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Board of Selectmen Minutes 06/24/2014

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Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2014

Present: David Fullerton, Chairman; Wendy Brien-Baker, Selectman; Alan Urquhart, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

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

In Attendance: Michael Pon, Peter Bringham, John Segedy, Rosemary Urquhart, Russ Galpin, Joe Tomacchio, Tom McClure, Pat Matheson, Bo Hannon, Teri Page, Tammy McClure, Cathy Bennett,

- **OPEN SESSION**

Bo Hannon – Mr. Hannon came to the Board to request that he be allowed to detour traffic around a section of Gould Pond Road (near 163) on Saturday, June 28th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. while he holds an open house at Peace and Paws Dog Rescue. Mr. Hannon has spoken with the Fire Chief who would like parking only on one side so that there is enough room for emergency vehicles to get by if needed. Mr. Hannon would also like permission to use two detour signs from the highway department for this purpose. The Selectmen discussed the route of the vehicles and the fact that there are only 3 dwellings on that section of Gould Pond Road. Mr. Hannon presented a map of the detour and said that it's literally a 30 second detour. Mr. Hannon also said that Kaitlin Leary from Bow will be present for control traffic. Selectman Brien-Baker moved to allow Bo Hannon to borrow the detour signs from the Highway Department and to allow the detour for his event on Saturday. Motion was seconded by Selectman Urquhart. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Fullerton read the following statement: "I would like to acknowledge that the last Board of Selectmen's meeting was run in an unorganized manner and that as Chairman, I may have unintentionally offended my fellow Selectmen in particular Selectman Brien-Baker and for that I apologize. Moving forward, I would like to state that it is expected that the public will act respectfully toward one another and toward the Board. Members of the Board of Selectmen will have the right to interject comments and questions throughout a discussion without interference by the Chairman however; members of the public may not interrupt the Selectmen or Town Administrator as they discuss various subjects. Anyone who acts inappropriately or disrespectful will ask to refrain from negative behavior and if it continues, will be asked to leave the meeting".

Russ Galpin – Mr. Galpin asked if the three Selectmen will be riding in a car in the parade on July 20th and said it starts at noon and they would have to be there around 11:00. The Selectmen responded that they will check their schedules and get back to Mr. Galpin. Mr. Galpin then said that he had read Mr. Pon's newspaper article with regard to the last Selectmen's Meeting and he also listened to the meeting recording. Mr. Galpin commented on a remark that Selectman Urquhart made with regard to questioning the authority of an ex-officio in reference to Selectman Brien-Baker being an ex-officio on the Parks Board. Mr. Galpin also stated that the last Selectmen's Meeting would have been difficult to run even for an experienced Chairman. Mr. Galpin also wanted to set the record straight with a remark that Mr. Bosse had made during that same meeting in which he stated that the Balloonfest didn't have a parking plan done prior to the event.

John Segedy – Mr. Segedy gave his opinion with regard to the Selectmen's decision to allow the Hillsborough Historical Society to be the caretakers of the DAR collection and felt the Selectmen should not have gone through the process of seeking volunteers if they weren't going to use them.

- **Teri Page - Regional Transportation**

Ms. Teri Page met with the Selectmen to give information on the Mid-State Regional Transportation. She gave an overview of the establishment of the Statewide Coordinating Council for Community Transportation and also outlined some of the grant funding that has been received for the program. The Town of Hillsborough is within Region 3 which serves all of Belknap County and Merrimack County (excluding Hooksett) and includes the towns of Deering and Hillsborough. Ms. Page also outline the Volunteer Driver Program and said that the Hillsborough area has a very active program available for individuals to utilize. Ms. Page also mentioned that there is a Concord Express bus run that goes between Manchester and Concord 10 times a day for the cost of \$5 (<http://www.mtabus.org/routeschedules/route-map/route-4/>) and a Statewide Persons w/Disabilities door to door service (1-800-826-3700). The Volunteer Driver Program in the Hillsborough area is through the Community Action Program. Besides medical appointments, they provide rides to barber and beauty shops, shopping, banks, volunteer/work locations, entertainment, and visits with family and friends (1-800-856-5525).

- **TOM McCLURE**

Mr. McClure said he has concerns with what is happening with the Parks Board (PB) and questioned what is not being done by the PB that is requiring a change with regard to recreation. Mr. McClure said he feels the Selectmen should hold a public hearing to find out what the voting body/residents wished to do with the Park Board and plans for changes. Mr. McClure outlined what the Hillsborough Youth Association does in town for recreational activities. Mr. McClure said he feels that the PB wasn't consulted about more recreation and went on to disagree that the Selectmen can legally appoint someone who does not live in town to the PB and brought up RSA 35-B:4 in which it states that members of a Recreation or Parks Commission need to be citizens. Currently, a full time department head of the town, Peter Brigham is an appointed member of the PB. Laura Buono commented on the RSA and brought up that Hillsborough does not have a "Commission" which was set up under RSA 35-B:4. The PB was created by the Selectmen in 1959 and is an advisory Board to the Selectmen and as such, legally the Selectmen can appoint non-residents. Chairman Fullerton gave his opinion about people working together and changes he would like to see moving forward.

