

Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
January 26, 2022

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

In Attendance: David Roarick, Robyn Payson, Laurie Jutzi, Traci Blain, Jessica Granger, John Segedy, Riche' Colcombe, Joyce Bosse, Alan Dobrowolski, Leigh Bosse.

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

1. **OPEN SESSION**

*Alan Dobrowolski* – Mr. Dobrowolski came to speak with the Selectmen to let them know that the parking lot across from the Fire Station is not lit and suggested continuing the downtown decorative lights down to the parking area and in the parking area since the last light is at the post office. He said he feels it is too dark and possibly the reason people don't want to walk. Riche' Colcombe stated that on her way here she noticed how dark it was by the church crosswalk and in fact she almost didn't see someone crossing in that area. Mr. Dobrowolski then brought up Facebook and said he is disappointed that the platform is used by some for character assassination of Leigh Bosse and said a member of the Board responded to such a post. He then went on to thank Leigh and Joyce Bosse for their contributions to the Town over the years. Chairman Bailey said nothing on those pages on Facebook comes officially from this Board. Selectwoman Nagy said she thinks Mr. Dobrowolski is referring to her and noted that all she requested was that Mr. Bosse spell her name correctly and that was the end of it. She didn't say anything that could have been confused or considered as character assassination.

*Leigh Bosse* – Mr. Bosse came before the Board to once again pitch his idea of having the Town purchase the white house next to the church parking lot on West Main Street for the purpose of building a parking lot to add to the parking spaces the Town has in that lot. He said he feels it is the Town's responsibility to provide parking downtown in order to allow building owners to attract retail businesses. Mr. Bosse said in his opinion there is no better use for the ARPA Funds than to use it for Central Square. He then presented his suggestion of spending \$150,000 to eliminate the mold and repair 2 Bridge Street and to sell it to the highest bidder over \$1.00. On top of that, he suggests purchasing the house next to the church for another \$150,000 and then \$65,000 to demolish it for the purpose of building a parking lot. He said this comes to a total of \$365,000 which can be covered by using the real estate commission that Joyce Bosse will earn off the listing, \$50,000 from the T-Mobil Grant as well as \$300,000 from the ARPA Funds. There was much discussion on Mr. Bosse's suggestion which included whether or not it is the responsibility of the Town to provide parking for tenants and owners of private buildings or if it was their responsibility. The fact that all the studies that have been done with regard to the available parking spaces downtown reflect that there is plenty of parking within walking distance was also brought up. In the end, the Board was still not in favor of Mr. Bosse's suggestion.

250<sup>th</sup> Committee -Members of the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee (Traci Blain, Jessica Granger, Riche' Colcombe and Laurie Jutzi) were in attendance to present the Board with the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banners for the decorative lights in the downtown area. Three designs were presented. The Board thanked the Committee members for their work as well as the banners.

## **2. PUBLIC HEARING – UPDATED HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

Chairman Bailey opened the public hearing at 7:18 p.m.

Robyn Payson, Planning Director, explained that over the last seven months a committee comprised of various department heads and volunteers took on the project of updating the Hazard Mitigation Plan which needs to be done every 5 years in order for the Town to remain eligible for emergency funds, usually through FEMA, when available. She explained the various hazards that are identified within the plan and the process the Committee went through to identify them.

Chairman Bailey asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board or those in attendance.

Riche' Colcombe – Ms. Colcombe asked if there is already a committee in place. Ms. Payson said yes however, there are openings for members from the public on it. Ms. Colcombe' then brought up dead trees that are on roads that need to be removed. Ms. Buono asked her to send her the information as to what road and trees she is concerned about and she will ask the Highway Department to take a look at them.

Seeing no more questions, Chairman Bailey closed the public hearing at 7:31 p.m.

## **3. OTHER BUSINESS**

Proposed Parking Rules & Regulations – A presentation was given to the Board for a pay for parking app which was in conjunction with proposed changes to the existing Parking Rules and Regulations. The Parking app allows the Town to set rates based on where the parking spot is and can decide whether or not to charge for overnight parking in lots, etc. The Board can decide that during business hours, on street parking is free in order to not effect the business downtown if they choose and perhaps only charge for the parking lots that are problematic for example. This was discussed in length with several suggestions brought forward for the Board to consider should they decide to move forward with this app.

Ms. Buono then spoke on the proposed changes which consists of paid for parking as previously discussed within the lots where there are issues with abandoned vehicles, vehicles not moving for snow plowing, etc. She said Chief Roarick, Ernie Butler, Robyn Payson and herself have worked on these proposals for the Board to consider. Snow removal was discussed as well as the need for enforcement. The parking app would be useful for the enforcement piece since chalking tires is no longer legal. Funds from parking fees could be used to hire a part-time parking enforcement person to assist with the regulations. After further discussion the Board decided to schedule a work session in the coming weeks for the purpose of reviewing the entire regulation and discuss workable changes.

Proposed 2022 Budget – Ms. Buono asked the Board if they have any changes they would like to make to the Proposed 2022 Budget and if they wanted to add the bridge work brought forward by Mr. Butler. The Board were satisfied with the budget as it stands and decided to add in the Cooledge Road Bridge to the Warrant. Ms. Buono said she will make that change and reminded those in attendance that the Public Hearing is scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup>.

West Main Street – Ms. Buono informed the Board that she spoke with Bill Lambert at NHDOT about taking out the turn lanes on West Main Street as was requested of the Board by Mr. Bosse. She said Mr. Lambert will forward the request to the appropriate department who will take a look at the intersection and respond back to us. He had also said if it is approved, they typically like to do it when a resurfacing project is planned for the area.

Building Renovation Incentives – Chairman Bailey shared with the Board that the Planning Director spoke with Mike Tardiff from CNHRPC with regard to any incentives that may be available for the renovation/revitalization of the downtown buildings. He said at this time there is RSA 79E and 72:81 which the Town has already adopted as well as an Economic Revitalization Zone that is possible to designate by the Selectmen where the properties within it would qualify for incentives which are applied against their State Business Profit Tax. Chairman Bailey said that Mr. Tardiff would be happy to come before the Board at a future meeting to discuss this.

#### **4. MANIFEST MOTION**

Chairman Bailey moved to authorize the Selectmen to sign check numbers 017303 - 017334 a/k/a Vouchers 3, 3A & 4 in the amount of \$202,910.58 (includes 215 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 026574 - 026626 a/k/a Voucher 5 & 6 in the amount of \$228,023.88. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Campbell. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Consent Agenda for January 26, 2022. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

- Welfare Lien (Chairman Only) Map 14 Lot 439
- Intent to Cut – Map 7 Lot 174

#### **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Bailey moved to approve the Selectmen's Minutes of January 12, 2022. Motion was seconded by Selectwoman Nagy. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bailey moved to adjourn at 8:42 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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James C. Bailey III, Chairman

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Meleny Nagy, Selectwoman

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Iris Campbell, Selectwoman