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SELECTMEN PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009 APPROVED NOVEMBER 2, 2009

Chairman Tom Congoran called a regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 5:30 PM on Monday, October 25, 2009.

Present:

George Langwasser, Selectman

Tom Congoran, Chairman

Scott Flood, Selectman

Chris Lawless, Selectman

Jim O'Brien, Selectman

Neal Cass, Town Administrator

Robin Buchanan, Administrative Assessing Assistant

Public Present: Merle Dustin, Marion Paxton, Roger & Carolyn Keilig, Michael & Janet Ward; Dijit Taylor, Ken Wilkens, Lester Cressy

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board approved the following:

- Vendor Disbursement and Payroll Manifests
- Building/Use Permit
- For Review – Selectmen's Notes and Correspondence
- For Signature

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of October 12, 2009. Selectman Flood made a motion, seconded by Selectman Langwasser to approve the minutes as written. Vote 3-0-2(Selectmen Lawless and O'Brien abstaining) in favor of the motion.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Public Meeting of October 19, 2009. Selectmen O'Brien made a motion, seconded by Selectmen Flood to approve the minutes as written. Vote 4-0-1(Selectmen Lawless abstaining) in favor of the motion.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Non Public Session of October 5, 2009. Selectmen Langwasser made a motion, seconded by Selectmen Flood to approve the minutes as written. Vote 4-0-1(Selectmen O'Brien abstaining) in favor of the motion.

The Board reviewed the minute of the Non Public Session of October 12, 2009. Selectmen Flood made a motion, seconded by Selectmen Langwasser to approve the minutes as written. Vote 4-0-1(Selectmen Lawless & O'Brien abstaining) in favor of the motion.

The Board reviewed the minute of the Non Public Session of October 17, 2009. Selectmen Flood made a motion, seconded by Selectmen Langwasser to approve the minutes as written. Vote 4-0-1(Selectmen Lawless abstaining) in favor of the motion.

III. PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

Steve Clough, Herm Blanchette and the Webster Selectmen, Dave Klumb, Tom Mullins and George Heshem are in tonight to discuss the issue of a community well for those properties near the landfill whose wells are contaminated. Mr. Clough gave a brief history and noted other options that had been discussed in the past but determined not to be viable. Mr. Clough stated Lewis Engineering had developed a conceptual design which design would cost approximately \$658,000 to install. Mr. Clough believes by using in house resources we will be able to trim that cost down to about \$325,000 to \$350,000 noting that contingency costs are included in case of any unforeseen problems. Mr. Clough and Mr. Blanchette believe it would be a 4-6 week time frame of work and have worked out the scheduling. A discussion ensued with regards to the flow rate and how many houses could be serviced by this well. Mr. Clough indicated it could serve up to 10 homes and the flow rate would be 10 gallons per minute. A discussion ensued regarding the use of bottled water as a permanent solution. Mr. Clough stated it is not a permanent solution because this is not just a consumption issue. A discussion ensued with regards to contaminates. Mr. Clough stated most can be treated at the pump site. He also indicated the plume is expected to be down gradient. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of the voters not approving the money for the project. Mr. Clough stated DES wants this done, if necessary DES will come in and do it and then charge the town, which will be much more expensive. A discussion ensued with regards to financing and working out Webster's share, noting the Board's each have the ability to commit. Selectmen Flood made a motion to authorize the chair of the Board of Selectmen of Hopkinton to execute the draft letter dated October 26, 2009 addressed to E. Molly Stark at DES outlining the Town's response to their letter dated September 17, 2009. Selectmen O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Mr. Mullins requested time to discuss the Cooperative issue. Selectmen Congoran stated he would like to get the next 2 but short appointments done and then would be happy to discuss the Cooperative.

Roger and Carolyn Keilig are in to discuss Rollins Road. Mr. and Mrs. Keilig are concerned over the costs, the need for the extra width, erosion and the method of construction. The Board asked Mr. Cass to look into the matter.

Jessica Dunlap was in to discuss a temporary change of use permit for a holiday sales event. She had previously requested use of the Town Hall or Horseshoe Tavern but neither is a viable option. She is now before the Board asking for a temporary change of use to occupy space at 874 Main Street, which was previously occupied by a mortgage company. The building has been renovated and the owner uses some of the space for office space. A discussion ensued with regards to parking. Mrs. Dunlap noted there were at least 20 businesses involved in the holiday sale and felt parking was not an issue. Selectmen Lawless made a motion to accept and grant the temporary change of use to retail at 875 Main Street, which includes the sign, from November 20, 2009 to December 20, 2009. Selectmen O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion. Mrs. Dunlap thanked the Board and noted if it was a success, she would be back for a permanent change of use.

