

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**NOVEMBER 23, 2015**

**MEMORIAL BUILDING**

**7:00 P.M.**

*The following are to be considered draft minutes only until approved by the Board at their next meeting.*

Selectmen present: Don Hill, Chairman; Leigh Callaway and George McCusker.

Others present: Bruce Allen, Bryan O'Day, Mike Lawlor, Tom Duling, and Dick Hendl.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Budget Committee: Dick Hendl, Representative on the proposed School Budget. To date a contract has been ratified but not signed which includes a range of track and step merit raises and pay increases and represents \$393,000 to the budget. A new insurance plan has been chosen, resulting in a cost savings to the district. The employee contribution will change from 15% to 5%. A proposed increase from \$25,000 to \$50,000 toward the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington DC trip, to assist parents who can't afford to send their children.

The MBC has not proposed their own budget. Their budget meeting is tomorrow night.

Dick reported that in Standardized Testing, NH beat all the New England states, with KRSD coming in above the average in NH.

The School District Public Meeting is Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, at auditorium of the High School. All are invited to attend and comment.

Dick noted that the State of NH has a tax relief program for Low to Moderate Income Property owners. (DP 8). He would be willing to help anyone who is interested in filing an application. The application period is May 1 through June 30. (Must be postmarked no later than June 30. He can be contacted at [rghendl@myfairpoint.net](mailto:rghendl@myfairpoint.net). He also was available at the library for tax related questions last year.

The Board extended appreciation to Dick for his report.

Conservation Commission: Bruce Allen requested that Jeremy Johnson be appointed as an alternate to the Commission and Marilyn Priest would like to step from a full position to an alternate. The Board approved. Bruce is to get Jeremy's information to the office for the forms to be completed.

Minutes of November 9, 2015 unanimously approved as written after a motion by Leigh and second by George.

Old Business: Building Committee – Leigh reported the committee met this afternoon and reviewed funding for the consultant, Ingrid from Banwell Architects. There will be another meeting on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. to discuss construction and soft costs.

Snowmobile Ordinance: The proposed ordinance has been vetted by legal counsel. The Board will vote on the finalized document at their meeting on December 14, 2015. (See Ordinance Attached).

Woodland Heights update: Don reported new plans have not been submitted from the septic designer. A letter was sent to the owner by Certified Mail and a copy of the letter was left at the property. Tom reports that has not been picked up. There has been no activity on the site and the excavator has been moved. Tom will check back at the site. Board discussed driveway should have an emergency turn-out due to the length. Wetlands are delineated on the plan presented and appear to be in excess of 10,000 square feet, so there are possible issues with setbacks and driveway crossings.

Stoney Brook Hydrant: Leigh reported Dallas Patten has met with contractor and is waiting for costs.

Personnel Manual: Don moved pending approval by legal counsel to accept the update and amend the manual. Motion seconded by George and unanimously approved.

Audit Proposal: Board discussed the merits of changing auditing firms. Motion by Don to contract with Vachon Culkay for the 2015 audit, second by George and unanimously approved.

Star Lake Signage: Don reported he has talked to Todd Richardson at Star Lake about signage for the gates, and has forwarded the artwork from the State trail signs. Todd indicated they will be in touch with a sign person and hopefully be in with a design concept in December.

Discussion followed about the new gate on Jones Road. The gate is locked and there has been some concern noted from horseback riders about the ability to pass through the gate. The Board agreed the fire department should have keys to the gates. Don will speak to the Fire Department. George noted that there are some areas with multiple barbed-wire fencing and electric fencing with handles that horse riders must open and close.

Leigh noted the electrical connection at the Town Hall will be installed on December 2.

Leigh reported the heating project at the Town Office is now complete. George noted he wanted to confirm the informal agreement with Mason to come service our hearing units once a year.

Don reported a complaint had been received regarding dumping of construction debris on Michael Hansen's property that is visible from I-89 and Stoney Brook Road. Don contacted Mike and was told he has been dumping clean fill, topsoil and reseeded for years. His Site Plan needs to be checked to see if this is allowed. Leigh stated he also contacted the compliance

office at the DES with reference to RSA 149-M: 9 and was advised to let the town take care of it based on state and local regulations.

Board and Department Updates: Planning Board: Don reported Wonderwell presented with fairly detailed information and plans developed by the architect. The State Fire Marshall's Office is handling code compliance, ADA, building codes, and safety. There are three levels of fire code in the building. The building has been deemed a historical site. Phase I should be done by April or May. The Planning Board granted conditional approval. Chris Hall, the facilities director says rooms and meals taxes do not apply to them, and cited the RSA's. The Planning Board would like something in writing from the Department of Revenue.

A consultation was held with Sue-Ann Connary. She is proposing to move the temporary kennels if that can be done before the ground freezes and should help to mitigate noise issues. She would like proceed with a joint meeting with the Planning Board and Zoning Board.

Correspondence:

Notice has been received from Property Liability Trust indicating they did not win their appeal and will no longer be able to offer liability or workmen's comp insurance after July 1, 2016. Primex and Davis & Towle have reached out to the town in the past. George questioned if there were some way to find a consortium of towns to increase group size and buying power.

Letter from several residents on Old Grafton Road regarding the concern with traffic control during logging operations proposed for this winter. Board discussed issues. The concerns will be forwarded to the landowner and logger as a heads up as well as Chief Julian, and Pete Abair to determine how best to proceed in light of the concerns noted.

Letter from Al Lindquist indicating he has contracted with Conkey to remove materials from the pit at Sanborn Hill Road. The Board discussed whether this fell in line with the Site Plan Review. The notice of decision was reviewed. George stated the objective has been to get the site cleaned up and reclaimed. Don will contact Kevin Lee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

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