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Minutes Selectboard Monday, June 23, 2014

Selectboard members Darrell Philpot, Susan Adams, Karl Dowling, John Carr and Brendan Denehy were present along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

Also present was Ann Somers.

Darrell opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

John moved, seconded by Sue to approve the minutes of June 9th. Voted yes 3-0; Darrell and Brendan abstained.

Warrants

The Selectboard signed warrant # 25 in the amount of \$291,621.33 and payrolls in the amount of \$44,334.39 and \$2,300.

PSNH - Pole License

The Selectboard signed a pole license for poles 68/37-1 on Russell Hill Road.

Rte. 13 and 130 Intersection

Tad reported that Michelle Marshall of the Dept. of Transportation will be reviewing the options based on the road safety audit of the intersection of Routes 13 and 130 with the Highway Safety Committee. The recommendation most feasible is to add a turning lane both north and south of the intersection. Approvals are needed from the HSIP committee, NHDOT Front Office and Town of Brookline in order for Highway Safety Improvement funds to be used for the project. The Selectboard are in agreement with turning lanes. Tad is hopeful the project will be done next summer. Darrell asked if our representatives could facilitate the project to get it done sooner. Tad said he would check.

The Selectboard reviewed expenditures to date.

Annex

Tad said the 4 maple trees overhanging the annex roof have been removed. The drywall, insulation and mold has been removed. The exterior wall on the right side was rotted out. Tad contacted Francis Gavin to remove and reconstruct the wall. There should be enough money in contingencies. The roof is expected to be done the first week of July and then paint the building.

Sidewalk Project

Tad said the sidewalk from Austin Road to the Safety Complex should be done in about 5 weeks.

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Town Hall Roof

Tad reported that Therrien Roofing replaced about 50 slates on the town hall roof. The insurance company covered the cost.

MRI Inc - Ambulance/Emergency Management vacancy

Don Jutton of MRI Inc. was present. Darrell said that he and Sue spoke with Don last Friday to discuss recruiting an emergency management director. Don asked what the selectboard envision the EMS division to look like in the future. He said most EMS services are fire based. The average charge for an EMS call is \$900 and the average collection is \$350 from Medicare and insurance, etc. We average 1 call per day. Don said he's not aware of any other community that doesn't charge for calls. He said there are fewer volunteers because of increasing time commitments for training. Towns generally average 1 fire call vs. 15-20 ambulance calls. Presently we have 1 full time firefighter and 2 full time ambulance attendants. By combining them we would have 3 full time people. He asked what we're looking for in an EMS director. Don said another thing would be to find someone to look at a regional approach. John said we need to keep costs down. Don suggested we look at a fire based EMS and said Wakefield and Brookfield works well. Tad said the fire department has about 35 people and the ambulance has about 20. Don said they would be cross trained. Sue asked how we get both departments to transition to a fire based EMS. Darrell said he feels we have 4 options: 1. Status quo; 2. A fire based EMS; 3. Shared services with other towns; and 4. A public safety officer. John said a fire based EMS is the best solution. Sue said the community needs to be open minded. She said the selectboard is meeting with the ambulance and BERT people tomorrow night and is scheduled to meet with the fire department next Monday. Brendan said he is hesitant to make any big changes without input from the fire and ambulance departments. He said we need to look at the costs of these services. Sue said we already had a request for a full time fire chief and said this is a good opportunity to make a change with Wes' retirement. Darrell said we need to address the structure of the fire department. Sue asked if other towns have merged their fire and ambulance. Don said Amherst is looking at the same issue except it's their fire chief that is leaving. He said he would get some samples of other towns that are working with a fire based EMS. Karl said the problem is we contracted for an EMS director. Now we're changing the contract. Sue said we should have the two meetings with the ambulance and fire departments and then decide what to do. Don said he would start with a survey of the ambulance and fire people. Darrell said a fifth option might be to merge with Hollis as one town. It was decided to have the meetings with the ambulance and fire departments and then make a decision on what we're looking for.

