

Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
November 13, 2018

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

In Attendance: John Segedy, Tara Cedeiholm, Molly Stark, Peter Roth, Emily Wrubel, Kirsten Hjelm, James McDonough, Ann Poole, Mark Hasssell, Nancy Hassel, Jay Smith, Jim Larkin, Claudia Larkin, Susah Shamel, Pam Stohrer, Jason Reimers, JP Stohrer, Sam & Martha Stark, Sally & Frederick Blauch, John & Diana Lind, Marjorie Porter, William Collins, Bruce Randall.

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

**1. OPEN SESSION**

Roger Shamel – Mr. Shamel wanted to let the Selectmen know that there is a road safety issue on East Washington Road where there is water seeping out of the road and running down it. He said there is currently some ice there now and wanted to report it. Ms. Buono asked if he had already called the Highway Department to let them know and was told no. Chairman Bailey said the best thing to do in a case like that is to either call the Highway Department or Dispatch to let them know so the area can be treated in a timely fashion. He said by waiting until the meeting tonight, they won't be able to pass the information on until the morning.

Atty. Jason Reimers – Atty. Reimers said he has recently submitted a letter to the Selectmen with regard to the proposed ATV trail and said he represents a group of about 20 taxpayers of Hillsborough. He reviewed the letter which outlined concerns and opposition to the proposal as well as a request for any public hearing that may be scheduled be held off until the spring or summer when seasonal residents are back.

**2. BRUCE RANDALL RE: FIRE STATION EXPANSION**

Mr. Bruce Randall met with the Selectmen to bring forward an idea with regard to an alternative to expanding the fire station. Mr. Randall feels the Selectmen should consider purchasing the property at 14 Central Street which is across the street from the current station. He said the home could be used as sleeping quarters for the department as well as provide additional space for other departments of the Town if necessary and the lot could provide some needed parking. The property is currently on the market for \$300,000. Selectman Fullerton feels it's a golden opportunity. Chairman Bailey said it's always good to have alternatives.

**3. EMILY WRUBEL RE: ATV PROPOSAL**

Emily Wrubel – Ms. Wrubel came before the Board to bring forward her concerns about the proposed ATV trail. Chairman Bailey said the Selectmen have been gathering information over the last few weeks and they haven't made a decision yet however, they have received many letters in opposition. He requested that those who are speaking under this appointment keep it brief without repeating information.

Ms. Wrubel said she lives on the corner of Flint and North Road and has been there since 1986. She feels this proposed trail would change her enjoyment of her property and reviewed why she felt that

way. She noted that Liberty Hill Road in Henniker has about 100 people riding up and down the road since they approved it and the residents are petitioning the Town to discontinue it. She also feels the traffic would damage the roads in that area.

Ms. Kirsten Hjelm read a letter which outlined the reasons they moved to the area 10 years ago and the peaceful enjoyment they currently have while raising a variety of farm animals. Ms. Hjelm spoke about safety concerns when mixing ATV's with bike riders in that area for example. She said by allowing ATV's in the area, everything they enjoy now will be jeopardized and asked the Selectmen to deny the request. Selectmen Fullerton noted that Woodland ATV Club wants to teach kids to ride safely.

Mr. Bill Collins also spoke about what he feels are the reasons for the opposition and said he has highlighted a map showing the abutters who are opposed. He said he would not like to experience an interruption in the peace and quiet they moved up here for. Mr. Collins noted that individuals maintain Class VI roads and ATV use would ruin those roads and feels it would be foolish for the Selectmen to consider approving the proposal.

#### 4. **MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 13988 - 14058 a/k/a Vouchers 44, 45 & 46 in the amount of \$242,443.63 (includes 235 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 19741 – 19862 a/k/a Vouchers 34 & 35 in the amount of \$1,045,937.75. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

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

#### 5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the consent agenda for November 13, 2018. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Intent to Cut – Map 6 Lot 29; Map 2 Lots 40.01 & 40.02
- Veterans' Tax Credit – Map 14 Lot 295
- Property Tax Warrant in the amount of \$7,542,399.69

#### 6. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the minutes of October 23, 2018 as written. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

*Board Discussion re:Woodland ATV Proposal* – Selectman Daley informed those in attendance that since the Selectmen cannot talk about business outside of meetings, this is the first time they've had an opportunity to discuss the plan that was submitted by Woodland ATV Club. He said that he doesn't personally care about ATV's however, the Board has received an overwhelming amount of negative letters and in his opinion the trail as submitted doesn't seem to work.

