

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2020

Present: James C. Bailey III, Chairman; John P. Stohrer, Selectman; David J. Rogers, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Jim Creighton, Riche Colcombe.

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. OPEN SESSION

There was no public comment during Open Session.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

Selectmen's Meeting Schedule – Ms. Buono said that due to the fact that the Town Clerk's Office is open until 6:30 on Tuesday evenings and that the outside service has now been moved inside, it would be difficult for the Board to meet while that office is open. She asked the Selectmen if they would still like to continue to meet on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays but move the start time to 7 p.m. versus 6 p.m. or if they would like to move the day of the week they hold meetings. After a brief discussion, the Selectmen decided to change their meetings to the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6 p.m.

Contoocook ATV Club re: River Street – Ms. Buono brought up the letter the Selectmen had in front of them from James Morse, President of the Contoocook Valley ATV Riders (CVATVR) with regard to the OHRV Trail Access from River Street to Tooky Mills Pub. The letter outlined recent changes that were made to the access due to damage to private property under the previous access. In the letter which is attached to these minutes, Mr. Morse explains that this change causes OHRV operators to ride approximately 100' along River Street at the Kemp Park crossing. Selectman Stohrer feels that although the change should have been brought before the Board prior to the work being done, it's there now and it does both the Town and Tooky Mills good. The change brings the trail from the middle of the land owned by the D'Errico's to the edge of their yard on the boarder of Kemp Park. Selectman Rogers said although the Kemp Park Committee will be recommending a number of projects to be done within the park, from their standpoint it's okay this way but they would like to see the park used at a minimum and they would end up closing the trail on days that there are future events in the park and only for the hours of the events. This along with boundaries was briefly discussed. Riche Colcombe, a member of the Club said stakes and ropes can be put out by the Club to make sure riders stay within a certain area. Chairman Bailey said in the winter months it may be tight but other than that he doesn't have any objections. Chairman Bailey moved to allow access from River Street to Tooky Mills via the October 8, 2020 letter as specified within RSA 215-A:6. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Town Office – Ms. Buono said the Town Office Building has been open to the public for about two weeks now and it has gone very smoothly with the precautions that are in place. She said the public

has been cooperative with the staff and even though there have been a few people who have come in without a mask on they had no objections to being told they need to wear one.

Kemp Park – Selectman Rogers gave an update on the Kemp Park Committee and their plans for the park moving forward which includes the Cider Mill Building, the proposed Bandstand and the Hansen House. He asked about the possibility of having goats brought in from Farmstead since the other contact didn't pan out. Ms. Buono said she will try and have that arranged. There was also a brief discussion of the possibility of building a dog park on a parcel of town-owned land that is next to Kemp Park.

Historic District Commission – Selectman Stohrer said the Historic District Commission met and approved the Rules and Procedures and they have been submitted so they can be placed on the website. He said there is a member who is in a position that they may need to resign for health reasons so they are trying to find a resident within the District to take their place.

3. LONG TERM PROJECTS

250TH Celebration – Ms. Buono said there was a well attended meeting on Saturday, October 3rd which brought together various members of private organizations in Hillsborough to discuss a vision for the 250th celebration. She said Christina Chadwick of the Historical Society is extremely helpful in playing a leading role in the organization and planning since she has access to the past celebration materials. Ms. Buono said at the end of the meeting, each organization members were tasked with bringing the information to their membership in order to get a firm commitment as to whether they would be participating, and to what extent, in this historical celebration of the Town. The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th at the Fire Station and at this point since this there is no official committee and this is simply a meeting to get information to and from organizations in the most efficient manner, attendance is by invitation only for social distancing purposes.

Manahan Boat Dock – Chairman Bailey said the application is being submitted for a 6'x30' dock and they are still hopeful it will be approved in time to build before the water is up in the spring.

Sidewalk Project – Ms. Buono said that although NHDOT previously shifted our sidewalk project to 2022, in a recent email from Scott Bourcier from Dubois & King it appears we have been placed back to the 2021 construction schedule.

Woods Woolen Mill - Ms. Buono reported that the EPA has received approval from the State to do some testing for the purpose of the grant we are trying to qualify for in order to remove the larger of the two buildings. She said they are going to walk the site on Friday of this week to mark where the testing will take place.

4. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 16164 - 16200 a/k/a Vouchers 41 & 42 in the amount of \$171,363.38 (includes 125 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check number 023829 – 023845 a/k/a Voucher 34 in the amount of \$7,056.60. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda for October 13, 2020. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Veterans' Tax Credits – Map 25 Lot 55; Map 16 Lot 301
- Presidential Election Posting
- MS535

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2020 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

Date: _____

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