

Board of Selectmen Meeting Town Office Wednesday, 7/3/2019 5:45 p.m.

#### **MINUTES - DRAFT**

**Present:** Selectmen: Bob Hamilton, Roberta Oeser, Karl Pruter, Town Administrator Joe Byk, Executive Secretary Michele Christian, Finance Director Laurie May

# CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was opened at 5:45. Roberta made a motion to enter a nonpublic session at 5:48 pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II c for reputation seconded by Karl. Roll Call Vote: Bob – yes, Roberta – yes, Karl – yes. Approved 3-0-0. The Board returned to public session at 6:03 and opened the public meeting at 6:08 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Selectmen's Announcements** – Roberta stated that the weather is not looking good for Saturday. She stated that they are going to call a rain date for Sunday on Thursday.

**Citizen's Forum** – Holly stated that the Farmer's Market will be open from 3-6 on July 4<sup>th</sup>. She also stated that the graffiti on Old New Ipswich Road was cleaned up.

## **Changes to the Consent Agenda**

- 1. Consent Agenda
- 2. Approval of:
  - Minutes 6-12-19
  - Payroll 6/20/19, 6/27/19, 7/3/19
  - Accounts payable 6/20/19, 6/27/19, 7/3/19
  - Raffle Permit Application Jaffrey Woman's Club

- Camper Permit Application Richard Lehtonen, 47 Pine Eden Rd.
- Trustees of the Trust Funds appointment of alternate Dwight Schenk

Roberta made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Karl, Approved 3-0-0.

## 6:15 PM Public Hearing

# Application to Improve Class VI Road - Bowers Hill Road

The Chair opened the Public Hearing at 6:15 PM. The chair went over details of the request. The property owned by New Hampshire Fish and Game that is on Bowers Hill Road. Fish and Game would like to improve Bowers Hill Road so that it doesn't wash out and they can access their property. Bob stated that Rick Donovan and Mike Cloutier are both in favor of the improvements. The Roadway Committee also responded favorably. Bob opened the hearing to the public. Roberta mentioned that they will be improving another section of Kimball Road on the north end which will make it accessible to fire and police. Craig Clark asked if the town will be liable for the road. If the road is being improved there could be kids going down the road with trucks. Roberta said that the road is gated. Police and fire departments have keys to the gates. Roni Hamilton asked if Fish and Game is going to log the property do they need to come before the BOS. They do need to file a logging permit for the state to collect their taxes. Jim Qualey asked if the town gets the timber tax on that land. The Chair closed the Public hearing at 6:23 PM.

Roberta motioned to grant permission to NH Fish and Game to improve Bowers Hill Road and Bemis Tavern Road as specified, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

#### **Old Business:**

## a) Warrant Articles Update

Roberta wanted to make sure that we are on track with the warrant articles. She wanted to know where the research stands on the land swap. Joe stated that it has been looked at and there is a restriction by the Federal Government and the Dept. of Natural Resources. They have a very picky protocol that requires the land owner to do a survey and Joe handed this over the Jed Paquin. Joe said that Jed is behind but he is going to work on it.

Roberta said that the lighting and the library are also of concern. The lighting bid was 1800 over. Joe will be meeting with the lighting company and Pat Martin has been invited to attend. Also, NHMA has indicated that when there is a warrant article the funds cannot over spend the amount of the warrant appropriation. Roberta thinks that this may not be the case.

Pat Martin stated the other towns in the area have been very happy with Affinity. She also stated that what they are proposing in Rindge is not what they did in Marlborough. Affinity is including a GPS feature that allows them to see the state of all the lights in town and get a report. Pat asked if we need and want that, which might give us an opportunity to negotiate. Bob said that he read the RFP and it was based on Marlborough's RFP and it wasn't included. Affinity put it in under cost of installation rather than materials. More discussion ensued about the lighting. There are many questions about the GPS feature.

The library trustees are still working on the LCHIP check list to certify compliance. Jim Qualey asked when the fire truck would be delivered. Bob went over the rest of the warrant articles.

## b) Correction of 5/29/2019 minutes

There was a page missing from the minutes of 5/29/19 and apparently there was a 2 – sided page missing.

Roberta made a motion to approve the amended minutes of 5/29/19, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

## c) Independence Day Event – Town Event

Roberta made a motion to make the Independence Day Family Festival Celebration a town event, seconded by Karl. Approved 3-0-0

#### 3) New Business

## **Committee Updates/Information/Communications**

## **Recreation Department**

Karl said that the rec department talked about the Family Festival and the Playscape at Tetrault Park. Deb Qualey asked if Tetrault Park was conservation land. Roberta said that it is managed by Con Comm but it is town land.

#### Feasibility Study for J-R School District

Roberta said that it is getting interesting because Jaffrey needs Rindge more than we need Jaffrey. She said that even with the amount of money Jaffrey will receive they will have

a very difficult time sustaining the education system. All of the K-5 special education students are bused to Rindge. They have not started to discuss money.

# May Revenues and Expenses.

May Revenues and Expenses were reviewed.

Roberta made a motion to go into nonpublic session according to RSA 91-A:3, II(a) Personnel at 8:12 PM. Bob asked if we are aware of what this is about. He said that he would like a heads up when there are non-publics meeting, he doesn't know what the meeting is about. Motion seconded by Karl. Roll Call Vote: Karl, yes; Bob, no; Roberta, yes. Approved 3-0-0

Returned to Public session at 8:05 PM.

Roll Call Vote: Bob, Karl, yes; Roberta, yes

Adjournment 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Christian

**Executive Secretary**