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Board of Selectmen Town of Gilmanton, New Hampshire

Meeting

September 21, 2020

Open Public Meeting

Meeting was open to public attendance in the auditorium of the Academy Building. Meeting was also live Streamed on the Town Facebook page.

Present: Chairman Mark Warren, Vice-Chairman Vincent Baiocchetti, Selectman Collins and Town Administrator Boré (Gilmanton Academy building – Auditorium).

Call to Order – 6:05 p.m. Chairman Warren

Chairman Warren opens the meeting and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kevin Guerrier, a town resident for over 30 years, presents a donation from Wise Foods where he is an employee. Wise Foods has created a plan and product to say “Thank You” to front line city and state employees such as Fire, Police and Public works for their work during this pandemic. Mr. Guerrier presents a donation of Wise Potato chips to be distributed to front line town employees (See Attached letter). A brief photo shoot with selectmen and Police chief ensues.



PUBLIC MINUTES APPROVAL

MOTION On a motion by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Selectman Collins, it was unanimously voted to approve the Minutes from 09-11-2020 (Chairman Warren – yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi – yes, Selectman Collins – yes).

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Warren opens the Consent Agenda

- **NH Dams Loon Pond Dam Agreement for stoplogs/enclosure: \$5,240 (WA#33)**

WA#33 was voted for at the March Town Meeting to raise and appropriate \$7,750 to complete the replacement of the stoplogs and to build an enclosure by the dam to secure the logs when not used at the dam as well as store spare ones and other materials.

The difference between the voted appropriation and the Agreement amount relates to the redoing of the walking bridge above the dam, which can wait until next year. The \$2,500 difference will be encumbered to fund the replacement of the walking bridge next year.

MOTION On a motion by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Selectman Collins, it was unanimously voted to approve the NH Dams Agreement in the amount of \$5,240 and to authorize Chairman Warren to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board (Chairman Warren – yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi – yes, Selectman Collins – yes).

- **Quitclaim Deed – Map 421, Lot 008**

This pertains to the repurchase by its owner under RSA 80:89 of the property located at Map 421, Lot 008. The property was tax deeded on May 7, 2018. The taxpayer tendered payment in full for all back taxes, interest, costs, and the penalty set forth in RSA 80:90. A total payment of \$5,027.06 was received.

- **Sugarloaf Ambulance P.O.: \$72,615 (WA#12)**

Final payment for the remount of the Fire Department ambulance A1.

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi, it was unanimously voted to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Amendment pertains to the addition of the Sugarloaf Ambulance P.O. which was not part of the posted Consent Agenda (Chairman Warren – yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi – yes, Selectman Collins – yes).

OLD BUSINESS

- **Public Hearing for Transfer Station Fee Schedule and Emergency Order #56 re-scheduled**

These Public Hearing require a minimum 7 days prior notification in a local paper. At the 9/11 BOS Meeting, the Board agreed to have the public Hearing for the Transfer Station New Fee Schedule on 9/21 and the one on EO #56 on 10/5. T.A. Boré states he was unable to have the hearing advertised in the Daily Sun on 9/14, therefore not being able to meet the minimum notification requirement for having the Public on 9/21.

After checking with Town Counsel, there is no prohibition on having two public hearings on two un-related matters on the same night.

T.A. Boré recommends to schedule both hearings on 10/5, starting with the hearing on the Transfer Station New Fee Schedule at 7PM and, when done, proceed with the one on EO#56.

General Board Consensus to proceed as recommended.

- **Budget update**

T.A. Boré confirms he received budget recommendations and capital requirements from most Department Heads. Some are having difficulties getting required vendors quotes, but there will be time to catch up with that in the process. Next, Outside Agencies are to submit their Request for Funding Forms to Town Administration by September 25th. Town administration and Finance will compile all data and present the recommendations to the Board.

The Fire Chief has asked to be placed on the BOS Meeting Agenda on October 5 to discuss current staffing pattern and needs going forward which include the application of a FEMA SAFER grant which will allow to acquire and fund additional staff.

