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**Selectmen's Meeting
Town House – 9:00 a.m.**

Tuesday, February 09, 2016

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Daniel J. Duffy, Selectman Carolyn Sundquist, Selectman Lloyd Wood, and Administrative Secretary Karen Koch

Chairman Duffy called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve the minutes, as well as the non-public minutes of 02/01/16, as corrected. Selectman Wood seconded. A unanimous vote was taken.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Librarian Christie Sarles presented the library's update. January's circulation was up a little from last year. Sarles announced a new free streaming service that the library offers called Hoopla. Anyone with a library card and internet service can utilize it. The library received their 2016 wish list and is working to purchase a telescope and transparent language software. They are rearranging some items in the library to make more floor space for visiting school children. She announced author, Phillip Soletsky, a mystery writer from Hollis will be at the library on February 27th at 11:00 am. She also noted a genealogy workshop to take place on February 18th and 19th.

SIGNATURE FILE:

The Selectmen reviewed items for signature. Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve both tax levy warrants for Map & Lot 17-1-2 and Map & Lot 20-1-2. Selectman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous.

Selectman Wood made a motion to table the reappointments of Fenton Varney and John Lapolla for further information and concerns regarding legal issues and absences. Selectman Sundquist seconded. Vote unanimous.

Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve the administrative abatement for Map & Lot 71-2-16. Chairman Duffy seconded. Vote unanimous.

Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve the Atlantic Tactical Account Application for the purchase of new equipment for the Police Department. Selectman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous.

Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve the Intent to Cut for Op# 15-455-28-T. Selectman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous.

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Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve a letter of condolence to Chip Albee's family. Selectman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous.

Chairman Duffy tabled the final warrant articles for review. Selectman Sundquist seconded. Vote unanimous.

Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve the Rite of Burial for O'Neil. Selectman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS:

Glenn Cordelli, State Representative, attended the meeting in response to the Selectmen's concerns regarding proposed house bills. Selectwoman Sundquist spoke on behalf of the Selectmen with concerns to: House Bill 1688 relative to governmental liability for negligence claims, House Bill 1687 relative to governmental liability for personal injury on playground structures, House Bill 1284 which would eliminate the local governing body's ability to remove an elected highway agent, House Bill 1683 relative to lowering the interest rate and costs for the redemption and repurchase of property subject to a tax lien or tax deed. Selectman Sundquist also inquired about the status of the House Bill (number unknown) in relation to the proposal of increasing the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fee from \$5 to \$10. Separately, there was discussion about state highway money going towards non-related budget expenses.

State Representative Cordelli spoke about two municipal **related pieces of legislation** that he is aware of being in process; one in regards to increasing competitive bidding for materials and equipment and the other regarding land use officers.

Selectman Wood requested that State Representative Cordelli pass on a message to State Representative Wright. He has tried to get in touch with him without success. Cordelli agreed to pass on the message.

NEW BUSINESS:

With regret, the Selectmen accepted Dick O'Shaughnessy's resignation from the Recycling Committee.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

The Request for Access to Governmental Records Town of Tuftonboro-Policy and Procedures was discussed. Selectman Sundquist made a motion to approve the policy and procedure request for access to governmental records with fees to be reviewed later. Selectman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous.

A Veteran's Tax Credit Map & Lot 42-2-4 was denied. A letter of denial will be sent to the applicant.

An informational email from the town's attorney was reviewed in regards to the Meehan vs. Whitten case.

SELECTMEN'S UPDATE:

Selectman Sundquist shared that the Budget Hearing went well. There was no change to the information presented. The Dearborn property and the proposed ambulance were some of the particular topics of discussion at the hearing.

Selectman Sundquist announced that the new Administrative Secretary, Karen Koch, began her new position the previous day. The Selectmen welcomed Karen aboard. They also expressed gratitude to Martha Eldridge for her support through the last months.

Selectman Sundquist shared that she attended a webinar entitled "Ensuring a clean vote in your municipality". She found it very informative.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Six PA-34s were reviewed. Information in regards to Time Warner's channel changes and Tuftonboro's total franchise fees received for 2015 totaling \$12,851.25 was reviewed by the Selectmen. An email from the NH Department of Environmental Services in regards to a \$1 Million Federal Grant being awarded to help conserve 1,100 acres in Epping, NH was reviewed. A DES wetlands application approval notification for Tax Map/Lot # 37/1-17 was reviewed. A summary of Executive Council calendar dates were reviewed. Information regarding online access to the Registry Records will be held and reviewed at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 10:25 am Selectman Sundquist made a motion to suspend the meeting and to reconvene at 11:00 am to enter into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3II (a) to discuss an employee evaluation. Selectman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous.

From 11:20-11:40 am, the Selectman entered into a non-public session per RSA 91-A:3II (a) to discuss an employee evaluation. Roll call: Duffy-yes, Sundquist-Yes, Wood-Yes. **At 11:40 am Selectman Sundquist moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Wood seconded. Vote unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Koch
Administrative Secretary