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Jeffrey Northgraves
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Sue Snow

Selectboard Minutes
Date: September 10th, 2024, 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building

Items Are Often Taken Out of Order to Accommodate Schedules

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Present: John Spear, Jeffrey Northgraves, Hannah Moholland, Terri Baines, Moira Paddock, Pennie Alley

Zoom: Sue Snow, Alexandra Rackliff, Paul DiMaggio

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Spear called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - a. Moholland led the pledge of allegiance
- III. Adjustments to Agenda**
 - a. Hiring David Moore as a laborer for the Interim Road Commissioner
 - b. Discussion on Solar Rebate Process
 - c. Donation of \$150 to the Ambulance from Paul and Rosemary Duda
- IV. Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (August 13 Minutes)**
 - a. Spear and Northgraves adjusted the Minutes.**
 - a. Page 5 10.b there is an ed missing in 'presented'
 - b. "smith property there should be a warranty deed"
 - c. F. Appointments, Jan Gaudio should be APAC Representative, and the term would be decided by the county
 - d. Northgraves made a motion to accept the minutes and Spear seconded
- Motion Passed 3-0**
- V. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda**
 - a. No public comment
- VI. Old Business**
 - a. Discuss Forrest Hill Cemetery**
 - a. Received a letter from Dana Burton to convey the Forrest Hill Cemetery to the Town with a permanent right of way to access the Cemetery. The next step is to get a Deed written up and taken to a Special Town Meeting.
 - b. Northgraves made a motion to preliminary approve and have a Deed written up and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

b. Tax Acquired Property

- a. Spear suggested they can either sell it back or stay with the Real Estate Agent. If we plan to sell it back to either have Francis Walsh pay everything on the property or the one year that's foreclosed with interest and extra costs to get in contact with him. Northgraves stated that we would be in the exact same position next year. Spear said that he doubts he could pay back the entirety of the taxes.
- b. Northgraves made a motion to sell a quitclaim deed for \$2,504.83. and to make sure he can't sell it until the Town has given it back and that 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 taxes are coming up and need to make steps to be made accordingly and Spear seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

c. Discuss Revaluation Proposals

- a. Josh is still trying to get the information from Vision to make a solid amount. Spear suggested going with RCS even though they are more money. Snow asked why Spear would go through RCS instead of KRT. Spear stated that the information and timeliness is very good with RCS. Northgraves would like to go forward with TRIO than with Vision. This would need Town approval and preliminarily get on RCS schedule.
- b. Spear made a motion to preliminarily accept the proposal from provided by RCS pending Town Meeting Approval and pending further negotiations of details. Northgraves moved and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

d. Discussion on Solar Rebate Process

- a. Moholland spoke with Meg Rasmussen and in order to get the rebate, we will have to go through the IRS and go through the proper channels which will take some time. As Sundog Solar wants us to put in a fence as soon as possible, the Town will need to lend the money until we receive the rebate. Alley stated that this will most likely be volunteers building the fence instead of contracting out.

e. Dangerous Building Public Hearing

- a. It will be on October 1st at 4:00 PM.

VII. New Business

a. Consider Application from Dockside Seafood LLC for a Catered Function

- a. For the catered function for September 14th
- b. Northgraves motioned to approve for the Barn Café for a wedding at Saltwater Fields on September 14th and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

b. Accept Betty Thomas' Resignation of The EMA Directors Position

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- a. Northgraves made a motion to approve Betty Thomas' resignation effective October 1, 2024, with many thanks for several years and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

- c. **Hire David Moore as a laborer for the Interim Road Commissioner**
 - a. David works for a float maintenance business but works from home and can work nights and weekends.
 - b. Northgraves made a motion to hire David Moore as a laborer for the interim Road Commissioner and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

- d. **Discussion Regarding Performance of Legal Counsel- Possible Executive Session**
 - a. Northgraves made a motion to go into executive session 1 M.R.S.A (405) (6)(A & E) and Snow seconded. The executive session started at 6:47 PM.

Motion Passed 3-0

VIII. Monthly Reports

IX. Appointments

- a. **Appoint Becky Butler as the EMA Director for a one-year term ending in 2025**
- b. Spear stated that the term would be the first selectboard meeting following the Town Meeting.
- c. Spear made a motion to approve Becky Butler as the EMA Director from October 1, 2024, to the first selectboard meeting following Annual Town Meeting in 2025, Northgraves moved, and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

X. Donations

- a. **\$5,000 from Elizabeth Lunt for the Library Community Center Facilities Committee for architectural and engineering.**
 - a. Northgraves made a motion to approve the \$5,000 donation from Elizabeth Lunt for the Library and Community Center Facilities Committee and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

- b. **\$5,000 from Developers Collaboration Predevelopment for the Library Community Center Facilities Committee for architectural and engineering.**
 - a. Northgraves made a motion to accept a \$5,000 from Developers' Collaboration Predevelopment for the Library Community Center Facilities Committee and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

- c. **\$5,000 from Paul DiMaggio for the Library and Community Center Facilities Committee for engineering and architectural work.**

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- a. Northgraves made a motion to accept a \$5,000 donation from Paul DiMaggio for the Library and Community Center Facilities Committee for architectural and engineering work and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

d. \$100 from Ferriola Construction for the Ambulance Service

- a. Northgraves made a motion to accept the \$100 donation from Ferriola Construction for the Ambulance Service and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

e. \$150 from Rosemary and Paul Duda for the Ambulance Service

- a. Northgraves made a motion to accept \$150 donation from Rosemary and Paul Duda for the Ambulance Service and Snow seconded.

Motion Passed 3-0

XI. Correspondence

XII. Warrants Review and Approval

XIII. Schedule Future Meetings'

- a. Reschedule the meeting for the September 23rd to October 8th

XIV. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88641762239?pwd=izy6YJKujlaAepGVSrJKEhyoSqCWSe.>

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