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Selectboard Minutes

Date: March 29, 2022, 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building

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, Maureen Spencer, Ambulance Director Dyer, Deputy David Elwell, Dan Hendricks, Farin Weidman, Seira Rose, Sebastian Sanfillippo

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

I. Call to Order

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.
Technical difficulties delayed the start of the meeting.

II. Adjustments to Agenda

Spear added Owl purchase for the Gilford Butler Center under Old Business f., Requesting a reduced speed zone at the intersection of Waterman's Beach Road and Route #73 and a Personnel matter to be added to the end of the meeting.
Baines added a third Library donation.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment.

IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (Feb 22nd, March 8th, 9th and 10th)

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022, March 8, 2022, March 9, 2022 and March 10, 2022.

Motion passed 3-0.

V. Old Business

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

Alley said she is waiting for the phone and broadband service to be moved to the Gilford Butler Center.

b. Update Regarding Broadband Expansion Plans

There was no update. The Technology Committee will be asked to report to the Selectboard on what they have learned/discussed at the first Selectboard meeting in May.

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

Reitz gave an overview of the transfer stations budgets, and fiscal year assessments.

d. Discussion on Town Report Dedication and Town Report Cover

This was discussed in executive session.

e. Consideration of Limited Purpose Aquaculture License Application- Dmeitri Zaiets

The Selectboard had a few questions for Dmeitri.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the license application.

Motion passed 3-0.

f. Discussion on ARPA funds- Coastal Children’s Museum, Ambulance Lucas Device, Fire Department

This was taken out of order to accommodate the Fire Chief and the Ambulance Director. Also added for consideration of purchasing was an Owl for the Gilford Butler Center.

Ambulance Director Drinkwater explained how the Lucas Device would assist the ambulance crews and the community. Drinkwater had applied to the County for ARPA funds to purchase the Lucas Device, but was not approved. There was a brief discussion on the Lucas Device being eligible to purchase using ARPA Funds.

Fire Chief Calderwood had a request for a Repeater System for radio communication. Radio Communication is very poor in several places in town. The repeater would enable the fire department to communicate no matter where they are in town. The cost would be approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000.

There was a discussion concerning an ongoing maintenance cost for the town and if the purchase would be eligible for ARPA funds.

The Selectboard discussed if the Coastal Children’s Museum request was eligible for ARPA Funds.

The Selectboard discussed purchasing an Owl for meetings held at the Gilford Butler Center.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to take no action on the Coastal Children’s Museum request.

Motion passed 3-0.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to fund the Lucas Device out of the current tranche of ARPA funds.

There was a brief discussion on the motion.

Motion passed 3-0.

Northgraves moved to fund the owl out of this tranche of ARPA funds.

There was a discussion on using the library relocation funds instead of the ARPA funds.

Reitz moved to use the relocation library funds to purchase the Owl.

Spear seconded Northgraves motion to fund the Owl out of this tranche of ARPA funds.

Motion passed 2-0.

g. Finalize Selectman’s FY 23 Budget Proposal

Baines reviewed changes since the last meeting.

VI. New Business

a. Ambulance Director – New Hires

Siera Rose- Driver, currently enrolled in an EMT class

Sebastian Sanfilippo -EMT, lives in Thomaston, studying Criminal Justice at Husson University

Farin Weidman EMT.

Sebastian introduced himself to the Selectboard.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion for Drinkwater to go forward in hiring Sebastian Sanfilippo as an EMT.

Motion passed 3-0.

Siera Rose introduced herself to the Board. She is currently enrolled in an EMT class. She will finish the class in May. She is currently working in Thomaston and St. George.
Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to authorize Drinkwater to hire Siera as a driver and as an EMT after passing the test.

Motion passed 3-0.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to authorize Director Drinkwater to hire Farin.

Motion passed 3-0.

b. Discussion on On the Rocks Bartending Service-Dan Hendricks Catering Applications

The Selectboard discussed approving the applications on an event by event basis, delegating an employee to sign the applications, which would help expedite the review process.

The Selectboard decided to have the application come to the Selectboard and not delegate an employee to sign the application until data points on how the catering service works out.

The Selectboard also discussed creating a process going forward.

Hendricks joined the meeting through zoom late. Spear summarized the previous discussion the Board had to Hendricks.

There was a discussion on meeting with Hendricks through zoom or dropping application off without the applicant attending the meeting.

c. Discussion on Amending the Remote Meeting Policy

The Board discussed not making changes until seeing what direction the State goes with their remote meeting policy.

The Selectboard discussed in person meetings with a zoom element.

d. Discussion on Tax Acquired Property M 17 L 4-1

The past practice on tax acquired property has been to sell back to the owner of record for amount that would have been due. The owner of record is not interested in the property.

The Selectboard will do more research on this matter.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to table until the second meeting in May.

Motion passed 3-0.

e. Execute Contract with Hagar Enterprises, Inc for the Island Road Project

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the agreement between the Town of South Thomaston and Hagar Enterprises, for the Island Road Project, in the amount of \$ 333,976.

Motion passed 3-0.

f. Discussion on Implementing 2 Factor Passwords on Microsoft 365 Products and PC Logins.

There was a brief discussion on exactly what the 2 Factor Password means.

The Selectboard decide to implement this for remoting in to a computer, but not for emails.

g. Consideration of a Cell Phone for the CEO/LPI

The Selectboard discussed the reasons for the CEO/LPI having a cell phone.

Northgraves moved and Reitz seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a cell phone for the CEO.

Motion passed 3-0.

h. Accept Library Donations from Nancy Goslin , Jim McDonald and Andrew Florance

Andrew Florance donated \$200. Nancy Goslin donated \$1000. Jim McDonald donated \$500.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept the library donations with thanks from Andrew Florance, Nancy Goslin and Jim McDonald.

Motion passed 3-0.

i. Accept Jeanmarie Koenig's Resignation as Office Clerk

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept Jeanmarie Koenig's resignation.

Motion passed 3-0.

j. Consider Appointment of Dan Dates as LPI

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to appoint Dan Dates as LPI.

Motion passed 3-0.

k. Consider Appointment of Cynthia Ginn to the Planning Board

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to appoint Cynthia Ginn to the Planning Board to fill out Kearny Neagle's position until 2024.

Motion passed 3-0.

l. Consideration of ACO Job Application

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to appoint Troy Peasley to the position of ACO at a stipend rate of \$4474 a year, effective immediately.

Motion passed 3-0.

VII. Correspondence

Letter From Stephen Cole, Regional Planner DOT

The Board reviewed the letter.

VIII. Warrants Review and Approval

The Selectboard approved the warrants.

IX. Review Items for Next Agenda

Update on transfer station capital project.

Discussion on town report and cover.

X. Schedule Future Meetings

Meetings already scheduled:

With the Budget Committee, March 31, 2022. April 4, 5 and 7.

April 6 with the Library/Community Center Committee.

April 12 regular Selectboard Meeting.

Scheduled May 10th and 24th as Regular Selectboard Meetings.

Town meeting June 21.

XI. Update:

Northgraves gave an update on his meeting with the Planning Board

Northgraves visited the Town Landing. There is a post broken. Baines will check with Ralph see if the post can be repaired.

XII. Personnel Matter

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

Motion passed 3-0.

The board entered executive session at 8:06 pm.

The Board exited executive session at 8:28 pm.

XII. Adjourn

Reitz moved Northgraves and seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:29

Motion passed 3-0.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 864 5387 0200 Password: 647130

Selectboard approved 4/12/2022