

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2021

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

In Attendance: Luke Levesque, David Roarick, Mary Morehouse-Rogers, Leigh Bosse, Bill Goss, Scott Yeaton, Kenny Stafford, John Segedy, Riche' Colombe, Samantha Gallo.

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. OPEN SESSION

Riche' Colombe – Ms. Colombe commented on the Town's website with regard to there being a few things that are outdated and/or not working. Ms. Buono asked her to forward the information she found so they can look into those items as they go through an update on the site. Ms. Colombe also asked if she can receive an accounting of the CARES Act Funding the Town received because the State's website is not showing the most recent information. Ms. Buono will pull the information together and forward it to Ms. Colombe.

2. PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Bailey opened the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2021 Budget at 6:30 p.m.

The public was supplied with a detailed line by line item operating budget document, the Town Warrant, estimated revenue sheets, as well as a document which outlines various changes in the budget over 2021.

Chairman Bailey went through the detailed budget sheet department by department and asked those in attendance if they had any questions. There were only a couple of questions asked which included what the contracted services line of the Land Use Budget represented and whether or not the police body cameras that were approved last year were purchased. Some discussion took place in conjunction with the future salt shed site which has been cleared and will be built in the future as a larger ticket item which is planned to be funded through the buildings Capital Reserve Fund (estimated to be over \$200,000). Chairman Bailey also noted that although the money for Manahan Summer Camp is still included within the budget, it was not held in 2020 due to the pandemic and the Selectmen have not decided yet whether or not it will take place in 2021. There was also a request to add more lighting to the parking lot across from the Library.

Selectman Rogers made note of a word within the petition warrant article with regard to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and said that the word "heretofore" which was submitted a part of that article doesn't accomplish what the petitioners want. The word should actually be "hereinafter" and Ms. Buono said a motion can be made by the petitioner at Town Meeting to change that.

With no further discussion or other questions, Chairman Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

3. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Bon Fire Request – Ms. Buono brought forward a request to the Board from a woman whose son had worked for the Town as a counselor at Manahan Summer Camp in the past and who tragically was killed in a car accident recently. She said the family would like to hold a memorial bon fire for him around Memorial Day at Manahan Park. Ms. Buono said that since this is such an unusual request and beyond reserving the pavilion, she wanted to bring it to the Board for a decision. After a brief discussion the Selectmen decided that they would grant permission for the memorial service as long as no pallets are used or anything which has nails/staples in it. Ms. Buono will coordinate the event between the family and the Fire Chief to insure that all safety precautions are followed.

Boston Post Cane – Ms. Buono brought forward Polly Beard's name as the oldest resident in Hillsborough based on information that was forwarded to her. She said GHSS would like to have the Boston Post Cane holder as part of their contribution to the 250th Celebration in 2022 and since the last holder has since passed away, it is time for the Selectmen to award another resident with the honor. Ms. Buono asked if the Board would like her to set up a date and time so they can award Ms. Beard the cane and they agreed.

Water/Sewer Department Lot Line Adjustment – Ms. Buono said there is a property owner on Bible Hill Road who is in the process of subdividing a large parcel and while doing the survey work, discovered that the fence owned by the Town via the sewer department is on his property. She said both she and the Commissioners have had a conversation with the property owner who is willing to do a lot line adjustment in lieu of a small fee to cover the survey and the 10' of frontage. Ms. Buono said after speaking with our Assessor, the Commissioners feel \$3,500 is a fair amount to pay the property owner and asked if the Selectmen had any objection to them moving forward with this. There was no objection.

4. **LONG TERM PROJECTS**

Noise/Nuisance Ordinance- Selectman Rogers said he had forwarded a draft copy of the Noise/Nuisance Ordinance to the Board and Ms. Buono on Monday so that they can have a work session on it at the next Selectmen's Meeting. The scheduling of a public hearing was discussed and it was decided that it would be held on Wednesday, March 10th

5. **MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 16468 - 16502 a/k/a Vouchers 5 & 6 in the amount of \$182,693.00 (includes 155 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 024638– 024712 a/k/a Vouchers 6 & 7 in the amount of \$163,568.35. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda for February 10, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Veterans' Tax Credit – Map 12 Lot 119; Map 12 Lot 67-10

- Current Use Penalties: Map 7 Lot 122 \$3,300; Map 8 Lot 106-1 \$5,200; Map 8 Lot 106-2 \$5,200; Map 8 Lot 106-5 \$5,200; Map 8 Lot 106-8 \$5,200; Map 8 Lot 106-9 \$5,200; Map 8 Lot 106-17 \$5,460; Map 8 Lot 106-22 \$5,200; Map 8 Lot 106-23 \$5,200.

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectman Rogers. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 7:10 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: _____

James C. Bailey III, Chairman

John P. Stohrer, Selectman

David J. Rogers, Selectman