

**Board of Selectmen**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 8, 2024**

Present: James Bailey – Chairman, Richard Pelletier – Selectman, Iris Campbell – Selectwoman and Laura Buono, Town Administrator

Others present: Pat Bradley, Meg Curtis-Sauer, Ernie Butler, Leigh Bosse, Ken Matthews, Peter Horntrich, Marian Baker

Meeting opened at 6:00 pm  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. OPEN SESSION**

*Flower Buckets:* Pat Bradley organized a group of people to take care of 15 flower buckets located in the downtown area. There are municipal funds available to support the beautification. Ms. Bradley will be talking to the school district about growing flowers for the buckets in their new greenhouse for next year.

Chairman Bailey made a motion to take \$1,000 from the Dana Crain Trust for the purpose of beautification of downtown. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

*Kemp Park* - Meg Curtis-Sauer spoke about an adjacent property to the park. Ms. Buono said she drove down and looked at the property next to Kemp Park and took some pictures, she agrees the property does have some junk but, there is nothing on the property that is illegal. The Building Inspector will be checking the shed to see how close it is to the property line. The tenant came out and spoke to Ms. Buono and explained he is trying to save up some money to bring the construction debris and mattresses to the Transfer Station. Ms. Curtis-Sauer said a few years ago there was talk about putting a fence up at Kemp Park and would like to see that happen. She also spoke about the remaining boards from a look out tower from World War II, the boards should be utilized into something as well as a dedication of the park to the Masons. Leigh Bosse said the Lions Club would like to do the dedication and the first concert at Kemp Park. He also asked if there is a quote available for the fencing, there may be some money available from the Lions Club.

Ken Matthews said Living History as well as the Historical Society will have Kemp Park as the focus this year. He agrees the adjacent properties are a bit messy and if something could be done to have the properties clean up before the June 8<sup>th</sup> program at the park, it would be appreciated.

**2. KINGS ROW – EMERALD LAKE VILLAGE**

Peter Horntrich explained to the Board in 2014 he bought lot 166 on Kings Row and lot 165 came with it. Two years later he received a letter from the town (April 1, 2016) saying a tax deeded property was for sale, so he made a bid for the property with the intent of merging the properties. He then learned by a letter sent to him that there was a clerical error made and the property he bid on was not actually available for sale but will be available in 2018 and he would have the first right of refusal and it would be noted in the tax deeded property file about his interest in the property. Unfortunately, the letter was filed in Mr. Horntrich's property file not the tax deeded property file resulting in him not being notified of the sale. The property was sold at the public auction at the end of 2019. Mr. Horntrich asked the Board if there is anything they can do. Chairman Bailey said the town can't sell a lot they don't own. Mr. Horntrich asked if the town will speak to their

attorney. The Board declined. Mr. Horntrich said he will need to contact his attorney. Mr. Horntrich wants to know who purchased the property and if it was under the table. Ms. Buono explained the property was purchased through an auction; she will send the owner information to him along with a list of properties that didn't sell. Ms. Buono said the Board was granted the authority to sell to the abutters back in 2016 without a sealed bid or public auction. If Mr. Horntrich is interested in purchasing a parcel that does not abut his property, the Board would have to do it by sealed bid or public auction.

### **3. PAVING BIDS**

Road Agent, Ernie Butler presented the Board with the 2024 paving bids.

- Allstate Construction \$319,632.50
- Buzby Construction \$277,582.00
- Advanced Excavation Paving \$268,972.00
- Pike Industries \$260,314.45

Chairman Bailey made a motion to accept the bid submitted by Advanced Excavation Paving for \$268,972.00 per the recommendation of the Road Agent. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

### **4. HISTORY ALIVE**

Marian Baker updated the Board about History Alive at Kemp Park that takes place on June 7<sup>th</sup> for the schooled children and June 8<sup>th</sup> for the public. She is working with the police chief on diverting the traffic on those two days through Depot Street.

### **5. MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Bailey made a motion to accept the meeting minutes dated April 24, 2024, and to include the email from Hillsborough Heights. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

### **6. MANIFEST**

Chairman Bailey made a motion to authorize the Selectmen to sign manifests and order the Treasurer to sign Payroll Check numbers 19278 – 19303 a/k/a Vouchers #18 & 19 in the amount of \$199,540.35 (includes 163 direct deposit stubs) and Accounts Payable Check numbers 031600 – 031663 a/k/a Voucher #18 in the amount of \$1,280,305.75. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

\*\* A/P Checks include payment to HDSD in the amount of \$951,101.31

### **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for May 8, 2024. Selectwoman Campbell seconded the motion, the motion passed.

- 2023 Water Abatement – Map 11P Lot 182 \$1,006.47
- 2023 Property Tax Refund – Map 23 Lot 83 \$163.49
- Non-Revolving Fund paperwork – Bar Harbor Bank & Trust

**8. NON-PUBLIC MEETING MINIUTES**

Chairman Bailey made a motion to unseal the following sealed non-public minutes. January 2, 2007, February 1, 13 & 27, 2007, March 27, 2007, April 10, 2007, June 12, 2007, August 14, 2007, June 10 & 24, 2008, August 26, 2008, October 6, 2008. Selectwoman Campbell seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**9. ASSET MANAGEMENT GRANT**

Ms. Buono said water & sewer received the Asset Management Grant through American Rescue Plan Act, but they still need to do work on it. Before the Board is an application for an extension.

Chairman Bailey made a motion to approve the amendment for the Asset Management Grant for the water & sewer commission. Selectman Pelletier seconded the motion, the motion passed.

**10. SELECTBOARD MEETINGS**

Selectman Pelletier recommends the Board thinks about filming the meetings and making them available to the public so the public can see what goes on at a meeting. Ms. Buono said Henniker does that, the cost is about \$200 - \$300 a month, she will gather other pricing as well.

**11. MANAHAN DOCK**

Ms. Buono reported the dock is being built and should be at Manahan in two weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

A true record  
Mary Whalen  
Recording Secretary

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by:  
Hillsborough Selectboard

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James C. Bailey, III, Chairman

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Iris Campbell, Selectwoman

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Richard Pelletier, Selectman