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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 7, 2016 5:00 p.m.

Corner Meeting House

Chairman Ruth Mooney called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Also present were Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman Ronald Cormier, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace, Deputy Fire Chief McCarty, Fire Lt. Bavis, Tom Murphy, Janet Breton, Tobey Reynolds, Project Manager and Chris Carrucci, Designer for NH DOT.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Pike moved the minutes of February 17, 2016 as written. Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike moved the minutes of February 22, 2016 as written. Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike moved the minutes of February 23, 2016 as written. Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike moved the minutes of February 24, 2016 as written. Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Abatements, Manifests, Exemptions & Credits

Chairman Mooney moved to approve the abatements, manifests, exemptions and credits; seconded by Selectman Cormier, unanimously approved.

Discussion with DOT regarding Route 106, Seavey Road projects

Tobey Reynolds, Project Manager and Chris Carrucci, Designer from the DOT were present to review with the Board the project for Route 106 from Perkins Road to and including about half of the Laconia bypass. Tobey noted that the majority of the work is maintenance type work with the exception of the bridges and the Seavey Road turn lanes. There will also be guardrail and ramp work included in the project. Many areas will be reclaimed and rebuilt while other areas will just be resurfaced. There will be turn lanes both north and south at Seavey Road and one turn lane and widening at the Brown Hill Road intersection. All the bridges will be stripped down the concrete, evaluated and repaired, the membrane will be replaced and they will

then be repaved. Tobey acknowledged that there will be traffic impacts however they have created a plan for each area of construction that should reduce long delays. All areas will be reopened to full traffic during non-work times.

There will likely be some night work which would include the grinding and resurfacing of the ramps at the bypass. Work will not take place during Motorcycle week, NASCAR and Timberman weekends. Tobey acknowledged that the work will be done by several different contractors and will take place over the 2016 and 2017 construction seasons. Selectman Pike asked about the shoulders from north of Seavey Road to the Perkins Road area as the Board had been advised at a meeting with DOT representatives over the summer that they would be added during this project. Tobey indicated that the plan before the Board does not include the shoulders that Selectman Pike has inquired about. Selectman Pike expressed his displeasure that 6 months or so ago the Board was told that shoulders would be added in this problem area and yet they aren't included in the project. Chairman Mooney added Seavey Rd has a lot of bus traffic and although the turn lanes will help the road still isn't wide enough in that area and there should be shoulders too. She indicated that she thinks this intersection is more important than the bridges because of the amount of buss traffic. Tobey noted that the bridges are governed by a maintenance schedule. Selectman Pike commented that it isn't what the Board was told would be done and he feels the work shouldn't be done if it isn't going to be done as they were told. Tobey indicated that he will take the Boards concerns back to the DOT. He went on the say the cost of the project is approximately \$9.5 million, the bypass will cost another \$2 million and the rebuild at Seavey Rd will be \$500,000. Tobey commented that Bill Cass was part of the summer meeting that took place with the Board and he will discuss the Boards concerns with him. Selectman Pike commented that perhaps Senator Hosmer needed to be involved again.

Discussion with Parks & Recreation Director – programs & space needs

Parks & Recreation Director Janet Breton was present to advise the Board that she was approved to use the school for additional weeks of summer camp this year, however was not aware that was going to happen so she doesn't have the funds in her budget to cover the additional costs and looking for the Boards opinion as to what to do. The Board reviewed the breakdown of costs for the 6 week program versus the cost of the 8 week program and it was determined that the difference is approximately \$3,000 +/- . Janet provided a couple of options to cover the overage however; Selectman Cormier thought that it would be too confusing to families. It was noted that the P&R budget is usually under expended; however Janet focused on really tightening her budget this year and likely would be under expended. Selectman Cormier commented that the Town's overall budget would not be affected by an overage in the P&R budget. The Board agreed that they need to support the extended program while the opportunity from the school is there. TA Beaudin indicated that she would monitor Janet's budget and come to the Board for approval of over expenditure when it appears that will happen. Janet noted that the 8 week program would run from June 20th to August 12th.

Janet asked the Board about use of the first floor of the Mill for the additional space that would benefit the programs that she offers. Noting that the first floor is empty and has a large open area that could accommodate many more people than her current location which only fits about 9 people on the second floor. Additionally the first floor has a kitchen area that would allow for other types of programs to be offered. TA Beaudin noted that the Police Dept. is currently using a couple of smaller classroom areas for storage and the other area has had the flooring removed and new flooring would have to be installed in order to be used. There was a discussion regarding getting an estimate for flooring.

Selectman Cormier expressed his frustration that it feels like things are being piecemealed again and there is no plan or concept for the use of the buildings the Town owns. Selectman Pike commented that there had been previous conversation regarding using the bank building for Parks & Recreation. Selectman Cormier noted that are funds available in the building capital reserve account that could be utilized. Following a brief discussion the Board agreed to have Steve Paquin review the bank building for what would be necessary to utilize the building for Parks & Recreation. TA Beaudin commented that there were previously safety concerns for the children crossing Main Street; however the Wareing Road project should eliminate the truck traffic on Main Street making it safer. The Board agreed to wait on doing anything further with the Mill until a determination can be made on the bank building.

