Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes November 12, 2019

Present: Jonathan M. Daley, Chairman; James C. Bailey, III, Selectman; John P. Stohrer, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Michael Pon, Audrey Bethel, Angela Poluchov, Patrick Greene, Adam VonDette, Chantal Grondin, Leigh Bosse.

Chairman Daley opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Daley requested a nonpublic session and moved to go into nonpublic session at 6:01 p.m. under RSA 91A:3II (b). Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Daley – yes; Selectman Bailey – yes; Selectman Stohrer - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In attendance: Chairman Daley, Selectman Bailey, Selectman Stohrer, Town Administrator Laura Buono, Chief David Roarick, Morrigan Bernier.

Chief Roarick introduced Morrigan Bernier to the Selectmen with a recommendation that she be hired to fill the open fulltime dispatch position.

Chairman Daley moved to come out of nonpublic session at 6:06 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Daley – yes; Selectman Bailey – yes; Selectman Stohrer - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

2. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Daley requested a nonpublic session and moved to go into nonpublic session at 6:08 p.m. under RSA 91A:3II (b). Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Daley – yes; Selectman Bailey – yes; Selectman Stohrer - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In attendance: Chairman Daley, Selectman Bailey, Selectman Stohrer, Town Administrator Laura Buono, Chelsea Szalanski, Marc Famigietti.

Ms. Szalanski introduced Marc Famigietti to the Board and discussed his qualifications behind her recommendation to hire him to fill the open part time position in Project Genesis.

Chairman Daley moved to come out of nonpublic session at 6:12 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Daley – yes; Selectman Bailey – yes; Selectman Stohrer - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. OPEN SESSION

There was no public comment during Open Session.

4. LUKE LEVESQUE RE: RECYCLING

Luke Levesque, Transfer Station Manager, came before the Selectmen to discuss the state of recycling and in particular the recycling of plastics. Mr. Levesque handed out pricing history for commingled products and noted that between the years of 2014 and 2019, the tipping fee has gone up from \$25/ton to \$129.38/ton with the hauling charges increasing from \$250.00/haul to \$475.00/haul during that same timeframe. Mr. Levesque said the market for plastics isn't there anymore and it's costing the Town to "recycle" since China and other countries are no longer accepting it anymore. Mr. Levesque is proposing that we stop recycling plastics and send it to Penacook to the incinerator where it will be burned and turned into electricity. Doing this will guarantee that we know where it is going and are not contributing to the plastic pollution problem. Mr. Levesque's recommendation was discussed as well as an estimate of \$20,000 being saved by making the change. Plastics will go in the trash but the Transfer Station will continue to accept aluminum, cardboard and paper. Mr. Levesque said there will be a learning curve as there was when glass was no longer recycled. The Selectmen discussed that right now it's the best option. Audrey Bethel of the Solid Waste Advisory Board feels there will be other options in the future but for right now the SWAB will continue to try and educate the public on reducing and reusing. The decision was made to stop recycling plastics as of January 1, 2020.

5. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Daley moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 15260 - 15298 a/k/a Voucher 45, 45A, 46, 46A in the amount of \$168,031.40 (includes 129 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check number 21938 a/k/a Voucher 45 in the amount of \$2,307.70. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Daley moved to approve the Consent Agenda for November 12, 2019. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

• Yield Tax Assessment in the amount of \$368.31

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Daley moved to approve the minutes for October 29, 2019 as amended (expand the section dealing with Rex Gray). Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

<u>Road Names</u> – Chairman Daley noted that during the meeting to discuss the proposed changing of road names, no one came to dispute changing Emerald Lane but they need to come up with a name. Kimball Hill Road was discussed and the Board decided to notify residents on that road that the Selectmen will hold a discussion with regard to changing the name versus changing Kimball Road. Selectman Stohrer said he thinks all but one on that road are secondary homes. Chairman Daley will also talk with the Chief about the idea of using cross streets versus changing the name of each piece of Concord End Road.

<u>Rex Gray</u> – Ms. Buono distributed copies of a letter from Rex Gray which is a response to a letter he received notifying him that until the subdivision he owns is built up, the Selectmen are not interested in taking over maintenance of the roads. The letter he received invited him to contact Ms. Buono to schedule a meeting with the Board to discuss it further. Although Mr. Gray stated in his letter that he

wanted to meet with the Selectmen, he didn't include a phone number to contact him to set it up so Ms. Buono said she will wait to hear from him. Chairman Daley mentioned the Cistern on the property and said the Conservation Commission thinks it has failed. He said he will check with Chief Stafford to find out if he has any information on it.

<u>8 Wyman Street</u> – Ms. Buono said she was approached by an individual who is interested in purchasing the town-owned lot at 8 Wyman Street and would like us to expedite the process versus waiting the three years. Ms. Buono said that although it can be done, at this time she would not be able to get to it before the beginning of the year. Since the Selectmen have not decided whether or not they want to sell that parcel, they denied the request. Chairman Daley noted that a playground at that location had been suggested. This was briefly discussed by the Board. Selectmen Bailey said it would cost money to maintain a playground and updated standards would have to be met. The Selectmen will discuss the parcel at a later date.

<u>Bennette Subdivision</u> – Chairman Daley said he heard from an individual who feels the lots that are owned by the Town in the Bennette subdivision should not be placed in conservation as was recommended by Brett Cherrington. He said the Conservation Commission is looking into the wildlife corridor in that area.

<u>Meeting Dates</u> – The Board reviewed meeting dates taking into consideration the upcoming holiday season. Since Chairman Daley will not be able to attend the meeting of November 26^{th} . There will Budget Meetings on Wednesday, December $4^{\text{th}} \& 18^{\text{th}}$ at 4:00 p.m. as well as a regular Selectmen's Meeting on December 10^{th} . The December 24^{th} meeting will be moved to December 31^{st} at 1:00.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Daley moved to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono Town Administrator

Approved by: Hillsborough Board of Selectmen Date:

Jonathan M. Daley, Chairman

James C. Bailey III, Selectman