

TOWN OF HEBRON
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2017

PRESENT: Patrick Moriarty, Ellie Lonske, and Karen Corliss, Town Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT: Representative Suzanne Smith, Senator Bob Guida, Travis Austin (Police Chief), Sean Downey (Hilltop Public Solutions consultant for National Grid), Bill Luti

ABSENT: John Dunklee (prior commitment)

7:00 P.M. **GRANITE STATE POWER LINK PRESENTATION:** Sean Downey approached the Select Board to give an overview of the proposed clean energy project proposed by National Grid. Mr. Downey reported to the Board that the powerlines would be added to an existing right-of-way starting at the Vermont/Canada border, entering New Hampshire in Littleton traveling down to Londonderry, New Hampshire. Member Lonske asked Mr. Downey if this project was instead of Northern Pass or in conjunction with Northern Pass. Mr. Downey replied that the electricity would be produced at wind and hydro plants in Canada and was separate from Northern Pass. Member Lonske asked about the visual impact of the powerlines. Mr. Downey replied that there would be no visual impact. Chair Moriarty asked Mr. Downey for the timeframe of the project. Mr. Downey replied that the projected date for service was 2022.

Mr. Downey reviewed with the Board the jobs created by installing the powerlines, the proposed revenues to each town, the visual impact of the towers to be installed in the right-of-way, the amount of electricity going through the lines, and the project timeline until completion. Chair Moriarty asked Mr. Downey if there were public interest expressed in the project would there be another local presentation. Mr. Downey replied that they would be more than happy to do another presentation and would like to have an open house during the summer. Member Lonske asked if there would be an expanded wind turbine project with this. Mr. Downey replied no. Representative Smith asked if the open house would be the same as the open house with the NH Site Evaluation Committee (SEC). Mr. Downey replied that the open house with the towns affected would be before the one with the SEC.

Senator Guida noted that this project would be competing with the Northern Pass project. Bill Luti asked if the project accepted by the SEC would be Northern Pass or the Granite State Power proposal. Mr. Downey replied that the final decision would be made by the SEC. Representative Smith relayed to the group that when Northern Pass was asked about utilizing the existing right-of-way as opposed to the proposed route, the answer was that National Grid owned the right-of-way and they would have to pay fees to National Grid. The Board thanked Mr. Downey for the presentation and the information.

7:35 P.M. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- The Select Board signed the **accounting manifest**.
- The Select Board reviewed the **abatement application submitted by Richard and Joyce Cowern** for 160 South Mayhew Turnpike (Tax Map 7 Lot 022-1) and the recommendations on the abatement application submitted by Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. Member Lonske moved to deny the abatement application submitted by Richard and Joyce Cowern as recommended by Avitar Associates of New England, Inc., seconded by Chair Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.
- The Select Board signed the **2017 Spring Tax Warrant**. Mrs. Corliss informed the Board that Madeleine MacDougall, Tax Collector, would not be uploading the warrant onto her computer system until after the Special Town Meeting.
- The Select Board signed the **letter to FORECO** thanking them for the improvements made to Tenney Lane.
- Member Lonske relayed to Chair Moriarty that she had spoken with Nate Parks (President at Camp Berea) and Boyd Smith (Executive Director at the Newfound Lake Region Associations) regarding adding the **culvert on Berea Road** to the list of culverts for replacement to be included in the grant received by NLRA to protect silt from entering Newfound Lake. Member Lonske noted that the Town of Hebron would receive the grant funds for the culvert replacement and that Camp Wicosuta and Camp Berea would pay for the subcontractor work to replace the culvert. Member Lonske

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informed Chair Moriarty that Chief Fischer would be submitting a letter in support of the culvert replacement on Berea Road stating safety concerns and access to the camps with emergency vehicles. Mrs. Corliss informed the Board that Chief Fischer already drafted the letter and handed the letter to the Board for review. The Board agreed to table any decisions on moving forward with culvert replacement until the June 1st meeting where the full Board will be present.

7:50 P.M.

DISCUSSION:

- Mrs. Corliss asked the Board if they would like to continue **splitting the costs for the portable toilet** placed on the Hebron Common with the Hebron Village Store owner's. Member Lonske felt that everything worked out last year, but requested that the town pay for the months during the summer where it would be used more due to events happening in the town.
- Mrs. Corliss relayed to the Board inquiries from Donna Luti (Library Trustee) requesting to **plant flowers and bushes in front of the Library**. Member Lonske asked that the Friends of the Library hold off on the plantings until the drainage issues had been addressed by the Highway Supervisor, Casey Kuplin.
- Mrs. Corliss relayed to the Board the request from Donna Luti (Library Trustee) about adding a **movie night at the Library** and wondered if the Librarian would be paid for the additional time. Member Lonske answered that the money would have to come from the Library budget which the Trustees oversee.
- Mrs. Corliss informed the Board that the driver of the Casella Waste trash removal truck contacted the Selectmen's Office and Casey Kuplin, Highway Supervisor, about **damaging a culvert on Oak Lane due to the tender road conditions**. Mrs. Corliss relayed to the Board that Oak Lane was a private road and that she had suggested to Mr. Kuplin that the residents should bring their trash to the Berea Road/Oak Lane intersection. The Board agreed to requesting that the residents of Oak Lane to bring their trash to the intersection of Beachwood Road to prevent further damage.
- Mrs. Corliss reported to the Board on the review of the **furnace in the Town Clerk/ Tax Collector Office** building by an Eastern Propane consultant. Mrs. Corliss reported that there are no furnaces available to replace the furnace due to the lack of insulation and open space in that location. Mrs. Corliss reported that a monitor heater was suggested, but that leaves the bathroom unheated. Member Lonske wanted to wait on making any decisions until Ivan Quinchia (HVAC specialist) returns from vacation in a couple of weeks to get his input.
- Mrs. Corliss informed the Board that the Administrative Assistant, Alison York, processed a check to **pre-buy enough #2 fuel** with Yeaton for the Public Safety Building, but wanted to hold off on purchasing enough for the Selectmen's Office Building since it would not be heated during construction. Mrs. Corliss reported that when the Board decides on the temporary office location, Yeaton could be contacted about a pre-buy for fuel.

8:11 P.M.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- **Invitation from Genesis Behavioral Health** to the Annual Community Forum.
- **Copy of a Letter from Dennis Dodge**, Trustee of Trust Funds, regarding recent correspondence with Bearing Point Wealth Partners on closing the "Charrette Fund".
- **Invitation from Communities for Alcohol and Drug Free Youth** Regional Prevention Summit.
- **Letter from Eastern Propane & Oil** about disconnecting the furnace at the Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office due to unsafe conditions.
- Notice from the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration on the 2016 Total Equalized Valuation of 264,163,915 with the 2016 Equalized Assessed Valuation being 258,014,278.
- **Email from Donna Keeley (Eversource)** to Steve Shusterman (Stone Gate Road) regarding updating the underground electric connector which failed that is buried underground along Stone Gate Road.
- **Wetland Permit Application for Newfound Lake Region Association** for work to be performed at the Grey Rocks Conservation Area on North Shore Road (Tax Map 17A Lot 005-1).

8:18 P.M.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Member Lonske discussed with Chair Moriarty the request to **change a couple of the Select Board Meeting dates to another evening** since she had other commitments on the regular Select Board

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Meeting night. Member Lonske reported that the Select Board had met on other nights in the summer and the public was adequately notified. There were no issues from the public about the date change. Chair Moriarty would like to table any decision tonight until Vice-Chair Dunklee could be present at the meeting.

- Chair Moriarty relayed to Member Lonske the recent discussion he had with Casey Kuplin, Highway Supervisor, about obtaining **plans to submit to the bank on the guardrails to be installed on High Cliffs Circle**. Chair Moriarty noted that Mr. Kuplin was going to speak to Alan Barnard (surveyor) about getting a copy of the plans to the office to send to the bank. Chair Moriarty relayed that Mr. Kuplin mentioned that it would be nice to get the finished coat of pavement down at the same time. Member Lonske inquired about getting the George Road guardrails installed at the same time. Chair Moriarty felt that the two jobs would not be happening at the same time to be able to coordinate the work.
- Chair Moriarty asked about the status of the **invoice from David Jaques**. Member Lonske would like to find out how much of the approved subdivision had been recorded in Grafton County before making any decisions on the request from Mr. Jaques.

8:34 P.M. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The Select Board reviewed the Select Board Meeting minutes of April 17, 2017 and made the following change: page 1 – remove the last sentence at the end of the page. Member Lonske moved to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of April 17, 2017 as amended, seconded by Chair Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.

The Select Board reviewed the Select Board Meeting minutes of April 20, 2017. Member Lonske moved to approve the Select Board Meeting minutes of April 20, 2017 as written, seconded by Chair Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.

8:35 P.M. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** Member Lonske moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Chair Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Corliss
Town Administrator