Keith Bennett Request – No Parking Class VI section Old Rogers Rd

Keith Bennett of 390 Durrell Mountain Rd has requested that the Board have the Old Rogers Rd section posted for no parking as he maintains that area himself as part of his driveway. It was noted that a parking area had been created for “Pops Woods”. The Board agreed to post that area per Keith’s request.

Conservation Commission Alternate Appointment Request

The Board reviewed a request from Andrew Norkiewicz to be appointed as an alternate to the Conservation Commission.

Selectman Cormier moved to appoint Andrew Norkiewicz as an alternate to the Conservation Commission. Selectman Pike seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Inter-municipal Agreement – review and acknowledge

TA Beaudin explained to the Board that a draft copy of the inter-municipal agreement had been sent to the City’s Attorney Walter Mitchell, and Attorney Paul Fitzgerald The agreement has addressed all the issues of concern that the Board had. The agreement is governed by RSA 53-A . TA Beaudin noted that the Town has agreed to pay the City \$78,050 which is 25% of administrative costs; the Chief will remain as a City employee with all costs paid by city, it also includes 25% of vehicle costs to be paid quarterly as well as 25% of educational expenses approved by the City and Belmont. He can act as the LRFMA representation on behalf of Town or the Town can assign their own representative. Chairman Mooney added that the term is for one year. It was noted that it would automatically renew in 1 year, however can be terminated with 30 day written notice by either party following a vote of the governing body at a public meeting. TA Beaudin noted that the document has been sent to Primex and the AG’s office for comments. Many of the legal language components were taken from the ACO inter-municipal agreement currently in place between the Town and City.

Tom Murphy expressed that he feels that it is an in justice for the Town not to have its own fulltime Chief. All of the surrounding small towns have them. He feels that there will be problems as he can’t be fulltime in Laconia and part time here affectively. There will be problems with the chief not being available during regular business hours. Tom feels that the department has already worked through the part-time to full-time process from being a volunteer department and this is a step backwards. Chairman Mooney commented that it is done in other areas of the country and it works, although it does not appear to have been tried in the Northeast. The Board agreed to try it for one year because you won’t know if you don’t try. She is confident in the staff at the Fire Dept. and they will prove that this is right. Tom Murphy commented that

this isn't regionalization as it's done in other areas of the country. Selectman Cormier expressed that someone needs to try it and he has experienced county coverage and when you're in need of help you just want someone to show up. The Board is looking at what this could become. Selectman Mooney commented that she remembers having similar discussions 30 years ago, so it's been a consideration for some time now. Tom encouraged the Board to talk to the Firefighters and community members. Selectman Pike moved to accept the one year trial of the inter-municipal agreement for Fire Administrative services with the City of Laconia. Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Potential Conflict Waiver Approval – Mitchell Municipal

TA Beaudin discussed with the Board that due to the City of Laconia and Belmont having the same attorney a waiver is necessary to avoid conflict of interest issues.

Selectman Pike moved to authorize TA Beaudin to sign the potential conflict waiver for Mitchell Municipal. Selectman Cormier seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

MRI Request – Shared Fire Chief Administration

TA Beaudin explained to the Board that Don Jutton of MRI contacted both the Town and the City about potentially doing a case study of the proposed shared Fire Administration. There is no cost to the Town but he would request access to Town staff and other related information pertaining to the agreement. The Board agreed it would be a great way to gain third party validation and an unbiased opinion. TA Beaudin indicated that he will be doing a detailed case study. The Board agreed to participate in Mr. Jutton's project.

Hoadley Rd Culvert Discussion

The Board discussed the Hoadley road culvert. TA Beaudin suggested that the engineers come to the Boards next meeting to discuss their findings and recommendation. Chairman Mooney commented that she thinks it's wrong for the engineers to design and specifically state that a specific company's product has to be used. TA Beaudin explained that the engineers reached out to Miche regarding the specs on their culvert to determine if it met the needs of the project but they did not respond to early requests for information. It was discussed that large span culverts have special requirements. Chairman Mooney commented that she doesn't think the engineers should be designing something that is so specific. TA Beaudin noted that DES has very specific requirements for these types of projects. Additionally Contech provided pricing to the engineers that was considerably less than what they did to the contractors that bid. It was agreed that Underwood will come in for discussion with the Board.

Town of Northfield Fire

It was discussed that in light of the recent fire at the DPW garage in Northfield that Board agreed to allow assistance if requested.

Maria Dryer Letter

The Board signed a letter to Maria Dryer regarding her departure from the school district.

Non-Public Session

Chairman Ruth Mooney moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A: 3 II (c) at 6:34 pm; Selectman Pike seconded the motion. Roll call was taken Ronald Cormier, Jon Pike and Ruth Mooney. Also present was Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin and Administrative Assistant Cary Lagace.

Chairman Mooney closed the non-public session at 6:42. The Board approved a deed deferral based on a hardship request.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman

Ronald Cormier, Vice Chairman

Jon Pike