- **JIM TOMACCHIO**

Mr. Tomacchio said he has been a resident of Hillsborough since 1967 and has a hot dog concession at Wymans in the afternoon. He is interested in setting up at Grimes Field on the weeknights that the Men's League games and said he said he has done it for tournaments in the past. Mr. Tomacchio said he is fully insured, has his state license and has been fully inspected. Selectman Brien-Baker said the Parks Board denied this request based on the solicitation policy and said they don't feel they can say yes to one and not another. Chairman Fullerton said he would like to see this town be more business friendly and a discussion ensued with regard to solicitation. Selectman Urquhart said he would like to see this policy changed and a suggestion was made that the Board of Selectmen attend the next Park Board meeting to discuss this. Chairman Fullerton said that the next meeting was this coming Tuesday. Selectman Urquhart said the Selectmen should table this request until the next Selectmen's Meeting so that they can meet with the Park Board and have the policy changed. Ms. Buono will contact Jim Bailey about the meeting. Selectman Urquhart moved to table this request until the next Selectmen's Meeting. The motion was seconded by Chairman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- **TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

Conservation Commission – Ms. Buono said the Conservation Commission is recommending that the Selectmen sign a proposal for the final phase of the boundary marking for Patenaude Meadow (Map 12A Lot 3). The contract is in the amount of \$3,100 and the money for this is within the Conservation operating budget. Selectman Urquhart moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposal as recommended by the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded by Selectmen Brien-Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Oldest Resident – Ms. Buono said that based on research done by the office staff, it appears that Violet Livingston is the oldest resident of Hillsborough at this time. She is 97 years old. Does the Board wish to contact Ms. Livingston and her family to discuss the Boston Post Cane? Selectman Urquhart said he thought there was another resident that may be a year older and was going to look into it.

Police Department – Ms. Buono said that she previously mentioned that the police department sent two old cruisers to the State of NH surplus property auction that was held on May 17th. The sale of the cruisers brought in a total amount of \$2,600.

Center School House – Ms. Buono reported that the Center School House painting is complete and according to John Gibson, it looks beautiful.

Monadnock Travel Council – Ms. Buono received an email from Joe Walker who is the Vice President of the Monadnock Travel Council with regard to a welcome center. She said they would like to discuss the possibility of placing a shed near the stone arch bridge for the purpose of holding information, flyers, and pamphlets for visitors to pick up. The plan would be to include high school students through curriculum and community service requirements to upkeep the property and the shed. Selectman Urquhart said he is concerned about where people will park since the tire business doesn't allow the town to use any of their parking area. Ms. Buono said that having the information available for people who currently visit the bridge, shouldn't hinge on the tire business's parking since the town is not stating the people can park there. People are already visiting the bridge even though parking is on the opposite side and all this will do is provide area information for those visitors. The Board would like to find out what the "shed" will look like before approving the project.

NhSolarGarden – Ms. Buono and the Planning Director met with representatives from NhSolarGarden with regard to a proposition of placing a solar garden on the Town's capped landfill. They would like to lease property from the Town in the same manner as a cell tower leases property, build the solar array and the power it generates is placed on the grid for subscribers to benefit from (it becomes another option to different electric suppliers). The town would also be paid 1 cent per KWH of power that we use as a revenue source. The company maintains the property the garden is on as well as the solar panels. Ms. Buono said the water/sewer department and the schools have been contacted to find out if they are interested in including their KWH as well. Ms. Buono gave each of the Board members a summary of the proposal although the figures may change since they were only estimated amounts used. The Selectmen would like the company representatives to meet with them at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

Monitoring Well Contamination – Ms. Buono said that each Spring the monitoring well that is approximately 20' from the salt shed comes up with a high salt content reading. Because of that, DES is recommending that we work on maintaining compliance with the AGQS (Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards). Ms. Buono said she will be discussing this with Bill Goss to find out if there is a way to either change the flow of the runoff so that it runs away from the well or move the shed altogether.

