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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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August 16, 2010

1. Call Meeting to Order

Ms. Gilman convened the Board in the Nowak Room of the Town Office Building at 7:00 pm. Other members of the Board present were: Mr. Bobby Aldrich, Mr. Matt Quandt, Mr. Bill Campbell, Mr. Don Clement and Town Manager, Russ Dean.

2. Non Public Session – Lease Negotiations, Collective Bargaining

3. Public Comment – none

4. Minutes and Proclamations

a. Regular Session: August 9, 2010

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the minutes of August 9, 2010 as presented. Mr. Clement seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

b. Non-Public Session: August 9, 2010

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the non-public minutes of August 9, 2010 as presented. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

5. Appointments – none

6. Department Reports – Planning, Fire

Planning Department Report:

Town Planner, Sylvia Von Aulock, was in attendance to give the Planning Department report. She gave some handouts to the Board. The Capital Improvement Projects were received last Thursday and the numbers were reviewed and the projects were divided into categories. Ms. Von Aulock reviewed the biggest projects with the Board. She then discussed the Master Plan. The Master Plan is in the process of being organized. It is in need of a full review with recommendations and public input. The goal is to finish it this year. It would be a better tool for the Town as it is used to get grants and create chapters. Ms. Gilman wanted to make sure that all of the new commissions are incorporated into the Master Plan. She also stated that this is the most important Town document. There will be a public workshop for this in October or November where residents can voice their recommendations.

Fire Department Report:

Fire Chief, Brian Comeau, was in attendance to give the Fire Department report. It has been a busy summer for the Department. They have been over 90 calls for the ambulance and 238 Fire Department calls. Revenues have decreased this year. This is based on the number of Medicaid payments vs. Medicare payments. The Fire Department had training today. On Saturday the Department provided honor guard at Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth for Army Ranger Sergeant Nicol and they will be in Amesbury this weekend for his funeral. The Department has filmed some video segments showing how their equipment works and explaining other company

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duties that will be aired on channel 22. There will be public service announcements as well. Information will be posted letting the public know when this will be showing on channel 22.

7. Discussion/Action Items

a. New Business

i. Bid Opening: Town Hall Cupola Project

1. Limerick Steeplejacks of Limerick, ME: bid total \$26,500
2. Excel Construction Management of Newfields, NH: bid total - \$36,835

Mr. Aldrich moved to turn the bids over to the DPW for a recommendation for award. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

ii. Council on Aging Update

Mr. Dean met with some of the members of the Council on Aging last Thursday after receiving correspondence about continuing the Council. The Council would like to rework a charge. There have been some attendance issues with their meetings. It was decided that the council will have a meeting on September 16 at 2:00pm to try to reenergize interest. Mr. Dean also said that the Boston Post Cane will be awarded to Exeter's oldest resident this Friday.

b. Old Business –

i. Exeter Development Commission

Ms. Gilman stated that the Exeter Development Commission was set up by the Board of Selectmen and the ordinance still exists. There are some people interested in getting the Exeter Development Commission back up and running. Mr. Campbell noted that he was a member of this committee when the Commission first came about. They did meet regularly until there was not much happening and the Commission disbanded. Mr. Dean thought it would be a good idea to create a small working group to get some momentum and to look for topics to move forward with. The Board agreed that having a member of the Chamber of Commerce as a representative would benefit the group. Ms. Gilman said that she would gather up the interested people and write up a draft charge.

8. Regular Business

a. Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests

Mr. Clement moved to approve the regular weekly payroll warrant for the week ending 8/8/10 in the amount of \$179,817.99. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous - Mr. Aldrich abstained.

Mr. Clement moved to approve the accounts payable warrant for the week ending 8/13/09 in the amount of \$386,287.08. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the warrant for A W Rose Construction for site work for the in the amount of \$117,900. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

b. Budget Updates - none

c. Tax Abatements and Exemptions – none

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d. Water/Sewer Abatements – none

e. Permits – none

f. Town Manager's Report – The CIP hearing we well last Thursday. Work continues on the Stadium and Gilman Wells. The auditors began working today and they will be working in the Town Office for about 2 weeks.

g. Legislative Updates – none

h. Selectmen's Committee Reports

Mr. Campbell – The Planning Board met Thursday on the CIP projects.

Mr. Aldrich – The Conservation Commission met last week. The Art Committee meets Thursday, CIP meets tomorrow and Personnel and Policy meets next Wednesday. Mr. Aldrich also mentioned that he had a conversation with the SAU administration and they are supportive of having the election at the school.

Ms. Gilman – The Energy Committee meets this Wednesday and the Historic District Commission meets Thursday.

Mr. Quandt – The River Committee meets Thursday at 9:00am and the Technology and EXTV meet next week.

Mr. Clement – The Heritage Commission met last week. Mr. Clement will follow up with the Sportsmen's Club about the site walk this Saturday morning at 7:00am. Mr. Clement also brought up his concerns on the lack of security in the Town Office Building. Mr. Dean noted that this topic has been on the radar for some time now and there will be new security options once the chosen department moves to the Town Hall.

i. Correspondence –

1. Legal Notice: ZBA Agenda
2. Legal Notice: HDC Agenda
3. Public Notice to Exeter Residents: Absentee Ballots
4. Rockingham VNA & Hospice; Thank you
5. Vision Appraisal; Project Status Report

9. Review Board Calendar – The next Board of Selectmen meeting will take place on August 23, 2010.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Aldrich moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 pm. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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Aimee Caruso
Recording Secretary