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Selectboard Minutes
Date: March 8, 2022, 6:00 PM
Zoom Meeting

Items Are Often Taken Out of Order to Accommodate Schedules

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Selectboard Present: Jeff Northgraves, John Spear, Walter Reitz
Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Pennie Alley, Chief Calderwood, Sondra Wallace, Sally Merchant, Catherine Bendheim, Dmitri Zaiets, Maureen Spencer, Ervin Curtis

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

I. Call to Order

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Adjustments to Agenda

Dmitri Zaiets Limited Purpose Aquaculture License Application
Discussion regarding Planning board by-laws
Correspondence from Sondra Wallace concerning the Brown property.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to table until next meeting.

Motion passed 3-0.

V. Old Business

a. Update Regarding Temporary Relocation of Library to Gilford Butler School

Alley hopes to complete the move this weekend and have an open house on March 19th.
The Insurance company has updated the coverage to an occupied building.
There was a short discussion on having a special town meeting or having the Historical Lease amendments on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

b. Update Regarding Broadband Expansion Plans

Reitz had no updates.
The Board had a brief discussion on Consolidated Communication running cable in South Thomaston.
The Technology Committee is meeting this Thursday. Reitz will attend the meeting.

c. Discussion on Transfer Station Increase in Assessment, Capital Project and Fiscal Year

Reitz gave an update. The Transfer Station Board approved a 6-month budget. There was a discussion on following 12-month budget and switching to a fiscal year.

d. Discussion on Modifying Covid Protocol

The Board discussed the changes the CDC and the Maine CDC have made.
They had a discussion on the current protocols, how to handle larger gatherings, and allowing members with pre-existing conditions to attend meetings by zoom. The Selectboard also discussed allowing department heads the ability to have stricter requirements for groups or their department if they choose.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to suspend all current protocols except giving Department Heads the ability to delegate requirements given their needs, and members be accommodated to attend meetings by zoom if they feel more comfortable.

There was a discussion on continuing zoom meetings for all board and committees.

Motion passed 3-0.

Motion effective immediately with the exception of meetings and commissions scheduled within 7 days of today.

e. Discussion on Town Report Dedication and Town Report Cover

The cover will be discussed after the dedication is decided.

f. Discussion Regarding Road Posting Ordinance

A Public Hearing is scheduled for March 9, 2022 at 8:30 am. Spear pointed out the additions made to the model Ordinance. Spear explained why the Board is reenacting the Road Posting Ordinance. There is no change from the practices of the years past.

VI. New Business

a. Approve Chief Calderwood's Application to Apply for a Grant for SCBA Bottles

This is an MMA safety grant. The Grant is for 2 Self-contained breathing apparatus bottles. The bottles cost \$ 900 apiece.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve this grant application.

Motion passed 3-0.

b. Discussion on Island Road Project Bonding Requirements

There was a discussion on the bonding requirements.

c. Department Heads Monthly Reports

The Board reviewed the reports.

d. Execute 2022-2023 Interstate Septic Waste Disposal Facility Agreement

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the Septic Waste Disposal Facility Agreement

Motion passed 3-0.

e. Dmetri Zaiets Limited Purpose Aquaculture License Application

Zaiets explained his Aquaculture License application. All other signatures required on the application have been secured. Zaiets is looking to add two more lines for his and his wife's oyster farm.

There was a discussion on moving approval of signing the application until the next meeting as this was an adjustment to the agenda and not publicly posted.

f. Planning Board By-Laws

Northgraves described the changes made by the Planning Board and the changes he suggested. The PB created an addendum to the by-laws. It lays out when the Planning Board would have a public hearing and when notifications would be mailed out.

There was a discussion on the Addendum proposed.

Northgraves will attend a Planning Board meeting to discuss the by-law amendments.

g. Execute DM&J Transportation and Disposal Contract

There was a brief discussion on the cost and length of the contract.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to execute the DM &J Transportation and Disposal Contract and authorize the Town Administrator to sign it.

Motion passed 3-0.

h. Personnel Matter (possible executive session)

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) a Personnel Matter.

Motion passed 3-0.

Enter at 7:39

Exited at 7:58

VII. Correspondence

Coastal Children's Museum

The Children's Museum is requesting financial aid. The Selectboard will consider assisting them using ARPA funds as the Museum's funding was impacted by Covid.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to table until the next agenda

Motion passed 3-0.

Email concerning Brown property

Sondra Wallace explained Mr. Brown is still interested in gifting his land, but not interested at this time.

There was a discussion on the Town Landing property purchase made several years ago.

It was suggested it might be a good project for the Conservation Commission to look into. Plans for the town landing have already been done by Gartley and Dorsky and should be at the Town Office.

VIII. Warrants Review and Approval

The Board approved the warrants.

IX. Review Items for Next Agenda

Coastal Children's Museum

Remote Zoom Meetings

Limited Purpose Aquaculture License Application- Dmitri Zaiets

X. Schedule Future Meetings

Spear reviewed the upcoming scheduled meetings.

There was a discussion on where to hold the April 6th meeting with the Library Committee and Town Attorney. It was agreed upon that it would be held in the Municipal Building Meeting room and attendance can also be via zoom.

Regular Selectboard meeting for April scheduled for April 12th.

XI. Adjourn

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:59

Motion passed 3-0.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86453870200?pwd=YVU2NHdJUU8yU1dRcEtoV2xWRFA1QT09>

Meeting ID: 864 5387 0200

Passcode: 647130

Selectboard approved 3/29/2022