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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
Belmont Mill
Tioga Meeting Room

Present were Chairman Ruth Mooney, Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman Claude Patten, Jr., TA Alicia Jipson, Assessing Admin Colleen Akerman, DPW Director Craig Clairmont, Building & Grounds Supervisor Patrick Golden, Building Inspector Russ Wheeler, Parks & Recreation Director Danielle St. Onge, Police Chief Mark Lewandoski, Fire Chief Mike Newhall, and Cemetery Trustee Sharon Ciampi. Also present were residents Clay & Rosemary Dunn of 43 Breck Shore Road Shawn and Christy Houde. Via Zoom was Finance Director Katherine Davis.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Claude Patten, Jr. moved the minutes of the meeting held on June 6, 2022 as written; seconded by Selectman Jon Pike, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Letter from resident on Grey Rocks Road – The Town received a request for a portion of Grey Rocks Road to be paved. Mr. Cal Dunn spoke to the Board and suggested approximately ½ mile of dirt road be paved on Grey Rocks Road because it would help with slippery conditions in the winter, and he estimates it would only be about \$75,000 to pave an 18' width. Chairman Mooney asked how many homes are served by that portion of the road. Mr. Dunn estimated about 24 homes total. He has letters of support from neighbors to present to the Board. Mr. Dunn said the road has a good base and the Town would save money on road maintenance if it was paved. Selectman Patten asked for input from DPW. DPW Director Craig Clairmont explained the road would need to be reconstructed to Town standards, which are in the Subdivision Regulations. It would need to be 22 feet wide and would require 4 inches of asphalt. There is tree and drainage work to be done, and a guardrail would be required. He estimates it could be up to \$1 or \$1.5 million to reconstruct the road, but an engineer would need to give an estimate. Director Clairmont said Old State Road, Rogers Road and Elaine Drive would have a higher priority on his paving list based on traffic; however, the highway construction budget would need to be doubled to pave the dirt roads. Chairman Mooney asked for confirmation that new developments are required to meet the Town standards for road construction. Director Clairmont said yes.

Mrs. Rosemary Dunn stated that the road used to have many three-season residences, however now the population is more year-round. People get stuck and slide off the road. She presented letters from neighbors in support of the paving work. Chairman Mooney said the Board will take them into consideration, however there is concern about not meeting the Town standards and special exceptions can't be made when spending the Town's tax dollars. Selectman Pike agreed. He said an engineer would be needed and would likely cost \$25,000 or more. The Town is working on the roads based on a Road Assessment completed in 2017. There was discussion about road construction details such as shim and overlay.

Selectman Mooney asked Chief Lewandoski about the 15-mph speed limit on Grey Rocks Road. Chief Lewandoski said all roads in Town are 30 or 35 mph unless it is a school zone. He said the 15-mph speed limit would not be enforceable.

Heritage Commission Trail Sign – Heritage Commission Chair Vicki Donovan submitted a request to allow the Commission to post an informational sign at the Tioga Trail that would be like other historical signs in Town. It would include background from the 1800s and how the trail and bridges came to fruition. Mr. Woody Fogg will be working on the write up. The Commission was quoted \$5,685 and the funds will come out of their budget. The sign will match other signs in Town and include the granite pillars. They will work with DPW and Buildings & Grounds to find a good location with visibility that still allows for maintenance. Building & Grounds Supervisor Patrick Golden said the signs are low maintenance and will last forever.

Selectman Pike moved to allow the Heritage Commission to erect an informational sign at the entrance of the Tioga Trail with funds to come from the Heritage Commission Fund. The motion was seconded by Selectman Patten and passed unanimously.

Cemetery Trustees Request for Alternate Members – Selectman Patten asked why there is a request to increase the membership. Cemetery Trustee Sharon Ciampi said they have some larger time-consuming projects they want to do such as recreating the historical information of people buried in cemeteries. They also plan to work with "Wreaths Across America" with the American Legion. They need people to accomplish their goals and they are trying to get people more involved. They are trying to generate interest and encourage involvement.