Non Public Session

Darrell moved, seconded by Karl to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (d) land acquisition and 91-A: 2, I (b) union negotiations. Voted yes 5-0.

On returning to public session, Darrell moved, seconded by Karl to seal the minutes. Voted yes 5-0.

Sports Complex

Darrell reported that he, Tad and Sue met with Rick Holder, owner of Hampshire Hills about a sports complex to attract businesses to town. Rick said he would help the town and said fields are the way to go, not the dome. Much of the time the Dome is not used during the days because the kids are in school, so it's not cost effective. **Darrell** said he drove 5 ½ hours to New Jersey over the weekend to watch his

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daughter play soccer. **Jay Chrystal** said he presented conceptual plans for a sports complex at the transfer station several years ago. He will email the plans to Darrell.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Darrell Philpot

Susan Adams

Karl D. Dowling

John J Ca

Brendan Denehy

Town of Brookline, NH W#25-2014

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
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6/23/2014		Absolute Data Destruction	W#25-2014	-148.40
6/23/2014	45983	Aflac	W#25-2014	-252.38
6/23/2014	45984	Avitar Assoc of New Engla	W#25-2014	-272.83
6/23/2014	45985	BAC/Corelogic	W#25-2014	-500.02
6/23/2014	45986	Beltronics Inc	W#25-2014	-37.00
6/23/2014	45987	Big Green Recycling	W#25-2014	-79.00
6/23/2014	45988	Bound Tree Medical LLC	W#25-2014	-987.15
6/23/2014	45989	Brookline School District	W#25-2014	-200,000.00
6/23/2014	45990	Business Card	W#25-2014	-813.12
6/23/2014	45991	Charter Communications	W#25-2014	-129.99
6/23/2014	45992	Chem Serve	W#25-2014	-60.00
6/23/2014	45993	D.C. Slocomb Co., LLC	W#25-2014	-225.00
6/23/2014	45994	DeMoulas Supermarkets Inc	W#25-2014	-99.72
6/23/2014	45995	Gecrb.Amazon	W#25-2014	-683.64
6/23/2014	45996	Grey Rock Landscaping	W#25-2014	-6,749.75
6/23/2014	45997	JP Pest Services	W#25-2014	-337.37
6/23/2014	45998	LaBombard Engineering	W#25-2014	-200.00
6/23/2014	45999	Massachusetts Dept. of Re	W#25-2014	-352.00
6/23/2014	46000	MD's Trash Removal Inc	W#25-2014	-85.00
6/23/2014	46001	Metropolitan Life	W#25-2014	-1,475.00
6/23/2014	46002	New England Emergency	W#25-2014	-728.00
6/23/2014	46003	NH Dept. of Health & Hum	W#25-2014	-444.00
6/23/2014	46004	NH Lakes	W#25-2014	-2,200.00
6/23/2014	46005	NH Superior Repair	W#25-2014	-355.75
6/23/2014	46006	North Ridge Contracting Inc	W#25-2014	-5,000.00
6/23/2014	46007	Northeast Utilities	W#25-2014	-363.05
6/23/2014	46008	Pitney Bowes Global Finan	W#25-2014	-133.20
6/23/2014	46009	Property Liability Trust Inc	W#25-2014	-62,507.67
6/23/2014	46010	PSNH	W#25-2014	-2,264.49
6/23/2014	46011	Purchase Power	W#25-2014	-60.00
6/23/2014	46012	RS Fireworks LLC	W#25-2014	-500.00
6/23/2014	46013	Scott P Furbush	W#25-2014	-6.58
6/23/2014	46014	Staples Contract & Comm	W#25-2014	-57.58
6/23/2014	46015	Staples Credit Plan	W#25-2014	-42.31
6/23/2014	46016	TDS Telecom	W#25-2014	-146.50
6/23/2014	46017	Two Dave's Auto Inc	W#25-2014	-556.00
6/23/2014	46018	U.S. Cellular	W#25-2014	-242.90
6/23/2014	46019	W D Perkins	W#25-2014	-725.00
6/23/2014		WEX Bank	W#25-2014	-1,799.93
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