[[1]](#endnote-1)**BOARD OF SELECT MEN'S MEETING**

Monday, March 13, 2017

Call Meeting to Order **5:30PM**

**Final**

**Approved on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Date)**

**Donald Harty \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Hugh Curley \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or amended on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**J Chris Bowes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Present:** Donald Harty, Chair; Hugh Curley, Vice Chair; J. Chris Bowes, Selectman;

and Kelly Dearborn-Luce, Recording Secretary.

**Staff Present:** Nancy Wheeler

**Other Attendees:** Joni Kitson, Virginia Drew, Bob Bean, Jill Lavin, Ron Colby and Debbie Sargent.

 **Scheduled Time:**

**5:30PM Non-public – personnel**

At 5:30PM Chris Bowes made a **motion** to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) personnel.Hugh Curley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was Don Harty – yes, Hugh Curley – Yes, Chris Bowes – Yes. Motion passed.

At 5:45PM the Board returned from non-public session. Don Harty noted that no decisions were made.

Board had an exit interview with Nik Bassett. Board would like to thank Nik for his years of service with the Fire Department and the Town, he has been a valued employee and wishes him well. Hugh Curley made a **motion** to not seal the minutes**.** Chris Bowes seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Roll call to not seal the minutes was Don Harty-yes, Hugh Curley-yes and Chris Bowes-yes. Motion passed.

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Review and Accept Agenda** Chris Bowes made a **motion** to amend the agenda to table a signature item for more information and research. Hugh Curley also amended the agenda to speak about the postponement of the Town Voting Day. Hugh Curley seconded the motion to amend the agenda for Monday, March 13, 2017. All voted in favor.

**Signature:**

Accounts Payable/Manifest was reviewed and signed.

Payroll was reviewed and signed.

Planning Board alternate appointment paper was reviewed. Chris Bowes made a **motion** to appoint Carole Brown as an alternate to the Planning Board for 3 years. Motion was seconded by Hugh Curley, all voted in favor.

Raffle request was reviewed. Chris Bowes made a **motion** to approve the raffle request for “All Sports Team” at the Epsom Central School. Motion was seconded by Hugh Curley, all voted in favor.

Agreement in lieu of taxes for “Epsom Elderly Housing”- Chris Bowes would like more information and the Board agreed to table.

Charitable Exemption 2015-2016 tax year for Evergreen Lodge was reviewed. The request is for an exemption from property taxes for the 2015-2016 calendar year. Chris Bowes made a **motion** to approve the exemption request. Motion was seconded by Hugh Curley, all voted in favor.

Veteran (Spouse) Exemption was reviewed. The application is for the spouse to continuing to receive the Veteran Exemption on Map U16-/ Lot 8-1-35. Chris Bowes made a **motion** to approve the exemption. Motion was seconded by Hugh Curley, all voted in favor.

Hugh Curley discussed the events of the day that determined the Town Voting Day to be postponed. A Governors conference call was held at 2pm and the recommendation was to not cancel voting day. However, if Town’s already started the closing or postponing, the recommendation was to continue.

Jeff Keeler, Town Moderator decided to postpone the election day, due to concerns of public safety, until March 21, 2017. Hugh spoke with Dawn Blackwell, Town Clerk regarding absentee ballots. Hugh made a **motion** to affirm the decision made by Jeff Keeler to postpone the elections to March 21, 2017 same time and location. Chris Bowes seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

**Staff:**

Nancy Wheeler reported on the FEMA Grant for New Orchard Road drainage. Nancy said FEMA has delegated the funds. The Board will need to sign all the paper work/applications and hold a public hearing in April. A site visit is scheduled for Friday. The project should be completed by September 2018. Nancy also noted she has an update on a legal matter if the Board wanted to go into non-public session at the end of meeting.

Kelly Dearborn-Luce reported on the following; research on web sites of surrounding Towns, the BTLA decision on PSNH/Unitel – stayed all pending appeals until Supreme Court ruling, the abatements that have been filed and our Assessor is working on them, 10 filed/3 in too late. Keith Cota has been notified about the new date for elections to help out as pro-tem for the Board, MH delinquent tax list has been reviewed by Esther if the Board wanted to start sending out letters and there are some previous non-public minutes for the Board to review.

**Discussion:**

Circle 9 agreement – The board discussed the letter to be sent to Big Easy Ranch – Circle 9 Campground regarding the entertainment for the liquor license approval. Don Harty read the letter of agreement. Kelly noted that the letter had been reviewed by Town Counsel. The Board agreed to send the letter.

##### MINUTES FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Draft – February 27, 2017 were reviewed. Chris Bowes made a **motion** to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Hugh Curley, all voted in favor.

**MINUTES TO SIGN**

Final –February 13, 2017, were reviewed and signed.

Non-Public minutes – February 27, 2017 Chris Bowes made a **motion** to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded by Hugh Curley, all voted in favor.

**Selectmen Liaison Reports:**

Hugh Curley said the Planning Board held a discussion regarding solar energy arrays and some concerns about how they reflect into neighbor’s homes and properties.

Chris Bowes said he spoke with Gordon and he is preparing for the big storm. Chris also spoke about Webster Park and the replanting of the trees. Chris would like to move forward with funding/donations. Nancy spoke about expendable funds and she will review language for the process with Town Counsel.

**For your Information:**

Fairpoint appeal – Court approved voluntary non-suit.

Executive Council monthly correspondence

Planning & Zoning Conference set for April 29th

DOT letter in response to rumble strips

Public Auction of MH unit

List of abatements received

NHDOT list of projects

Meals on Wheels sponsorship

Town of Bedford zoning notice

**5 Minutes for Public Questions and Comments:**

Bob Bean asked if letters about Circle 9 were public and could he have a copy. Board said if discussed at meeting, then it was public, except personal or financial information. Bob asked about the liquor license for Circle 9 and the board said that is what the agreement letter is for. Bob also asked about the truck rented from Advanced and Chris said it was returned and it was loaned, not rented.

Joni Kitson asked about the Exemption/Elderly Housing Agreemnt and Chris said he would like more information. Joni also asked about the invoice for welding and Chris said it was for (side) bed of truck. Joni also asked why the Highway was grading with the plow and Chris said they use both vehicles.

Ron Colby asked about the residents living at Circle 9 Campground and Chris Bowes said the owner will need to sign the agreement. Ron said some residents have lived there for 3 years. Don asked Kelly to check with Jay Hickey. Ron also spoke about the dogs attacking the chickens in the neighborhood. Ron also mentioned that there are fireworks outside of function hall activities and with a drone.

 Virginia Drew asked about absentee ballots being available. Chris Bowes said he will contact Dawn Blackwell, Town Clerk for clarification and process.

At 6:45PM Hugh Curley made a **motion** to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (e) litigation.Chris Bowesseconded the motion. A roll call vote was Don Harty – yes, Hugh Curley – Yes, Chris Bowes – Yes. Motion passed.

At 6:50PM the Board returned from non-public session. No decisions were made.

Hugh Curley made a **motion** to not seal the minutes.Chris Bowes seconded the motion, all voted in favor. Roll call to not seal the minutes was Don Harty-yes, Hugh Curley-yes and Chris Bowes-yes. Motion passed.

Board spoke about notifications, signs and postings for the March 21, 2017 voting day.

At 6:58PM Chris Bowes made a **motion** to adjourn. Hugh Curley seconded, all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Dearborn-Luce

Recording Secretary

*These minutes are in preliminary draft form only and are subject to change before final approval*.

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