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Selectboard Minutes 06/11/2015

Minutes Town of Greenfield Greenfield Town Offices, 7 Sawmill Road Greenfield, NH Selectboard's Work Session Minutes Thursday, June 11, 2015 – 5:00 PM

Selectboard: Chairwoman Selectwoman Karen Day, Selectwoman Margaret Charig Bliss, Selectman Stephen

Atherton Jr

Staff: Administrator Patt, Public: Ken Paulsen

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Chairwoman Karen Day.

Documents for Approval/Review/Signature

The Selectboard reviewed and/or signed the following items:

- A/P Invoices
- A/P Checks
- · Meeting Minutes
- · Letter from Avitar re: Fairpoint
- Letter from Upton & Hatfield re: Fairpoint
- Treasurer Memo to BoS
- Employee Vacation Request
- Purchase Order Dust Control Liquid Calcium
- Oak Park Rental ConVal Class Reunion
- Oak Park Rental Hampshire 100
- Intent to Cut R2-11 & R2-11-4

5:00 PM: Wyatt "Duffy" Fox, former DPW Road Agent

At 5:10 pm the Selectboard welcomed Wyatt Fox to the meeting. The Board thanked Mr. Fox for providing a letter to the Department of Environmental Services (DES) outlining that the wetlands culvert on Russell Station Road had not overflowed in his memory. There followed a discussion of some of the town's road histories, right of ways, and Class VI roads. The Selectboard thanked Mr. Fox for his insights and his willingness to share his knowledge with the DPW crew. Mr. Fox exited the meeting at 5:20pm. The Board continued discussion of DPW related issues with Neal Beauregard, DPW Manager of Roads, and Patrick Greene, DPW Manager of Buildings and Grounds. Updates were provided for Russell Station Road and progress at Oak Park on beautifying the bandstand.

6:30 PM: Mary Ann Grant, Greenfield Flower Gardens

At 6:12 pm the Selectboard invited Mary Ann Grant to provide a background on the flower beds around town. Ms. Grant said that the weather had been unusually cold in May and the early part of July. As a result she had not put the flowers out for Memorial Day. Ms. Grant provided a detailed overview of each of the beds associated with the Town Buildings. The flower holder on the town sign at the Peterborough town line needs to be fixed to allow it to hold the flower containers. After some discussion the Board requested that Ms. Grant research the cost to improve and replace the flower beds at Oak Park. The Board is interested in beautifying the park and said that the flower beds would really help with the appeal of the park.

6:25 PM: Carol Irvin, Conservation Commission Chair

Ms. Irvin outlined several items that are on the ConComm agenda. The first is a pledge to property previously owned by Steve Robertson and now owned by Ray Cilley, for wetland remediation. Ms. Irvin outlined some concerns with the project that has changed over time as ownership changed. Originally the project was meant to address invasive plants, Buckthorne and Bittersweet, within the wetlands. Under Cilley's ownership the project has changed to focus on upgrading a logging road in addition to the wetland remediation. The ConComm is feeling pressured to follow through on their original pledge of \$20,000 dollars for wetlands remediation and is in the process of due diligence to see if the project outlined by Cilley meets the scope of the original pledge, or, whether that scope has changed since the ConComm's original pledge.

The second item that she presented was the question of stewardship of the old Sportsmen's Club property. The ConComm suggested that they would like to set up a management plan for the acreage. After some discussion it was suggested by the Board that Ms. Irvin reach out to Trustee of Trust Funds Ken Paulsen. Mr. Paulsen had traced the original ownership of the property down through the years and has a good grasp of the intent of several wills that provide guidelines for the disposition of the property.

7:05 PM: Selectboard Non-Public session

At 7:05 the Selectboard Chair made a motion to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 IIb the hiring of any person as a public employee. The motion was seconded by Selectwoman Charig Bliss. On a roll call vote of 3-0 the Selectboard voted to enter non-public session. At 7:55 the Board voted to exit non-public session. It was noted that no decisions had been made and no votes taken while in non-public session. The minutes were sealed.

7:55 PM: Documents for Approval/Review

At 7:55 the Board began signing documents. The Board signed off on A/P invoices and A/P Checks. The Board reviewed meeting minutes for May 25th and corrected minutes from May 18th. The Board signed the minutes. The Board reviewed a letter from Avitar and Upton & Hatfield regarding the retirement of the lead attorney in the Fairpoint abatement cases, from Upton& Hatfield. The Board reviewed the opportunities outlined by the Town Administrator regarding this case. The Board requested that the Town Administrator continue to manage the attorney relationship. Mr. Patt said that he was inclined to stay with Attorney Matt Serge as he has been handling the case since its inception and as he has provided land use expertise to the Planning Board he is familiar with the town. The Board approved this recommendation.

Adjournment

On a motion by the Chair, and a second by Selectwoman Charig Bliss, the Board voted to adjourn. The motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

The minutes are final when approved and signed by the Selectboard. A signed copy is on file in the Selectboard's office.

Chair, Karen Day Margaret Charig Bliss, Selectwoman Stephen Atherton Jr., Selectman