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Selectboard Minutes
Date: June 21, 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 (via zoom), John Spear, Walter Reitz
Others Present: Terri-Lynn Baines, Pennie Alley, Sondra Wallace, Dan Hendricks, Theo Pratt
Note: A listing as present does not denote attendance for the entire meeting.

I. Call to Order

Spear called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

II. Adjustments to Agenda

Additional catering application for a July 4th event at the Saltwater Fields Wedding and Event Center from Mr. Hendricks.

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

There was no public comment

Spear recognized this as Reitz's last meeting. Spear and Northgraves thanked Reitz for his 6 years and 3 months of service.

IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (June 7, 2022)

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the minutes of June 7, 2022.

Motion passed 3-0.

V. Old Business

a. Discussion on Amending the Remote Meeting Policy

The Board discussed the amendments proposed.

Spear will circulate the remote meeting and remote participation policy to Chairs of the boards/committees of the Town.

b. Consider Acceptable Use Agreement

Discussion on adding Gus's recommendations to our current computer policy. Baines will prepare a draft for the next meeting.

c. Status of Planning Board Bylaw Amendment regarding Notification

The Planning Board has not met to discuss the changes suggested by the Selectboard. The by-laws amendments have not been approved.

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

The conservation commission feels the property should be left as open space.

Dan Allen is a family member of the Leroy Wiggin heirs. He is interested in bidding on the property if the town puts it out to bid. An abutter is also interested in purchasing the property if it goes out to bid.

The Board discussed putting the property out to bid and using the proceeds to develop a more usable open space. If it does go out to bid the Selectboard does not have to accept the bid.

The board discussed talking to Town Attorney Collins in regards to having a warranty deed rather than a quit claim deed for the property.

There were questions from the public on how the property could be used by a purchaser.

Spear will talk with Collins regarding the deed.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to put bids out on tax acquired property M 17 L 4-1.

Motion passed 3-0.

VI. New Business

a. Discussion of Climate Resilience Planning

Chair of the Conservation Commission, Theo Pratt, attended a workshop in Augusta. She brought back materials for the Selectboard to review.

Pratt has information on funds that are available for different projects. This round of grant applications closes September 20th. She would like to start the process of being recognized in the program so the Town would be available for some of the funds available.

There was a discussion on who the working group would consist of.

b. Town Meeting Preparation

The Town Office will close at 4:00 pm on Tuesday June 28th. Copies of Warrants, the draft lease, and the draft ordinance are ready. Ballots for Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the poor and RSU#13 Board representative are prepared. Yes/no ballots are prepared if needed. The Conservation Commission has requested to be allowed to put out a survey and a sign up sheet. Sign up sheets for the various town boards and committees will be done this week. Baines met with Principal Ben Tripp and was given a key to the school. Final preparations will be done this week.

c. Consider Appointing Leslie Spear to the Appeals Board

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to appoint Leslie Spear to the Appeals Board for a term expiring at the first selectboard meeting after the town meeting in 2024.

Motion passed 2-0. Spear abstained.

d. Accept Anne Just's Resignation from the Library and Community Center Committee

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to accept Anne Just's resignation from the Library and Community Center Committee with regret and thanks for serving.

Motion passed 3-0.

Alley asked what the Board was going to do concerning Anne Just's resignation. Alley also would like to step back from the Library and Community Center Committee. She does not support the mission.

The Board will recruit for a new member on the website and the listserv. There was a discussion that the librarian should be involved in the design of the new building, but does not have to attend every meeting of the committee.

e. Consider Approving Catering Permit for On the Rocks Bartending Service Inc. for June 25, 2022

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the application.

Motion passed 3-0.

Hendricks brought in an application for July 4, 2022. This application was added as an adjustment to the agenda.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to act on this application tonight.

Motion passed 3-0.

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to approve the application.

Motion passed 3-0.

There was a brief discussion of serving alcohol outside.

f. Monthly Reports

g. Executive Session – Personnel Matter- Request of Ambulance Director Drinkwater

Drinkwater was unable to attend the meeting.

VII. Correspondence

Sheila Levenseler

The Board discussed the parking spaces the Lobster Shack application permitted. The Selectboard feels this is mainly a law enforcement issue. The Town doesn't have a parking ordinance and if it did, no way to enforce it.

Spear will respond to Levenseler's email.

Ted Mahler

Mr. Mahler emailed again, in regards to Wilson's Construction. Wilson did not file a plan for the June Planning Board meeting. Northgraves and CEO Dates are working on a plan of action to move forward. Northgraves will respond to Mahler.

VIII. Warrants Review and Approval

The Board reviewed and signed the warrants.

IX. Review Items for Next Agenda

Election of Chair

Appointments

X. Schedule Future Meetings

Town Meeting June 28th

Selectboard Meeting July 12th

Workshop with the Conservation Commission July 14th with July 18th as a back up.

XI. Adjourn

Reitz moved and Northgraves seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:20

Motion passed 3-0.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83543103077?pwd=N29IT2FqZ2k0Ym9XdmtdORDJtcDBpUT09>

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