- **Elderly Exemption follow-up discussion**

Following up on last meeting's discussion on this matter, T.A. Boré presents an historical analysis of rules and exemption impact, which even more clearly shows that the rules voted for earlier this year may have a significant impact on taxpayers. (See Attachment)

T.A. Boré recommends the Board considers presenting a warrant article at the 2021 Town Meeting that amends these new rules.

General Board consensus that this analysis be posted on Town Website and a Public Hearing be scheduled to discuss the matter and hear from taxpayers.

- **2020 Outside Agencies pending funding requests**

There are a number of Outside Agencies, which have not claimed payment of their funding requests voted for at the March 2020 Town Meeting, namely:

- WA# 36: Snowmobile Association (\$2,500)
- WA# 39: Central NH VNA & Hospice (\$7,600)
- WA# 41: American Red Cross (\$1,000)
- WA# 45: CASA (\$1,000)
- WA# 46: 4th of July Association (\$4,500)

General Board consensus to wait for the agencies to request their funds, with the 4th of July Association being a different situation since we know the festivities were canceled this year.

T.A. Boré to approach the Association

- **Tax Deeding follow up**

At last meeting, the Board voted to resume tax Deeding. The TCTX Office will be issuing Intent to Deed Notices on September 25th and Deeding would be targeted for October 26th.

5. SELECTMEN'S ITEMS

The Board acknowledges the resignation effective September 28, 2020 of Claudia Ferber in the Town Clerk – Tax Collector's Office. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Warren thanks Mrs. Ferber for her service to the Town in the TCTX Office.

6:57 PM Chairman Warren opens the Public Input Session.

In the absence of any public comment/input, the Board moves to close the public input session at 7:08 PM

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi, it was unanimously voted to close the public input session (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi-yes).

MOTION On a motion by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Chairman Warren, it was unanimously voted to go into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel Matters (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi-yes).

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi, it was unanimously voted to get out of non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel Matters (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi-yes).

MOTION On a motion by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Selectman Collins, it was unanimously voted to unseal the 8-24-2020 minutes of the non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel Matters, and to appoint Patrol Officer Akerstrom to the position of Acting Sergeant upon the leave of Sergeant Brennan at Sergeant Brennan's current pay rate; Officer Akerstrom would revert back to his current Patrol Officer position at his current pay upon reinstatement of Sergeant Brennan into his position at his return to work. (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi-yes).

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi, it was unanimously voted to get into a Non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel Matters (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi-yes).

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi, it was unanimously voted to get out of Non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a) Personnel Matters (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchi-yes).

This session was to discuss personnel matters in the Selectmen's Office.

MOTION On a motion by Vice-Chairman Baiocchi and seconded by Chairman Warren, it was unanimously voted to authorize Town Administrator Boré to contract hire a temporary general assistance officer

(3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti, it was unanimously voted to get into a Non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (l) Legal advice (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti, it was unanimously voted to get out of Non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (l) Legal advice (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

This session was conducted to discuss legal advice from Town Counsel pertaining to a complaint received from a resident.

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti, it was unanimously voted to get into a Non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Personal property transaction (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti, it was unanimously voted to get out of Non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (d) Personal property transaction (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

This session was to discuss a potential right-of-way easement.

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti, it was unanimously voted to get into a Non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Ongoing litigation (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti, it was unanimously voted to get out of Non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (e) Ongoing litigation (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

This session was conducted to discuss the Currier v. McWhinnie, et al. litigation.

Adjourn 9:05 PM

MOTION On a motion by Chairman Warren and seconded by Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the Public Meeting (3-0 Voice Vote, Selectman Collins-yes – Chairman Warren-yes, Vice-Chairman Baiocchetti-yes).

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Administrator, Patrick Boré
Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

Chairman Mark E Warren

Vice-Chairman Vincent A Baiocchetti

Selectman Evan J Collins