Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2018

Present: James Bailey III, Chairman; David N. Fullerton, Selectman; Jonathan M. Daley, Selectman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Charles Eastley, Michael Pon, Richard McNamara, John Segedy.

Selectman Daley opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. **OPEN SESSION**

*Charles Eastley* – Mr. Eastley came in to speak with the Selectmen about his proposed driveway on Myrtle Street. Instead of paving his driveway and the portion of the sidewalk he will be responsible for as a result of putting in the driveway, he would like to use concrete instead since it is less expensive. Mr. Eastley stated that Bill Goss has told him the sidewalk portion must be pavement and not concrete. He pointed out that there are various corners throughout the sidewalks that run along School Street that are concrete and feels he should be able to do the same. Mr. Eastley also feels that he should be able to leave his driveway gravel since there is no pitch to it. Ms. Buono pointed out that the sidewalks Mr. Eastley is referring to were done with a Safe Routes to School Grant and had to meet federal guidelines for those sloped corners. Ms. Buono informed the Selectmen that she spoke with Mr. Goss with regard to this issue and the reason he recommends the sidewalk be pavement is because concrete doesn’t stand up to salt and plowing the same way pavement does. Selectman Fullerton said he has one of the concrete corners by his house and it seems to be wearing fine. Ms. Buono said that since the area Selectman Fullerton is referring to is only six years old, it wouldn’t be showing signs of wear and tear yet. Ms. Buono also noted that the Selectmen had already voted to require Mr. Eastley to pave his driveway although Mr. Goss has no objection to the driveway itself being concrete. Selectman Daley said he would like to speak with Mr. Goss to get his perspective and suggested he be invited into the next Selectmen’s Meeting.

Chairman Bailey joined the meeting at this point.

1. **MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 13886 – 13938 a/k/a Vouchers 40 & 41 in the amount of $160,840.54 (includes 126 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 19611 - 19693 a/k/a Voucher 31 in the amount of $1,306,265.52. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

\*\* A/P Checks include payment to HDSD in the amount of $827,894.09

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the consent agenda for October 9, 2018. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

* Intent to Cut – Map 6 Lot 30
* General Election Warrant
1. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the minutes of September 25, 2018 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Fullerton. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

1. **OTHER BUSINESS**

*West Main Street* – Ms. Buono said she spoke with Bill Goss with regard to the State’s skim coat they put on West Main Street. Mr. Goss feels that since they paved over 5 crosswalks, the Town should insist that they paint the crosswalks and is requesting the Selectmen send a letter to that effect. The Board agreed with Mr. Goss’ request. Ms. Buono will draw up a letter for Chairman Bailey to sign and will deliver it to DOT on Thursday when she is there for the sidewalk meeting with them.

*Woodlands ATV Club* – Selectman Fullerton said the Selectmen have received a few letters with regard to the proposed ATV trail and he feels people are pulling out all the stops to stop the trail from being approved. He said the Club wants to have a small area to ride and noted that the vehicles that are tearing up roads right now are not ATV’s. Chairman Bailey said the Selectmen need more information and can’t really make a decision at this point. Selectman Daley said he spoke with one of the Hillsborough police officers while on a non-related call about the proposal and he said they are concerned about being able to respond to issues on a trail. Chairman Bailey said he spoke with Mike Tardiff from CNHRPC about the proposal and Mr. Tardiff indicated that they would be willing to help us out since this issue is going on throughout the State.

Ms. Buono presented the Selectmen with what was submitted from the Club to date. She said that although they did bring in a map, they did not bring in a write up that discussed why they want the trail in that location. Ms. Buono said they brought in various printouts with notes written on them but it is not what the Selectmen were looking for in order to move forward with a public hearing. Ms. Buono suggested the public hearing which is currently scheduled for October 27th be cancelled and not rescheduled until the Club has submitted information to the Board that they feel is complete. The Selectmen agreed that it made sense to cancel the public hearing at this time.

*Police Non-Union* – Ms. Buono said we have been treating the non-union management personnel at the police department the same as union personnel with regard to COLA’s, insurance co-pays, etc. She said it had begun because of the pay inequities. It wasn’t financially worth officers to seek management status because they could make more as a patrolman as time went on. Ms. Buono said that although it is currently how the benefits are treated, she cannot find a formal motion in the past for this and would like it in the formal record that action was taken by the Board. Chairman Bailey moved to continue to teat non-union management staff the same as union personnel. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

*Henniker Rotary* – Each of the Selectmen as well as Ms. Buono received invitations to an event being put on by the Henniker Rotary on October 26th. Ms. Buono said she is not able to attend and asked if any of the Selectmen will be attending. Selectmen Fullerton and Daley will have to check their calendar and Chairman Bailey is unable to attend. Ms. Buono will RSVP for Chairman Bailey and herself at this time.

1. **ACTION ITEMS**

*2 Bridge Street* – Chairman Bailey said he was contacted by the woman from the Clothing Closet who has been removing clothing from the building and she stated that the roof is leaking. Ms. Buono will have building maintenance check it out.

*Sidewalk Project –* Ms. Buono reported that she and the Planning Director will be attending a “Local Concerns Meeting” with the engineer and DOT on October 11th in Swanzey. She said she will ask them about their timeline for paving West Main Street since the sidewalk project won’t be completed until 2020.

*Road Names (911)* – Selectman Daley said it has been suggested that the northern end of Concord End Road be left as Concord End Road and the southern end be named Monroe Hill. He said the middle section of Concord End road has a name pending from a resident as well.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono

Town Administrator

Approved by: Date:

Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

James C. Bailey III, Chairman

David N. Fullerton, Selectman

Jonathan M. Daley, Selectman