- **OTHER BUSINESS**

Jones Road – Ms. Buono said there are a couple of dead trees that need removal along Jones Road which is a scenic road. Bill Goss has recommended that these trees be removed due to the fact that they are a safety hazard. Ms. Buono said that the Selectmen can vote to allow Mr. Goss to remove these trees without a public hearing due to the fact they are dead and pose a hazard. Selectman Urquhart moved to authorize Bill Goss to cut the dead trees on Jones Road. Motion was seconded by Selectman Brien-Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Parks Board – Ms. Buono reported that the Town of Deering Selectmen have forwarded Doris Beane's name as the resident they would like to recommend to serve on the Parks Board. Ms. Buono also mentioned that due to the fact that there are names that the Parks Board has sent forward for volunteers, the Selectmen have the option to bring the board back to 7 members. This will allow everyone who would like to serve to be appointed. This was discussed as well as the recording the meetings. Selectman Fullerton said he would like the recorder being used at the meetings however, Selectman Brien-Baker said if it is a requirement then all committees should be required to do the same. Ms. Buono asked if the Selectmen are going to pick a new ex-officio. Selectman Urquhart asked Selectman Brien-Baker if she would reconsider her resignation as ex-officio. Selectman Brien-Baker said she would not reconsider. Selectman Urquhart moved to appoint Chairman Fullerton as the ex-officio. The motion was seconded by Chairman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed with a vote of two in favor and Selectman Brien-Baker abstaining. Selectman Urquhart reiterated that he would like to have the policies and procedures be updated and for the Selectmen to work with the Town Administrator and the Parks Board on this.

Cemetery Repairs – Ms. Buono said that Richard Baldwin, who has been working with Cemetery Trustees has offered to organize volunteers to clean and fix the headstones. The Selectmen had no concerns since the Trustees are handling the purchasing of the cleaning solution that will be used.

Historical Collections – Selectman Brien-Baker said she wanted to address Mr. Segedy's comment at the beginning of the meeting with regard to caring for the historical collections owned by the town. She outlined the decision the Selectmen made and said that

the Historical Society is already caretakers of other collections owned by the Town and it made sense to be managed by one group. Selectman Brien-Baker said the committee the Selectmen thought they needed does not need to be an appointed committee. She said in reference to all the people who applied, she personally is not going to vote to place people on a committee who will laugh and swear at others who volunteer and she feels they simply weeded out the people they wouldn't want on the committee.

Selectman Brien-Baker feels this was the best route to take after researching. The Selectmen remain the authority to decide where the collection(s) are stored and if requests come in to display the collections outside of the museum in town, the Selectmen make the decision on those requests. Chairman Fullerton said was worried about people getting along. Selectman Brien-Baker said they can discuss the parameters at the next meeting. Selectman Urquhart said the objective is to protect our history and feels it should all be under one roof.

Abatements - Chairman Fullerton moved to grant the following assessment reductions (abatements). The motion was seconded by Selectman Brien Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Map 7 Lot 207 \$12,600; Map 14 Lot 320 \$14,100; Map 14 Lot 155 \$8,100; Map 14 Lot 579 \$1,700; Map 16 Lot 81 \$5,100; Map 14 Lot 439 \$91,800; Map 8 Lot 68 \$16,600; Map 16 Lot 189 \$1,200; Map 16 Lot 227 \$1,200; Map 15 Lot 15 \$6,500; Map 25 Lot 36 \$12,300; Map 5 Lot 110 \$10,500; Map 24 Lot 91 \$14,000; Map 24 Lot 61 \$5,500; Map 24 Lot 103 \$28,700; Map 23 Lot 148 \$61,700; Map 24 Lot 156 \$44,900.

Chairman Fullerton moved to deny the following abatements. The motion was seconded by Selectman Brien Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Map 6 Lot 50; Map 14 Lot 621; Map 13 Lot 224; Map 11B Lots 402 & 128; Map 23 Lot 165; Map 11K Lot 336; Map 8 Lot 48; Map 23 Lot 59; Map 23 Lot 145; Map 11K Lots 61 & 71; Map 11F Lot 59; Map 11K Lots 167 and 167-1; Map 5 Lot 129; Map 12 Lot 109

Farmstead – Ms. Buono asked the Board if they would like to take any action on Farmstead's charitable status for 2014 that they had previously reviewed. Selectman Urquhart moved to approve the charitable status for Farmstead of N.E. for the year 2014. The motion was seconded by Selectman Brien-Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- **MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Fullerton moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 6967 - 7037 a/k/a Vouchers 25, 26, 26A in the amount of \$127,912.06 (includes 130 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 9770 - 9835 a/k/a Vouchers 16 & 17 in the amount of \$291,660.52. Motion was seconded by Selectman Brien-Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Fullerton moved to approve the Consent Agenda for June 24, 2014. Motion was seconded by Selectman Brien-Baker. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Yield Tax Warrant in the amount of \$756.44
- Abatement in the amount of \$788.21 (Transferring error)

- **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Selectman Brien-Baker moved to approve the meeting minutes of June 10, 2014 as written. Motion was seconded by Chairman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

Selectman Brien-Baker moved to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectmen Urquhart. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

Date: 07/08/14

David N. Fullerton, Chairman

Wendy Brien-Baker, Selectman

Alan Urquhart, Selectman