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Selectmen's Meeting

Monday, March 15, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Zoom Format

Chairman Ruth Mooney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Also present were Selectman Claude Patten, Selectman Jon Pike, Town Administrator Jeanne Beaudin, Assistant Town Administrator Alicia Jipson, Police Chief Mark Lewandowski, Ron Mitchell, DPW Director Craig Clairmont, Ronald Grandmaison and Bill Cass of NHDOT, Land Use Technician Rick Ball, and Building Inspector Russell Wheeler

Abatements, Exemptions & Credits

The appropriate abatements, exemptions, and credits were signed by all attending Board members.

Selectman Patten moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 22, 2021 as written; seconded by Selectman Pike and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pike moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2021 as written; seconded by Selectman Patten and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Organization of the Board and Committee- Selectman Patten moved to appoint Ruth Mooney as Chairman, seconded by Selectman Pike, and the motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Patten moved to appoint Jon Pike to serve as Vice Chairman, seconded by Selectman Mooney, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Board agreed to the following assignment of Boards, Commissions and Committees; Planning Board – Selectman Pike; Budget Committee – Chairman Mooney; Heritage Commission- Selectman Patten; Conservation Commission – Chairman Mooney.

NH DOT Discussions- Bill Cass, Assistant Commissioner of NHDOT acknowledge the letters of interest on the intersection on the Route 140 and Main Street that the Town has sent in the

past to the state. They are here to speak with us as repaving on Rt 140 has come up on their plan for this year. Ron Grandmaison spoke regarding the upcoming plans for resurfacing on 140. They are proposing repaving starting on Route 140 all the way to Route 107 then turning and going up Route 107 to the bypass. This is not being done in lieu of the 10-year project. There will also be adjustments to ADA sidewalks. Chairman Mooney asked if they were widening any of 140. Ron replied that they are not and that this is just a resurfacing maintenance visit. Bill Cass reassured the Board that Belmont is still on the calendar for the Main Street and 140 intersection plans and that work on the preliminary engineering and design would begin in the fall of 2021 with the project still slated for construction in 2025.

LRPC Commissioner Appointment- TA Beaudin received a letter from LRCP back in November 2020 in regard to George Condodemetraky's seat on the commission, as he has not been present at a number of meetings. TA Beaudin spoke with George back in December, and he had indicated that it would be fine if we wanted to appoint someone else for the position as he was unsure of his availability. TA Beaudin reached out to Jeff Hayes, Executive Director of LRPC, and that they had not had any meetings in a while but that they have a number of meetings scheduled for the spring. The Town can have 2 voting members and an alternate. The questions are do we replace George or assign an alternate. At the Feb 22nd and 24th Planning and Zoning meetings Dari polled the boards for any interest, and no one jumped in to apply for the position. Town Planner Dari Sassan indicated in the past he had served on the Commission as a member for another Town. Selectman Pike recommended that we assign an alternate. Selectman Patten expressed interest in reaching out to Mr. Froumy to see if he would be interested in serving as an alternate. TA Beaudin will reach out.

Village Trail Extension- Land Use Tech Rick Ball and Ron Mitchell, presented their proposal for the lengthening of the Lake Winnisquam Scenic Trail- Phase 2. The funds will be an 80% match from the state. Ron and Rick are looking for the Board to sign the letter to the State to show support to continue on with the trail. This letter will go along with our application to the State for this project. A letter should also be drafted to request widening route 140.

MS232 Signatures- TA Beaudin has the MS232 prepared for signatures as well as wage schedules for 4/1/2021.

Master Budget- When Denise was adding the new accounts into BMSI after Town Meeting, we realized that the formula in the Master Budget Calculation Worksheet for Public Works did not include the line for the Assistant DPW Director. We have made a line-item adjustment to the salt line with additional expenditures from the salt line to come from the Highway Block Grant line item. Selectman Pike motioned to accept the adjustment to the line items; seconded by Selectman Patten and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Repair & Maintenance Mill Exterior- We have a number of areas on the Mill that need to be repaired or replaced. Patrick has broken down all the repairs so that we can prepare and RFP and get proposals back on the repair work. TA Beaudin looked into any restrictions that we may have due to the fact that it is a registered Historical building, and there are none as far as what materials we can use. We will put the notice out for advertising shortly.

Town Hall Reopening Discussion- TA Beaudin is seeking direction from the Board on plans for re-opening TH. The common consensus was that if the employees at TH feel comfortable with re-opening under the safety protocols, we have in place then we should move forward with picking a date to open. Chairman Mooney asked if we could choose to still continue using Zoom for meetings. TA Beaudin stated that as long as the Governor's orders are in affect we may. There is discussion in the legislature going on about this. Having the option to still zoom in is and will still be an important factor to still allow the public to participate. It has been received well and allows more to participate from the comforts of home.

Town Administrator Contract Renewal- TA Beaudin's current contract was due to expire May 2021, TA Beaudin has put forward a proposal to extend the contract till June 1, 2022, she has made a change recommended by Selectman Pike to increase any notice of an intent to leave to 60 days. Chairman Mooney asked about adding in the option about the ability of us to reach out to Jeanne after she has left, if and when we seek questions that may arise after her leaving, that may require her knowledge and expertise. Selectman Pike suggested we started looking for a replacement at least 6 months out in advance, the replacement will be hard to find.

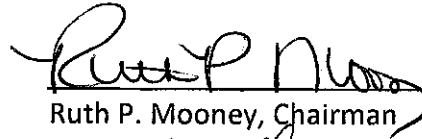
Memo from PD- Promotions of rank from Patrol Officer to Corporal. These promotions represented Officers Clark, Warburton, and Riley. We also have the three-year training agreement for Officer Cobis for signatures. The promotions will help the department with scheduling as well as increase training.

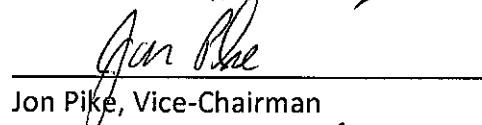
Bank Building- TA Beaudin asked Patrick to take photos of the contents of the inside of the building and see what was being stored inside. We have a lot of stuff stored, looking down the road what do we want to do with it? TA Beaudin suggests that we start to clean up some of the clutter. Selectman Mooney suggested that we look forward to what we want to do with the bank. Sonny asked about the position for the beach. TA Beaudin replied that the discussion was had back during budget discussions for the need to have someone work 24 hours a week to check for residency on vehicles entering the beach and light grounds upkeep if need be.

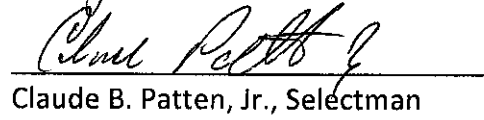
Non-Public

Chairman Mooney moved to enter non-public session in accordance with RSA 91: A:3 II (b) at 11:48 a.m. Those present and voting were Ruth Mooney, Claude Patten, and Jon Pike. Also present were TA Beaudin, Asst. TA Alicia Jipson. Discussion was had in regard to applicants for the OHD Coordinator position.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.


Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman


Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman


Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman