

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2021

Present: James C. Bailey, Chairman; Meleny Nagy, Selectwoman; Laura Buono, Town Administrator.

In Attendance: Marianne Hammond, John Hammond, James Soucy, Ernest Gould, Jr., Sara Edie, Becky Johnson, Riche' Colcombe, Marlee Reed.

Chairman Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. **OPEN SESSION**

There was no public comment during Open Session.

2. **PARTNERS FARM SUBDIVISION REVOCATION PUBLIC HEARING**

Chairman Bailey opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. and explained that this public hearing is for the purpose of releasing the infrastructure in the Partners Farm Subdivision. He said this is the second of two required public hearings.

Chairman Bailey asked if there was any public comment. There was none. Chairman Bailey closed the public hearing at 6:16 p.m. and noted that the Board will vote on this issue at their next Selectmen's Meeting as required by the RSA.

3. **BECKY JOHNSON RE: COMMUNITY CENTER FUNDRAISER**

Becky Johnson met with the Board to discuss the final plans for the Poker Run fundraiser for the Community Center. Ms. Johnson and Riche' Colcombe explained that the route will begin at Grimes Field and runs approximately 10 – 12 miles on state approved ATV trails. They stressed that only legally registered OHRV's will be able to participate and the speed limit is set at 20MPH and they have many volunteers to enforce compliance. The route was reviewed again with a majority of it running through the trails in Henniker. The Board approved the plan for the fundraiser.

4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Broadband – Ms. Buono said she will be bringing forward some information with regard to a contracted service which will be available to municipalities and which will enable us to hopefully bring broadband to areas of Hillsborough where there is none. She said once all the information is available she'll discuss it more with the Board. The cost will be \$10,000 and is able to come out of the ARPA money which has been received by the Town.

September Meeting Schedule – Ms. Buono said she will be on vacation the week of September 20th and asked the Board if their meeting can be moved from the 22nd to the 29th. The Board approved the meeting date change.

Deering Town Administrator Search – Laura Buono informed the Board that she has been asked to sit on the search committee for the next Deering Town Administrator. She said she accepted the invitation.

Highway Foreman – Ms. Buono said Bill Goss will be going on vacation during the transition of the department and once his vacation time runs out, that will be it. She said he didn't want to get a lump sum check for the vacation time due to tax reasons and preferred to get paid weekly instead.

Summer Camp – Ms. Buono reported that she has met with the Camp Director and Water Front Supervisor for summer camp and each of them will be working on recruiting lifeguards and camp counselors over the winter. Lifeguards will be scheduled to test and receive their certifications and Counselors will receive training in the spring so that we're ready to go in June of next year.

2nd NH Turnpike – Selectwoman Nagy acknowledged receipt of a letter from residents on 2nd NH Turnpike & Sawmill Road with regard to speeding. Ms. Buono said the Police Chief has received the letter and is aware of their concerns. The corner was briefly discussed as far as safety is concerned. Ms. Buono will call a meeting of the Highway Safety Committee in order to discuss the area.

5. LONG TERM PROJECTS

2 Bridge Street – Ms. Buono said there was a discussion at the last Economic Development Committee Meeting between committee members, a real estate developer, and a potential commercial tenant with regard to 2 Bridge Street and 8 Bridge Street. She said it was a productive discussion and the potential commercial tenant currently owns a brew pub in Manchester and is interested in relocating it to Hillsborough since they live here. Ms. Buono said Chris Seig was in attendance from the Water & Sewer Commission and his purpose appeared to be to tell the Brew Pub owners that they could not have such a business in that area due to the waste that brewing beer produced. She said even when the owners said they know how to handle the waste without dumping it into the system and told him they are working with NHDES as well, Mr. Seig was almost argumentative with them over it. Ms. Buono said it was very concerning to the Committee members since we have worked hard, along with the Chamber, to entice people to come to Town and here is a member of the Water & Sewer Commission deterring it. Both Riche' Colcombe and Sara Edie, who serve on the EDC, verified what took place and felt that an EDC meeting was not the time for this Commissioner to try and discourage a business especially since there was no plan being sent to the Planning Board, etc. This began a conversation about some history involving at least one past project and additional concern over the intent of the Commission. Chairman Bailey said he feels the Commission does a good job managing the system that is in place although he agreed the meeting was not the place for that discussion. Selectwoman Nagy said she has concerns about some of the information that was discussed tonight and suggested the Board invite the Commissioners to a meeting.

250th Celebration – Ms. Buono reported that the commemorative plates should be delivered this week.

6. MANIFEST MOTION

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign check numbers 016930 - 016969 a/k/a Vouchers 33, 34, 34A in the amount of \$192,073.05 (includes 223 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 025725 – 025775 a/k/a Vouchers 23 & 24 in the amount of \$225,061.11. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda for August 25, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Yield Tax on Timber Cuts – Map 2 Lots 40, 40-1, 40-2 \$1,920.23; Map 7 Lot 105 \$6,272.65; Map 1 Lots 18 & 48 \$1,905.93; Map 1 Lot 73 \$2,003.05
- Elderly Exemption – Map 14 Lot 474

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Selectmen’s Minutes of August 11, 2021. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

9. NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chairman Bailey moved to go into nonpublic session at 7:23 p.m. under RSA 91A:3II (b) hiring. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Bailey – yes; Selectwoman Nagy – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In attendance: Chairman Bailey, Selectwoman Nagy, Town Administrator Laura Buono.

Ms. Buono said she interviewed three candidates for the open secretarial position and reviewed a little on each candidate and brought forward a recommendation to hire Mary Whalen.

Ms. Buono also discussed the interview process with two candidates for the Highway Foreman/Road Agent position.

Chairman Bailey moved to come out of nonpublic session at 7:49 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A roll call vote was taken. Chairman Bailey – yes; Selectwoman Nagy – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

A true record.

Laura Buono
Town Administrator

Approved by:
Hillsborough Selectboard

Date: _____

James C. Bailey III, Chairman

Meleny Nagy, Selectwoman

Iris Campbell, Selectwoman