Chairman Mooney recommended the Trustees ask people to volunteer, and to contact Heritage Commission Chair Vicki Donovan for assistance with some of their projects. Ms. Ciampi said the Trustees have discussed a warrant article to increase membership from 3 to 5 for next year. There is a lot of work and they need more hands. Chairman Mooney again recommended requesting volunteers, and submitting a warrant article if they wish to increase their membership.

Conservation Commission Alternate Appointment –Chairman Mooney moved to appoint Deborah Woodcock to the Conservation Commission as an Alternate Member for a term to expire in 2024. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pike and passed unanimously.

UNH Wildlife Study Request – The Town received an email from some UNH students studying furbearers and moose populations. They are requesting permission to install a game camera at the Bean Dam Conservation property until May 2025 to monitor wildlife.

Chairman Mooney moved to allow the UNH Wildlife Study to commence on Tax Lot 225-018-000-000 with the understanding that the Town is not liable for any equipment placed there. The motion was seconded by Selectman Pike and passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Old Home Day and Camp Update – Parks & Rec Director Danielle St. Onge reported there are 24 registered campers with more expected to sign up today. They have a Director and Assistant Director for the camp, and they have some life guards who need to pass their training test. They can take up to 50 campers. Life guards are proposed for two weekdays, plus Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Selectman Pike asked who is handling the money. Director St. Onge said it is being handled through the Town Finance Director and they are only accepting checks for payment.

TA Alicia Jipson asked Chief Lewandoski if they still plan to host a grand opening for the PD on Old Home Day. He said yes. Parks & Rec will advertise.

Police Department Spicket install Quote – The quote for this work was \$3,645. B & G Supervisor Patrick Golden said they have already figured out an alternative.

Oil Contract Update – TA Alicia Jipson explained the Town's contract with Irving ends at the end of the month and they are not giving secured contract pricing to anyone because of the volatile market. One of the market prices quoted was \$4.98. Fuel costs will likely double. The Town Finance Director worked with other vendors, but no one is getting a fixed rate right now.

Chairman Mooney asked about the Police Department furnace and mini splits. The Chief said the propane has only kicked on twice and a follow-up is needed. Selectman Pike asked about the cost of propane. It is locked in at \$2.087. B & G Supervisor Patrick Golden asked if they should look at a furnace conversion to propane for the Mill. Chairman Mooney said we need to wait for the architect.

TA Alicia Jipson reported the electric bills at the PD are about \$1,650 to \$ 1,750 per month and the budget line only has \$5,000 remaining for the next 7 months. Barret Salta at BPS has been asked to review things with the experts to see what the bills should really be. There should have been a reduction with the switch to propane. The mini splits were not

supposed to supply heat but the primary propane heat was not up and running this winter. Electrical costs are going up and the fuel budget was already overspent by \$3,000. Chairman Mooney recommended the heating be figured out before final payments are made. B & G Supervisor Patrick Golden said the Mill furnace is being serviced now and the Town Hall furnace will be serviced in August. All of the tanks were topped off due to the uncertainty in the market.

The next meeting dates will be Monday, July 11th, and Monday July 25th, 2022 at 10:00am.

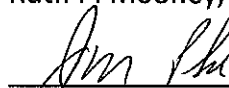
Non-Public:

Chairman Mooney moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 10:45 am. Roll call was taken and those present and voting were Jon Pike, Ruth Mooney and Claude Patten, Jr. Also present was TA Alicia Jipson. The Board returned to public session at 11:10 am.

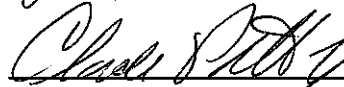
The meeting was adjourned at 11: 11 am.



Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman



Jon Pike, Vice Chairman



Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman