

TOWN OF HEBRON  
SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 20, 2016

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Travis Austin (Police Chief), Bill Bolton (Candidate for Grafton County Commissioner – District 3), Omer Ahern (Candidate for Grafton County Commissioner – District 3)

7:00 P.M. **CANDIDATE FOR GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 3:** Bill Bolton approached the Select Board to introduce himself as a candidate for Grafton County Commissioner – District 3. Mr. Bolton gave his work background along with the various volunteer positions held in the community. Member Lonske relayed to Mr. Bolton that the Board discussed with Grafton County Commissioner, Martha Richards, the reasons that the town was moving from Grafton County Dispatch. Member Lonske noted that Mrs. Richards showed little concern that the county was losing revenue from not only Hebron but other towns due to the costs of the dispatching service. Chair Moriarty stated that controlling costs through the county was a concern. Mr. Bolton thanked the Board for the meeting.

7:22 P.M. **CANDIDATE FOR GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER – DISTRICT 3:** Omer Ahern approached the Select Board to introduce himself as a candidate for Grafton County Commissioner – District 3. Mr. Ahern informed the Board that he is an attorney and a Tree Farmer by avocation. Mr. Ahern relayed to the Board that there are lots of lost opportunities in the county and poor management of the departments due to no direction from the County Commissioners. Member Lonske commented that if the farm was costing the county money, the farm should be shut down. Mr. Ahern strongly disagreed with Member Lonske's statement and noted the reasons to keep the farm in operation since poor management made it appear that the farm was costing the county. Mr. Ahern noted some of the recent projects at the county that were mismanaged and elaborated on how the projects could be saving the county money and making a profit. Mr. Ahern thanked the Board for the meeting.

7:45 P.M. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- The Select Board signed the **accounting manifest**.
- The Select Board signed the **Notice of Intent to Cut Wood** form for Paul and Mary Hazelton to harvest timber from their property on Braley Road.
- The Select Board reviewed the **letter to NH Department of Transportation** requesting that the speed limit through the Hebron Common be reduced to 25 mph. The Board asked Mrs. Corliss to make the change noted and they would stop by the office to sign the letter.
- The Select Board reviewed and signed the **letter to the NH Department of Transportation** requesting that the newly installed directional signs located on North Shore Road and Groton Road be removed. Chief Austin informed the Board that he discussed a sign solution with one of the part-time Police Officers would keep the Board informed of any progress.

7:47 P.M. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Member Lonske updated the Board on her conversation with Norman Larson about the **cost for the architect design** and the recent charges for the Hebron Academy Building were to move forward for new construction drawings. Member Lonske relayed to the Board that the Hebron Academy Committee wanted to bring firm figures for the renovations/addition to the Hebron Academy Building. Vice-Chair Dunklee stated that any invoices that are over the \$50,000 appropriated through the warrant article would not be paid and would have to be voted on at 2017 March Town Meeting.
- Member Lonske discussed with the Board the **trust funds that could be used to help pay for some of the outside subcontractors** for work in the Hebron Village Cemetery and the landscape architect for the review of the Hebron Common. Member Lonske noted that the trust funds that could be utilized for expenses should as opposed to charging the expense against the budget. Vice-Chair Dunklee commented that a public hearing should be held before spending any funds from the trust funds or capital reserve funds since the money belongs to the taxpayers.
- The Board discussed **the proposed 2017 budgets** as presented by the department heads and the proposals for capital projects.
- Mrs. Corliss reported to the Board that the **2017 Health Insurance rate increased by 5.3%** and the Dental Insurance rate stayed the same.

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- The Board reviewed the **letter that was sent by the Conservation Commission Co-Chairs in March 2016** regarding future timber harvesting in the Hebron Town Forest. The Board discussed moving forward with Martha Twombly's recommendations to have upcoming discussions with Jon Martin (forester with Martin Forestry) and FORECO about the Management Plan performed on the Hebron Town Forest.

8:14 P.M. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Letter from NH Department of Environmental Services** regarding the results of the PFC testing on the water supply well at the Hebron-Bridgewater Incinerator. The results were that no PFOA/PFOS were detected.
- **Invitation to the annual Grafton County Economic Development Council (Grafton RDC) meeting.**
- **Correspondence from Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A.** – following up on the Hebron Town Common Boundary issue.
- **Letter from Eleanor Lonske** to the Trustees of Trust Funds looking to establish a fund in her husband's memory.
- **Invitation to Road Agents/ Highway Superintendents** to the Newfound Area Highway Department Forum on October 26, 2016.

8:20 P.M. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Member Lonske reviewed with the Board the response that she received from the Fire Department and other departments on **holding the 2017 March Town Meeting at the Public Safety Building** on the Saturday after the Tuesday elections. The consensus was holding the meeting later in the day then the fire trucks would not have to spend a lot of time out in the extreme temperatures. Member Lonske moved that the 2017 Town Meeting Elections would be held on the second Tuesday of March in the Hebron Community Hall and that the meeting portion would be held that following Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Building, seconded by Vice-Chair Dunklee. The vote was unanimous.
- Mrs. Corliss updated the Board on the **status of setting the 2016 Tax Rate**. Mrs. Corliss reported that the State of NH Department of Revenue Administration still had not received the necessary paperwork from the Bridgewater-Hebron Village District and the Newfound Area School District. Chair Moriarty informed the Board that he would contact Terry Murphy regarding the Bridgewater-Hebron Village District.

8:33 P.M. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The Select Board reviewed the Select Board Meeting minutes of October 6, 2016 and made the following changes: page 2, third bullet under Discussion Items, fifth sentence – change- “was a concern” to read “would not be able to be paid.” and page 3, under Any Other Business, sixth bullet, second sentence – remove “Member Lonske and”. Member Lonske moved to accept the Select Board Meeting minutes of October 6, 2016 as amended, seconded by Vice-Chair Dunklee. The vote was unanimous.

8:36 P.M. **MEETING ADJOURNED:** Member Lonske moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m., seconded by Vice-Chair Moriarty. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Corliss  
Town Administrator

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