Chairman Bailey said he has listened to the Fire Department, Police Department and Highway Department and with their input he is not in favor of the trail. He stated that there will be a certain amount of damage done to the roads and added that until the State takes a more proactive role in enforcement of ATV's, he's not in favor of approving a trail. Chairman Bailey said that Chief Roarick

had told him that even with two more officers and cruisers he still wouldn't be able to monitor the trails.

Selectman Fullerton said he has received his share of letters and when he hears about gun shots at homes (as noted in a letter) and other things, he is not sure it is true since he has checked into that information.

Chairman Bailey moved to accept the proposal from Woodland ATV Club. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion failed with a vote of one in favor (Selectman Fullerton) and two opposed. Chairman Bailey informed those in attendance that based on this vote, the proposed trail is not going through.

Selectman Daley noted that he had a conversation with Henniker and they have a committee who handles issues and he would be interested in how to expand the South end trails. He said if someone wanted to pursue it, he would look at it. Fay Smith, President of the Woodland ATV Club requested copies of the letters and was told she could come into the office and review the file and will be given copies of any letters she would like.

Town Report Quotes - Ms. Buono stated that Nancy Torres received quotes from three companies for the printing of the 2018 Town Report. The quotes came from Premiere Printing \$2,050; Brayshaw Printing \$2,111; RAM Printing \$2,432.96. Ms. Buono stated that although Brayshaw Printing is higher than Premiere by \$61, Ms. Torres would like the Board to consider awarding the job to them. We have used Brayshaw for the last few years and they offer additional help especially on the cover and photos within the report at no additional cost. Chairman Bailey moved to award the printing of the Town Report to Brayshaw Printing. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

Building Inspector Truck – Ms. Buono notified the Selectmen that the Building Inspector Truck was sold at the State's public auction for \$5,250. She selling it for that amount considering we purchased the used vehicle a couple of years ago for \$7,800 and it no longer passed inspection, was a surprise. The auction fee of 10% was taken off the top so the Town received \$4,725.

NHMA Conference Ms. Buono reminded the Board that although the Town Clerk's Office will be open, the rest of the Town Office Staff will be attending the NHMA Conference for the next two days and will return on Friday.

2018 Tax Rate – Ms. Buono said the 2018 Tax Rate has been received and there is a decrease from the 2017 rate of \$.97. The new rate is \$29.50 which is down from \$30.47. The Emerald Lake rate was increased by \$.20 to \$3.03.

Tax Deeded Properties – Selectman Daley asked the status of the project to sell tax deeded land and buildings. Ms. Buono stated that although she had wanted to get the project done over the summer, that didn't happen. She said Dana Brien worked on the properties and put together a map to merge lots that abut each other in order to sell larger parcels if the Selectmen so desire. She will be submitting the list of properties to the Conservation Commission to review prior to selling.

Trunk or Treat – Selectman Fullerton said he feels Trunk or Treat that was jointly organized by Youth Services and the School was a success and it kept people off the streets and out of traffic.

West Main St. – Selectman Fullerton said he found out on election day that there had been an accident on West Main St. due to the fact that the lines had not yet been painted after the State paved the road. He said that although Ms. Buono doesn't want to take credit for having the lines painted, she contacted

the State and it got done. Selectman Daley mentioned that the fire lights are not working on W. Main and he is working with the State to have the sensors fixed.

Historic District Commission – Ms. Buono said the Historic District Commission has request that the Selectmen approve their use of the Town attorney to represent them in front of the ZBA on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Jim Larkin spoke on behalf of the Commission and outlined the reasons they would like legal representation on the appeal of a denied solar panel application. He also noted that the applicant has legal representation. Chairman Bailey said Mr. Larkin just gave their argument for the ZBA to deny the appeal and said that legal counsel isn't typically used to go before the ZBA because it is expensive. Selectman Daley agreed and the request was not moved forward for a vote.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

2 Bridge Street – Ms Buono said they received \$100 for the small woodstove that was in the building. She also said that the leaks are coming from the back of the roof which is not covered in metal. Ms. Buono said the building has a very strong odor of mold/mildew now and should not be entered unless necessary.

Road Names (911) – Selectman Daley brought up Concord End Road and said there is a resident who lives in the middle and they would like it to stay the same name. The distance of either side was discussed. The South end resident would like it named Monroe Hill and leave the other end as North Concord End.

Woods Woolen Mills – Ms. Buono said the grant that CNHRPC had attempted to secure for Hillsborough in order to take down the boiler house was not approved.

Manahan Boat Dock – Chairman Bailey said they will be working on the permit throughout the winter in order to do the work.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectman Daley. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono  
Town Administrator

Approved by:  
Hillsborough Board of Selectmen

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

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James C. Bailey III, Chairman

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David N. Fullerton, Selectman

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