Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes September 27, 2016

Present: Alan Urquhart, Chairman; James Bailey III, Selectman; David Fullerton, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Dick Baldwin, Jon Segedy, Leigh Bosse, Joyce Bosse.

Chairman Urquhart opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. OPEN SESSION

<u>Dick Baldwin</u> – Mr. Baldwin and two other volunteers have worked on the Town's cemeteries over the years to help clean and repair headstones. Mr. Baldwin is concerned over the condition of some of the cemeteries and feels more money should be budgeted in order to have more headstones repaired. Mr. Baldwin gave a list of items which he feels the Trustees should consider having done at the cemeteries. These items include replacing gates, place the cemetery signs up, supply water to Pine Hill cemetery for headstone cleaning, Maple Ave Cemetery road repairs as well as some cleanup at the Church Street Cemetery. Mr. Baldwin said he has spoken with one of the Trustees but money has not been appropriated. Ms. Buono said she will speak with the Trustees since money has been in the budget each year but has been under spent. Ms. Buono said there was also a capital reserve fund established this year for maintenance projects in the cemeteries. Chairman Urquhart thanked Mr. Baldwin for his volunteer efforts and said he feels it's important to take care of these resting places. Selectman Bailey complimented the work done in the cemetery at Grimes Field and said it looks great since they worked on it. Selectman Fullerton suggested that perhaps the water truck could be offered for the purpose of cleaning the stones.

<u>Leigh Bosse</u> – Mr. Bosse said he appreciates that the Selectmen allow conversation and comments from the public at their meetings and noted that the School Board does not allow it.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

<u>Planning Board</u> – Selectman Bailey said the Planning Board is continuing work on the Master Plan and the Sign Ordinance.

<u>Economic Development Committee (EDC)</u> – Ms. Buono reported on the EDC and said they are attending a Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" at the Manning Williams Real Estate Agency on the 29th. At that function, the Business Retention and Expansion Program will be rolled out and the EDC will be looking for volunteers to give a few hours to help out. Ms. Buono also reported that Steve Veniza has resigned from the Committee since he is taking a new job out of the area.

<u>Parks & Recreation</u> – Selectman Fullerton said he was pleased to see that the toilets at Beards Brook are still out and said that bikers use them as they ride through Hillsborough and said he had spoken with one individual riding through who said they are glad they are available.

3. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Urquhart moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 10685 - 10747 a/k/a Vouchers 38 & 39 in the amount of \$143,141.68 (includes

126 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 15080 - 15168 a/k/a Voucher 36 in the amount of \$197,409.17. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Urquhart moved to approve the consent agenda for September 27, 2016. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

• Veterans Exemption – Map 5 Lot 115

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Urquhart moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 13, 2016 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

<u>Children Playing Signs</u> — Chairman Urquhart said he thought the Selectmen had voted to place "Children Playing" signs on Merrill Road as well as Gay Street. There are children that walk that street after being dropped off by the school bus and there is quite a bit of truck traffic mixed in. Selectman Bailey said he doesn't recall them discussing a sign on Merrill Road at the last meeting. Chairman Urquhart moved to place signs on Merrill Road. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Perambulation of Henniker Town Line</u> – Ms. Buono said she and Dana Brien took part in the beginning of the perambulation of the town line between Henniker and Hillsborough today. They walked the first line and will schedule additional dates to do the other two lines.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Urquhart moved to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Bailey. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

Alan Urquhart, Selectman

David Fullerton, Selectman