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Minutes Selectboard Tuesday, September 2, 2014

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

Also present were Jack Flanagan, Linda Chomiak, Yan Lin and Brian Rater.

Sue opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jack said people have talked to him about taxes. He said properties are assessed at about 8% lower than market value and asked if it's possible to increase the assessments. Tad will talk to Chairman of the assessors Peter Cook.

Minutes

John moved, seconded by Brendan to approve the public session minutes of August 18th. Voted yes 4-0.

Brendan moved, seconded by Karl to approve the 3 sets of non public session minutes of August 18th. Voted yes 4-0.

Warrants

The Selectboard signed Warrant # 35 in the amount of \$1,363,565.85 and payrolls in the amount of \$42,615.66 and \$2,440.

Rte. 13/130 Intersection

Karl moved, seconded by John to authorize Sue to sign the letter of support to the DOT to support their recommendation for improvements to the intersection of Rte. 13 and Rte. 130. Voted yes 4-0. Brendan said we should have a public hearing before changing the post office entrance/exit at Route 13 to "right in/right out" only.

Highway Safety Grant

Karl moved, seconded John to authorize Sue to sign the Highway Safety Grant for 12 police patrols next year in the amount of \$4,680. Voted yes 4-0.

Kun Garden Liquor License

Karl moved, seconded by Brendan to authorize Sue to sign a letter to the NH Liquor Commission supporting Yan Lin's application for a liquor license at Kun Garden. Voted yes 4-0.

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September 9th Primary

Tad reported that because it's the primary, the Selectboard is not required to be in attendance during voting. He said he needs help to set up the booths and three members are required to sign the sealed box containing the results of the election at the end of voting.

Propane Bids

Tad said he sent out 12 requests for bids on propane for the heating season and received only one bid for \$1.83 per gallon from Energy North Propane. Last year's price was \$1.73. This is the same vendor we used last year. **Linda** asked if there was any negotiation to split the difference. **Tad** will check with them.

Oil Bids

Tad said the low bid for oil is \$3.02 from Shattuck Oil, the same vendor we used last year. Last year's price was \$3.19.

Transfer Station

Tad said in the near future we will be required to separate steel cans from plastics.

Old Home Days

Tad said about three dozen vendors are expected on Saturday at Old Home Days. The carnival will start on Friday night and continue on Saturday and Sunday.

Scott Knowles

The Selectboard signed a letter of congratulation to Scott Knowles. He was voted "Best Fire Fighter" in the Souhegan Valley.

Overseer of Public Welfare

Ann Webb submitted her resignation as Overseer of Public Welfare. Ann will help train the next person appointed.

Sidewalk Project

Karl moved, seconded by John to authorize Sue to sign off on the acceptance of the sidewalk project on Milford Street to the safety complex and Main Street to So. Main Street. Voted yes 4-0.

Planning Board

Brendan said the planning board is talking about senior/elderly housing in town and will have a public hearing on September 9th at the fire station. They will be discussing earth removal regulations this Thursday at their meeting. There is a tax due on over 1,000 cy of earth that is moved from one location to another location. The planning board is also looking at the driveway regulations and accessory dwelling units.

Apportionment Committee

It was noted the next apportionment committee meeting is Thursday at 7 pm in the middle school. **Brian Rater** said in 2 weeks the finance committee expects to come up with a recommendation. **Jack** said we should wait and see what the apportionment committee recommends.

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Ambulance Bay Doors

Tad said he received four bids for fixing two of the ambulance bay doors and asked whether the Selectboard wanted to review the bids or let the facilities committee review them and make the selection, per the committee charter. The Selectboard agreed to let the facilities committee review the bids and select a contractor.

Non Public Session

Sue moved, seconded by Karl to go into non public session under RSA 91-A: 3 (a) personnel. Voted yes 4-0.

On returning to public session Sue moved, seconded by Brendan to seal the minutes. Voted yes 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by Rena Duncklee.

Susan Adams

Karl D. Dowling

John J/Carr

Brendan Denehy