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SELECTBOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Members in attendance: Walter Reitz and Jan Gaudio

Members absent: Cheryl Waterman

Date: June 13, 2019 Time: 5:00 PM Place: Municipal Building

- I. At 5:05 PM Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, Subsection 405 (6)(A)(1)**
- II. At 5:45 PM Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, Subsection 405 (6)(E)**
- III. Upon exiting executive session, no action was taken.**

SELECTBOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 13, 2019 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Municipal Building Rev.0

Present: Selectboard Members: Jan Gaudio and Walter Reitz

Absent: Cheryl Waterman

Others: Town Administrator Owen Casas, CEO William Butler, Library Director Penny Alley, Assistant Ambulance Director David Elwell, new AMB hire Steve Taylor, John and Leslie Spear, Kate Greene-Rackliff, Tobin Malone, Dean Sasek, Kathy Macpherson, Ed Modell, Merle Rockwell, Katherine Winslow, Richard Norman, Kevin Kelly, Susan Kelly, Karyn Rizzo, Bob and Rhonda Nordstrom, Sandy and Cliff Retzlaff and Emmy Van Stolk.

Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.

I. Call to Order

Reitz called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda

- Chair Reitz proposed replacing item A under new business from "Appointment of LPI" to "Consideration of approving new AMB hire Steve Taylor" and not taking up the question of changing the Plumbing Inspector (LPI). There was no objection to the change from the Board.

III. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Public comment is as follows:

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- Penny Alley- Encouraged the Board to meet regularly on Tuesday and twice a month. She also voiced her concerns about any potential that the Library be operated by a 501c3.
 - Chair Reitz- In response to Director Alley's concerns about a 501c3, Reitz explained his comments at the last Gilford Butler Futures Committee meeting on the topic of 501c3. Alley responded with comments on the positive and productive nature of the library and low percent of the budget it consumes.
 - Richard Norman- Voiced his desire to see the municipal website up and running. He also encouraged the Board to raise recreation to a higher priority. Chair Reitz agreed with Mr. Norman on seeing the website live and discussed recreation further. There was also a mention of two "abandoned" dinghies at the Town Landing.
 - Board member Gaudio stressed to Director Alley that he very much appreciates how the Library is run.
 - John Spear- Agreed with Mr. Norman that the website should be live. He further invited the public to attend the Gilford Butler meeting on July 7th. Additionally, he wanted to speak to the letter provided to the Town under item B, Correspondence. He spoke about the letter. Chair Reitz responded to the concerns voiced in the letter.
 - Karyn Rizzo- Indicated that she would very much like the issues with Atwoods resolved.
 - Cliff Retzlaff- Asked the question of what the town gets from Atwoods for funds (referring to property taxes) and why they are not a good community member.
 - Rhonda Nordstrom- Wanted to show her appreciation for those who signed the Atwoods letter and those who did not choose to sign as well.
 - Bob Nordstrom- Noted that a "fishing village" sounded nice but what we have is an ever expanding industrial process.
 - Emmy Van Stolk- Stated that Atwoods is growing and asked what they were required to do with the town when they wanted to add more. Town CEO Bill Butler gave an explanation on the town process with these matters.

IV. New Business- Items F and G were taken out of order to allow citizens in attendance to get home sooner.

A. New Ambulance Hire, Steve Taylor.

Mr. Taylor explained his experience and introduced himself.

***Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to hire Steve Taylor for the Ambulance Service as an EMT.
Motion passed 2-0***

A. (Actually item F) Review and amending of Budget Committee Policy:

- The Select Board reviewed the amendments offered on the Budget Committee Policy. The amendments were as follows:

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- Adding language dictating that there be an odd number of members.
 - Increasing the number of Committee members up to nine.
 - Adding the ability to have two alternate members on the Committee.

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to approve the amendments to the Budget Committee Policy.

Motion passed 2-0

B. (Actually item G) Appointment of Kate Greene to Budget Committee

Kate Greene explained her desire to be on the Budget Committee and her professional experience.

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to appoint Kate Greene to the Budget Committee.

Motion passed 2-0

B. Georges River Land Trust Liquor License for Special Event

Chair Reitz felt that considering the event was going to be on his property he should abstain from the vote. With member Waterman being absent, and considering that the license could be approved at the next meeting with enough time for the event, it made sense to table the item.

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to table the item.

Motion passed 2-0

C. Discussion about Municipal Sponsorship of Little League

Katherine Winslow, a “sports league” mother significantly involved with the local youth sports leagues, was on hand to request that the Board consider subsidizing for youth playing sports. Mrs. Winslow explained how our leagues functioned and how many youth from South Thomaston engage in the program. The fees are \$90 per student for “majors little league” and \$60 per student for “minors little league”. Based on the current number of South Thomaston students engaged in the program, to cover the fees for all of them would be \$810. There being sufficient funds in the Towns recreation budget, the following motion was made.

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to approve an expense of \$810, from the Recreation Budget, to pay for sports fees for eligible South Thomaston students.

Motion passed 2-0

C. Discussion and signing of letter to Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations regarding brewing at Waterman’s Beach

The Board reviewed the draft letter to the State where the Town confirms that we have no issues with the brewing of alcohol at Waterman’s Beach Brewery. Admin Casas related that the original letter was drafted to just address the brewing operations and not the control of how alcohol would be consumed on site. Specifically, roping off of an area for consumption that is outside of the actual

structure at the site. A redrafting to address was necessary so the following motion was made.

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to have Admin Casas rewrite the letter with approved changes and assign Chair Reitz as signing authority for the Board on said letter.

Motion passed 2-0

D. Discussion about ordinances around domestic animal control

The Board reviewed a draft ordinance regarding domestic animal control. Suggestions and edits were given to Admin Casas to be incorporated into the draft. Edited version will be brought to the Board at a future meeting for additional discussion.

No official action taken.

E. Review of draft Recreation Committee/ Working Group creation policy

The Board reviewed a draft policy regarding the creation of a Town Recreation Committee or Working Group. Suggestions and edits were given to Admin Casas to be incorporated into the draft. Edited version will be brought to the Board at a future meeting for additional discussion.

No official action taken.

F. Other Business- There was no other business

G. Old Business- There was no old business

V. Review Correspondence

A. The Board reviewed the Final Report from John Hansen titled “Alternatives for South Thomaston Community Center and Library”

No action was taken.

B. As stated under the Public Comment portion of these minutes, there was much public comment about the letter given to the Select Board in regard to ongoing issues at Atwoods Lobster.

No action was taken.

VI. Reports and Administration

A. Ambulance – May Report

The Board reviewed Ambulance

B. Assessor’s Agent – May Report

There was no Assessor’s report.

C. Code Enforcement Officer – May Report

The Board reviewed the CEO’s report.

D. EMA- May Report

The Board reviewed the EMA Report.

E. Fire Department – May Report

The Board reviewed the Fire Department report.

F. Licensed Plumbing Inspector – May Report

The Board reviewed the LPI report.

G. Treasurer – May Report

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's report.

H. Town Administrator's May Report

There was no Town Administrators Report.

I. Authorize Treasurer's Warrants

The Board Authorized the Treasurer's Warrants.

J. Review Check Reconciliations for May 2018

The Board reviewed the March Check Reconciliations.

K. Approve Minutes of May 16, 2019

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded to approve the May 16th meeting minutes as written.

Motion passed 2-0.

L. Schedule Future Meeting(s)

The Board set their next regularly scheduled meeting for July 9 and August 13.

Adjournment

Gaudio moved and Reitz seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:04 pm.

Motion passed 2-0.