescriptions, the users then go to the cheap drug heroin. Chief Wetherbee told the Board that his department is being proactive with addressing the issue and is working with the schools on some youth education programs. The Board asked the chief a few questions, one being if there have been any deaths from heroin in the community, to which he reported, unfortunately yes. The Board thanked the Chief for his report and for being proactive.
2. Financial Implications of Building a New Gym: Selectman Punturieri provided some discussion points on how to move forward to address the space needs for community recreation. Paul asked the Board to come together to discuss how to proceed, as there is still unfinished work on the previous warrant article working with the School architect to develop some concepts for the Board. After some discussion, the Board agreed to meet next week for a work session on September 3rd at 4 p.m., and to have Interim TA Granfield facilitate the discussion. Paul asked that the Recreation Director be included in the discussion as well.
3. Time Warner & Fairpoint Proposal for Broadband Expansion: Selectman Bartlett reported that Bill Gassman has worked with Fairpoint and Time Warner to gain quotes for additional coverage of broadband in several identified areas in Town. The Board reviewed an email tree provided, but found it was incomplete and did not include Time Warner's proposals. The Board discussed whether the resident affected would be asked

to contribute to the project cost, and if monies from the cable franchise fees would be used. The Board will be provided the missing email pages which include the Time Warner proposal and Bill Gassman’s recommendation. The matter to be added to the agenda as an action item.

- 4. Sick Leave Bank Policy Direction: Interim TA Granfield reported that she reviewed the policy, and conversed with Attorney Rice on the policy. Carol told the Board that Attorney Rice was concerned as to the union contract impact. Paul stated that the Union Contract has a side bar allow for such policy changes. Carol will review the contract and come back if those changes needed can be made.
- 5. Tax Bill Newsletter: Tax Collector Susette Remson was present and asked the Board if they received the email she sent to them regarding the tax bill newsletter, as there had been some previous discussions about changing it from a black and white to color. She mentioned that the contract with the printer is coming up and she was looking for some direction. The Board asked Susette to inquire as to what the cost would be for some color photographs to be included. Susette advised the Board she would do so and report back.
- 4. Other Discussions: Selectman Bartlett told the Board he had some other items which were not on the agenda. Josh asked the Board what the Town’s contribution is to the Center Harbor fireworks. Chairman Shipp, advised that it is \$5,000 and is within the Recreation Budget. Josh asked the Board if they had seen Fred Malatesta’s letter regarding the County Financial Problem. No other Board members had seen it. Josh then brought up the Moultonboro United Methodist Church’s purchase of the old Troop E State Police Barracks next to the Church, and that there is some discussions by the church to demolish the building, which has been met with some mixed opinions and the Heritage Commission becoming involved as well. Josh was wondering if the Board wanted to weigh in. The Board members all indicated they were not interested at this time.

III. Non-Public Session: Chairman Shipp said that the Selectmen needed to go into Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3 II (b) & (c), and will reconvene to complete the work session. Paul Made the Motion to go into Non-Public Session. Josh Seconded. A roll call was taken: Paul – Aye; Josh – Aye; Russ – Aye; Jean – Aye; Chris – Aye. The Motion carried and the Selectmen went into Non-Public Session at 5:27 p.m.

The Board exited Non-Public Session at 6:17 p.m. Josh Made the Motion to seal the minutes as it was determined that divulgence of the information discussed likely would affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a member of the public body itself, and to not disclose the minutes and decisions reached to the public until, in the opinion of a majority of the members, the aforesaid circumstances no longer apply. Paul Seconded and the Motion carried Unanimously.

III. Adjournment: Paul made the Motion to Adjourn. Josh Seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously
Chris adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Christopher P. Shipp, Chair
Approved

September 3, 2015
Date
Respectfully Submitted
Scott Kinmond, Administrative Liaison