

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2021

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

In Attendance: Sara Edie, Russ Galpin, Leigh Bosse, John Segedy, Dave Fullerton, Bob Nash, Riche' Colcombe, Mary Moorehouse Rogers.

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

1. **OPEN SESSION**

Riche' Colcombe – Ms. Colcombe reported that the Trustees of Trust Funds will be meeting with their investment company and the Trustees would like to know if there are any plans to spend money out of the Manahan Trust so it can be set aside. Chairman Bailey said there is still an issue that the Selectmen need to clear up with regard to the “income” of the Trust being deposited in the “principal” side. Ms. Buono said this had been passed on to the Trustees previously but we weren't able to get an agreeable date at that time. Ms. Colcombe will pass this on to the other Trustees.

2. **OLD/OTHER BUSINESS**

Board Vacancy – The Selectmen talked about filling the vacancy on the Board due to the resignation of Dave Rogers at the beginning of the month. Selectman Stohrer thanked everyone who submitted their names and said that most were known to the Board but they did interview two people, Riche' Colcombe and Meleny Nagy. He said he has been thinking about this for a week and thinking about what is best for the Town and said that each of the people have unique qualifications and talents. Selectman Stohrer said he feels they need to refresh and kick start things a little differently. He said that after the interviews, he had a follow up call with Ms. Nagy and liked her vision, demeanor and what she thinks Selectmen should focus on and said he would like to nominate her to serve on the Board of Selectmen but also wants to hear what Chairman Bailey thinks. Chairman Bailey agreed that a new face on the Board to get some fresh ideas and it's only for 9 months and then both positions will go on the ballot and we may see a major change in March. He said he wasn't quite sure what to ask during the interviews because if anyone was running for the position, they wouldn't be interviewing them because basically you deal with who you get. Chairman Bailey said with that in mind, he will second the nomination of Meleny Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Those in attendance were notified that there will be a one-year term and a three-year term on the ballot in March. Chairman Bailey discussed the timeframe to fill Selectman Stohrer's vacancy which is 45 days from June 30th. Selectman Stohrer said he can bump that out a little in order to be present for July. Chairman Bailey said they definitely want to get it done within the 45 days. The Board was asked if they will be soliciting for more names and Chairman Bailey said with the names that they have already, they can probably make a selection out of those. Selectman Stohrer said he thinks if someone was interested, they would have put in for it already.

Boston Post Cane – Ms. Buono reminded the Board that they will be making a presentation to Pauline Beard for being the oldest resident in Hillsborough on June 26th @ 11:30 at her home.

Economic Development Committee – Ms. Buono said there are two appointments to be made to the EDC, one is for the reappointment of Bob Nash as the Chamber of Commerce representative and the other is Riche' Colcombe who has volunteered for the committee. Ms. Buono said there are currently 3 full member positions open and 3 alternate positions open. She said if Ms. Colcombe is appointed there will still be 2 full member positions open. Chairman Bailey moved to appoint Riche' Colcombe to a full member position with a term expiration of 2023. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Bailey also moved to re-appoint Bob Nash as the Chamber of Commerce representative. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Energy Audits – Ms. Buono reported that the Energy Audits that were organized by the Energy Committee have been completed and they should be received in 2-3 weeks. The streetlight conversion is almost ready to be placed out to bid as well.

Transfer Station & Downtown Lighting – Ms. Buono said they are waiting for the pricing to change the Transfer Station over to LED lighting as well as replace the two poles which are there and rotted. She said that since they were unable to find a company interested in doing tune-up work on the downtown decorative lights last year, they were bundled in with the Transfer Station project and we'll be receiving a quote on those as well.

3. **MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 016735 - 016804 a/k/a Vouchers 22, 23, 24, 25, 25A in the amount of \$369,973.81 (includes 427 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 025296– 025471 a/k/a Vouchers 17 & 18 in the amount of \$1,149,252.07. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

** A/P Checks include payment to HDSD in the amount of \$814,726.16

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda for June 23, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Department of Revenue PA-28 Letter
- Solar Energy Exemption – Map 5 Lot 62
- Class VI Road Agreement – Katelyn Marie Dombrowski
- 2020 Approved Property Tax Abatements/Refunds – Map 11K Lot 71 \$1,379.52; Map 11K Lot 333 \$1,002.59; Map 7 Lot 76 \$195.57; Map 11F Lot 28 \$354.56; Map 10 Lot 61 \$560.99; Map 22 Lot 30 \$561.98;
- 2020 Approved Abatements - Map 2 Lot 37; Map 8 Lot 56; Map 5 Lot 37; Map 5 Lot 12; Map 5 Lot 18; Map 2 Lots 25 & 26; Map 2 Lots 27 & 28; Map 2 Lot 23
- Veterans' Tax Credit – Map 110 Lot 270
- 2020 Denied Property Tax Abatement Requests – Map 12 Lot 60-20; Map 23 Lot 127-4; Map 17 Lot 221; Map 19 Lot 13; Map 15 Lot 10

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **LONG-TERM PROJECTS**

Sidewalk Project – Ms. Buono said there are some unfavorable updates with regard to the sidewalk project and said that the Engineers will be attending the next Selectmen's Meeting to discuss them.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Stohrer. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Selectboard

Date: _____

James C. Bailey III, Chairman

John P. Stohrer, Selectman

Meleny Nagy, Selectwoman