

Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
July 28, 2021

Present: James C. Bailey, Chairman; Meleny Nagy, Selectwoman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Becky Johnson, Gene Gould, Leigh Bosse, Riche' Colcombe, Dave Fullerton, Kelly D'Errico, Meg Curtis-Sauer, Ken Matthews.

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

**1. OPEN SESSION**

*Riche' Colcombe* – Ms. Colcombe asked the Board if the \$5,000 for the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee could be transferred to Bob Charron since they are now at a point where they will need to put deposits down on various events. Ms. Buono said she would put the check request in but said there have been a couple of things already paid out of that amount such as reimbursement to a committee member and the t-shirts. Ms. Buono will forward that information to Ms. Colcombe.

*Leigh Bosse* – Mr. Bosse brought up the slide at Grimes Field which has a hole in it and another with graffiti carved into it. He said the Lions Club had originally purchased the equipment many years ago and have ordered a new slide to replace the one with a hole in it at the cost of \$300 and they will simply buff the graffiti out of the other one. Ms. Buono verified that Mr. Bosse said the slide was already ordered, he stated that it was. She brought up the presentation Mr. Yeaton gave to the Selectmen in April with regard to repairs/replacement of the various equipment and said it was an expensive project even for the slide and it was on hold for the time being due to the labor cost. Chairman Bailey said at that time the cost seemed high for labor. The Board thanked Mr. Bosse and asked him to speak with Mr. Yeaton.

**2. BECKY JOHNSON RE: COMMUNITY CENTER**

Ms. Johnson came before the Board to talk about a fundraiser they will be holding for the Community Center. She said the fundraiser will be an ATV Poker Run and it will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> and they would like to utilize an area of Grimes Field for the event. Participants in the event will be stopping at various businesses (checkpoints) and collecting cards with five stops total. At the end of the event, the participant with the most cards receives a prize. There will be a four-hour window for the fundraiser and only registered vehicles will be able to participate. The local ATV Club will be assisting with enforcement of this. Selectwoman Nagy would like them to make sure the rides are mindful for stops which may be closer to the ramps of 202/9. Chairman Bailey asked Ms. Johnson to let them know when the plans are finalized and then brought up the 14-acre piece of land the Town owns by Grimes Field as a possible location for the Community Center. This was briefly discussed. Ms. Buono will research what would need to be in place in order to lease the property to the Nonprofit which will own the Community Center Building.

### **3. KEMP PARK BANDSTAND – HILLSBOROUGH’S MASON LODGE**

Leigh Bosse from the Harmony Mason Lodge met with the Board to discuss the Lodge’s wish to purchase and install an 11x15 gazebo/bandstand from Reeds Ferry to donate for the Kemp Park property. He explained that the Masons are celebrating their 200<sup>th</sup> birthday and this project is in celebration for that milestone. Meg Curtis-Sauer, Chairman of the Kemp Park Committee asked about site preparation needed. Mr. Bosse said the company will send all that information but it will be a crushed gravel base and electricity will need to be added all of which the Masons will pay for and added that they may request assistance with the work from the Highway Department. The Hansen House which is currently in the park will need to be moved over as well. Mr. Bosse said they have estimated that with the purchase of the structure, the site preparation and electricity, it will be a \$20,000 project. Ms. Buono noted that this will also require a public hearing for the Board to accept the donation.

### **4. OTHER BUSINESS**

*Board Vacancy* – Chairman Bailey asked Selectwoman Nagy if she had a chance to review the candidates who submitted their names and interest in being appointed to the Board. Selectwoman Nagy said she reviewed the information and said she feels Iris Campbell would be a good choice based on her background and experience of working for the Town. Chairman Bailey agreed and said it would be beneficial to have someone who is already familiar with the way things run. Selectwoman Nagy moved to appoint Iris Campbell to fill the vacant position on the Board until the March 2022 election. Motion was seconded by Chairman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

*American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA)* – Ms. Buono said that one of the ELVD Commissioners contacted her with regard to the ARPA Funds. Ms. Buono explained when the funds were allocated on the federal level, none were allocated to village districts within the State so ELVD won’t be receiving any money of their own. She said unfortunately, they are being directed to approach the municipalities to ask for finding if they have an approved project. Ms. Buono said this Commissioner mentioned they would like to build/replace a playground and wanted to know what the Selectmen would need from them in order to approve such a request. Ms. Buono said she advised the Commissioner that this hasn’t been discussed nor have we received any funds yet but that their inquiry would be passed onto the Board.

*Road Agent* – Ms. Buono informed the Board that the Road Agent/Highway Foreman job has been posted. Chairman Bailey asked what the process will be moving forward. Ms. Buono said she and Bill Goss will review the candidates and interview those of interest. She asked the Board if they wanted them to bring the final candidate forward as is typically done or since this is a Department Head position, would they like the top two or three candidates brought forward so they can also do an interview. The Board would like the top three candidates brought forward to them.

Partners Farm Subdivision Revocation – Ms. Buono said the first of two public hearings for Partners Farm Subdivision Revocation is scheduled on August 11<sup>th</sup> with the second one being August 25<sup>th</sup>. She said the Planning Board has already approved the request from Partners Farm but by statute, the Selectmen have to hold two public hearings.

## **5. LONG-TERM PROJECTS**

Sidewalk Project – Ms. Buono said Dubois & King, our engineers for the project will be at the next Selectmen's Meeting to bring updated plans as well as additional information and schedules.

2 Bridge Street – Ms. Buono said an investor from Hopkinton toured the building at 2 Bridge Street as a possible investment property however, she has not heard from him since that viewing. They are still in the process of getting updated pricing to raise the building.

250<sup>th</sup> Celebration – Ms. Buono reported that NHDMV has approved the Commemorative Plate that is being sponsored by the Town for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration and they have been ordered. She said Hillsborough Renewed (formally Hillsborough Reborn) are taking pre-orders for the plate at various events.

## **6. MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign check numbers 016862 - 016898 a/k/a Vouchers 29, 29A & 30 in the amount of \$187,458.10 (includes 238 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 025558 – 025660 a/k/a Vouchers 20 & 21 in the amount of \$1,910,103.41. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

\*\* A/P Checks include payment to HDSD in the amount of \$987,530.67 and Trust Fund Contributions totaling \$510,000.00.

## **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda for July 28, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- DRA Application for Reimbursement State/Federal Forest Land
- Property Tax Abatements – Map 12 Lot 158-0130 (2018) \$81.90; Map 12 Lot 158-130 (2019) \$82.79
- Welfare Lien – Map 14 Lot 229 (Chairman Signature Only)
- Welfare Lien Discharge – Map 8 Lot 17

## **8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of July 14, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

## 9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono  
Town Administrator

Approved by:  
Hillsborough Selectboard

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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James C. Bailey III, Chairman

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Meleny Nagy, Selectwoman