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Selectmen Meeting 8/9/2022
Approved Minutes

Present: Selectmen Kate Batcheller, Charlie Moser, John Suiter; Admin Asst Jen Tenney, Town Clerk Deb Morrison, Road Agent Dave Morrison; Residents Darlene Emanuel, Mike Emanuel, Mike Chase, Andrea Iodice, Carol Iodice, Bill Fritz, Chuck Andersen, Bob Larochelle, Liz Fletcher

Called to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:32pm by Chair Kate Batcheller, attendance was taken by roll call as reflected above.

Approvals:

- Noted that the accounts payable and payroll manifests had been reviewed and approved prior to the meeting.
- Minutes of 6/28/2022 BOS / HWY meeting - Kate motioned to approve with changes, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-abstain, John-aye.
- Minutes of 6/28/2022 BOS / FD meeting - Kate motioned to approve with changes, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-abstain, John-aye.
- Minutes of 6/28/2022 BOS meeting - Kate motioned to approve with changes, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-abstain, John-aye.
- Minutes of 7/26/2022 BOS / HWY meeting - Kate motioned to approve with changes, second from Charlie. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
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New Business:

- Budget – Cursory review of year-to-date budget appears appropriate. Chief Burns will meet with Accountant Brenda Wiley to discuss adjustment needed to volunteer per diem pay. Kate has asked for groundskeeper Wally Brown to cut back on non-essential maintenance projects.
- Town Clerk Deb Morrison briefly presented potential deeds for lien year 2019 to the Selectmen. Deb to discuss this further with the Selectmen at the 8/23/22 meeting.
- Selectmen signed the Scripps Lane / BLC Holdings contract with Mike Emanuel.

- Mike Chase asks the Selectmen to declare a Mason water emergency stating we are currently in drought conditions. Kate will look into this claim further.
- Mike Chase also expressed concern regarding speeding that happens through the center of town. Mike is concerned for several young children living on Merriam Hill Rd, as well as for a very large snapping turtle that lives in the swamp on Merriam Hill Rd. Mike asked the Selectmen to posts more speed limit signs, however, the Selectmen are limited to what they can do regarding signage as this road is a state road. Selectmen invite Mike to reach out to the state regarding his concerns and request for more signage. Jen to contact Fish and Game to look into options for protecting the snapping turtle.
- Selectmen reviewed the SB 239 information and asked Jen to forward a copy to the town's auditors.
- Charlie motioned to authorize the Trustee's of the Trust Fund to expend \$3059.72 out of the Fire Department Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for pump parts for Engine 1, second from Kate. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.
- The Selectmen had received an email from the Conservation Commission regarding graffiti at the quarry. Bob Larochelle, Chuck Andersen and Liz Fletcher are here on behalf of the Conservation Commission. Kate briefly reviewed the conversation the Selectmen had with Chief Maxwell at their 8/9/22 department meeting in regards to increasing police presence at the quarry and the discussion to purchase an electric bike to help with patrolling. Kate suggested Conservation Commission consider fundraising to help clean up the area. A brief discussion of ways to deter vandalism by surveillance was had. Selectmen asked Conservation Commission to discuss this further at their meeting and to report their ideas back to the Selectmen.
- John is interested in looking into town owned land/buildings that are not being utilized. Charlie has more information regarding this and will forward that information to John.
- Ryan Vaillancourt had emailed the Selectmen with questions regarding the subdivided lot next to him. Selectmen asked Jen to forward this email to the building inspector.
- Kate reviewed the town's electrical rates with John. Mason has a negotiated rate and 2 year contract with NRPC for most of the town's accounts. An electrical rate increase will be noted on the accounts that are not under contract, though at this time Mason will hold off on switching companies/suppliers.

Old Business:

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 - The Selectmen continued their discussion with Andrea Iodice regarding if a site plan review is needed by the Planning Board or not. Charlie feels a site plan review is needed. Kate recommends having a site plan review done to protect the business in question. Both Kate and John are requesting more time to review the business and property before deciding if the site plan review is needed or not.
- Driving Range & J-60
 - Planning Board and Zoning Board applications have been dropped off and they appear to be making the steps needed to bring the property into compliance.
 - Charlie will be looking into vendors for decibel readings and Kate continues to look into compliance regarding hours of operation.

Non Public:

* Motion to enter Non-public session made by Kate, seconded by Charlie by reason of:

- RSA 91-A:3, II (c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

Roll call vote to enter non-public session – Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Entered non-public session at 9:49pm.

Motion to return to public session made by Kate, second from John; returned at 10:08pm. Motion from Kate, seconded by Charlie, to seal the minutes because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would

- affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board.

Roll call vote to seal the minutes Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kate motioned to adjourn, second from John. Roll call vote Kate-aye, Charlie-aye, John-aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Tenney

BOS Administrative Assistant