Tom Mullins and George Heshem are back to discuss the Cooperative. Mr. Mullins gave a brief history of what has been happening at the Cooperative with regards to the push for single stream. Discussions centered on the possibility of breaking from the Cooperative. Mr. Mullins indicated that he doesn't believe we can completely break away, indicating there may be future costs. Selectmen Congoran indicated he along with Selectmen O'Brien would reach out to those they knew at the Cooperative to get an understanding of where the Cooperative stands now. It was noted there may be other towns that would like to break away from the Cooperative. The Webster Board will meet with the Hopkinton Board at the next meeting, November 2, 2009.

Gary Richardson, Moderator, was in to ask the Board to hold the Special Town Meeting on the Bohanan Easement on November 18, 2009, as he would be out of the county if it were held on December 5, 2009. Discussion ensued as to why the Board chose a Saturday. Selectmen Langwasser informed the Board that the Budget Committee feels it should hold a public hearing. Selectmen Congoran feels the more information the public has the better decision they will make. Discussion ensued as to whether Budget Committee should hold a meeting or be part of the Public Information Hearing. It was suggested that perhaps Bob Blanchette would be the best source of information as to the impact on the budget.

Selectmen Flood made a motion to ask the Budget Committee to hold a bond hearing. Selectmen Lawless seconded the motion. Vote 2 (Selectmen Flood and Lawless) -3 (Selectmen Congoran, Langwasser and O'Brien) against the motion. Selectmen O'Brien made a motion to hold a Public Informational Meeting on November 18, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the High School. Selectmen Lawless seconded the motion. Vote 4 (Selectmen Congoran, Langwasser, Lawless & O'Brien) -1 (Selectmen Flood) in favor of the motion.

Mr. Cass presented to the Board a Warrant to sign with regards to the Special Town Meeting to be held on December 5, 2009. Discussion ensued with regards to the language of the Warrant. Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to approve the Warrant Article as written relative to the acquisition of the Bohanan Farm Easement. Selectmen O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote 4 (Selectmen Congoran, Langwasser, Lawless & O'Brien) -1 (Selectmen Flood) in favor of the motion.

IV. PUBLIC FORUM

Merle Dustin informed the Board the pothole at the entrance to the Library and Senior Center has been repaired.

Marion Paxton commented on the proposal for the well, indicating it was good to see the Webster selectmen involved in the process. She inquired if they would be able to provide in house support, as our Public Works department is doing. It was indicated that will be discussed as they move forward on the matter. Mrs. Paxton also inquired if the Board knew how much has been donated towards the Bohanan Easement. Selectmen O'Brien stated he would find out.

V. OLD BUSINESS

It was noted the committee is continuing to work on the sign ordinance.

A discussion ensued with regards to the auctioning of Columbia Hall.

A discussion ensued with regards to the Budget. The Board will begin discussions next week and will limit the appointments in order to devote time to the budgets.

Mr. Cass presented the Board two (2) Requests for Proposal (RFP). One is for assessing and the other for legal services. A discussion ensued with regards to the assessing contract. It was noted that DRA likes to see separate contracts, one for general assessing services and one for cyclical data verification. Selectmen

Flood made a motion to approve the RFP for General Assessing and Cyclical Data Verification. Selectmen O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the RFP for legal services. Discussion ensued with regards to the Planning and Zoning Boards having their own counsel and costs per hour. Selectmen Flood made a motion to approve the RFB for Legal Services, noting that Zoning & Planning have their own counsel. Selectmen O'Brien seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

It was noted that LGC has sent the 2009 Wage, Salary & Benefits Survey of Municipalities.

It was noted DES sent a letter of deficiency to Prototek Sheetmetal.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Selectmen Lawless, on behalf of the Recreation Director asked Selectmen Flood to remove the water trampoline that he purchased out of the barn, as it is taking up a lot floor space in the barn.

Selectmen Lawless noted to date the Band is still owed \$600.00. He has received no responses from those that he e-mailed.

Selectmen Lawless noted the Board should consider having daycare available for the Town Meeting. Mr. Cass will look into it.

It was also noted Mr. Cass will attempt to schedule a time for the Board to meet with the School Board.

Selectmen Langwasser made a motion to go into non public session with regards to RSA 91-a: 3 II (a & e). Selectmen O'Brien seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Selectmen Congoran: yes; Selectmen Flood: yes; Selectmen Lawless: yes; Selectmen O'Brien: yes; Selectmen Langwasser: yes.

Selectmen Langwasser asked to amend his motion from last week with regards to the name change of a committee. Selectmen Langwasser made an amended motion to change the name of the Senior Recreation Committee to Senior Recreation Council. Selectmen Lawless seconded the motion. Vote 5-0 in favor of the motion.

The Board entered non public session at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Buchanan
Administrative Assessing Assistant

These minutes are not official until approved by the Board of Selectmen at their meeting.