

**Board of Selectmen
Work Session Minutes
June 14, 2022**

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

In Attendance: Robyn Payson, Dave Roarick, Chris Parsons, Ernie Butler.

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

1. PARKING REGULATIONS

Changes to the Town's Parking Regulations that had previously been discussed and which were changed in the working copy of the document. There was discussion on a couple of the parking areas as well as the stop sign list within the document. Ernie Butler will get together with Robyn Payson in order to make sure the list is accurate since in reviewing it, there appeared to be a few missing. The price list that was supplied by PayByPhone Technologies for the parking mobile app was also reviewed and discussed. All were in agreement that although there will probably be some people who are unhappy about implementing various parking fees at different times of the day, this technology will enable efficient management of municipal lots and enforcement of various parking time limits. There was a question with regard to the setup fee for the initial deployment and whether or not that was per location or for all of our locations. Ms. Buono will check with the company to clarify.

Mr. Butler pointed out that on one of the photo maps which was dated 2015 the group was using for the parking area discussion, it showed the parallel parking along Depot Street. He said that since he approached the Board at their last meeting to change that area beyond Tooky Mills back to parallel due to the tightness when people are parked in the angled spaces, the owner of the restaurant has taken to Facebook to complain stating that he will lose business if than change is made and spots are taken away. A discussion ensued with regard to whether or not something a little different could be done in that area and if so, what the cost would be. There was also a discussion about the empty lot that the mobile gas station had been on and whether or not it is the responsibility of the Town to supply parking for private buildings/businesses when there is ample parking within walking distance to these establishments even if the parking in front of the buildings is full. It was noted that customers of Tooky Mills currently park in that empty Mobile Station lot and perhaps it would make sense for the owner of the restaurant to purchase it for parking for their business. Mr. Butler will estimate how many parking spots can be fit on that empty lot.

Ms. Buono said the Board will still need to establish fees for parking in the various locations including if there will be free parking times, etc. Once that is done, a public hearing on the updated regulations and fees will be held.

2. OTHER BUSINESS

Fish & Game Grant – Ms. Buono shared that the Police Department will be receiving a grant through Fish & Game in the amount of \$2,520. for the purpose of OHRV patrols. She requested that the Board vote to authorize the Police Chief to sign and execute the grant paperwork as needed. Chairman Bailey moved to authorize Chief Roarick to sign all the necessary documentation for

the Fish & Game Grant in the amount of \$2,520. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Campbell. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Christian Petersen – Ms. Buono said she spoke to both Mr. Petersen who owns property on Red Fox Crossing and who's two vacant lots had been inadvertently merged with two tax deeded town lots as well as his realtor (see BOS Meeting Minutes of 6/8/22). She said they would prefer to purchase the two tax deeded lots for the original offer price to abutters of \$500 each and leave them merged than to lose market time by having to wait 30 or so days to have them subdivided. It would take a lot of work to make these lots into something that could be built on and he is simply including them with the parcel with his house since the house itself straddles two of the lots. The Board agreed that would be the most time efficient and cost-effective solution. Ms. Buono will work with them to have it property transferred so they can move forward and market their home.

Welfare Cremation Allowance – Ms. Buono brought up some difficulties surrounding the allowance the Town pays for cremations if the deceased had no family or the family was in need of funds for the cremation. She said currently our allowance is \$750 however the cost for the funeral homes has gone up to approximately \$1,000. Chief Roarick and Lt. Parsons explained that its currently difficult to convince funeral directors to come out and transport the deceased if they don't know if there is family to pay since the Town's assistance doesn't cover their cost of a simple cremation. Ms. Buono requested that the Board vote to authorize our Welfare Director to adjust the allowance as necessary to cover the actual costs. Chairman Baily moved to authorize Jim Bingham (Welfare Director) to adjust the cremation allowance as necessary. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Selectwoman Nagy moved to adjourn at 5:03 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Campbell. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Selectboard

Date: _____

James C. Bailey III, Chairman

Meleny Nagy, Selectwoman

Iris Campbell, Selectwoman

