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**Selectmen's Meeting
4:00 pm – Central Fire Station**

Monday, March 6, 2017

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Carolyn Sundquist, Selectman Lloyd Wood, Selectman Bill Marcussen and Administrative Secretary Karen Koch. Chairman Sundquist called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doug Smithwood gave a presentation regarding a low income solar project opportunity for Tuftonboro. The solar array was proposed to be put partly on top of the Central Fire Station building and partly in the field near the Fire Station or the whole array could be put on the field. 40% of the generated electricity would go to the Fire Station at a below market price. 60% of the generated electricity would go to a new program called NH Solar Shares (for low-moderate income families). For non-profits, initially the solar array is owned by a third party that takes all the tax advantages and rebates. After the initial period the third party owner transfers ownership to a nonprofit entity, such as the Town and NH Solar Shares, at an agreed upon depreciated market value-typically well below 50% of the initial cost. Benefits would allow families to be able to access and potentially purchase solar PV produced electricity which is currently less accessible to this population. This presentation was to see if there is an interest in potential commitment. John Ratcliffe also provided questions and information regarding this project. There was discussion regarding inverters and micro-inverters, as well as an alternative site to be at the Transfer Station. The Selectmen agreed that this project would be something to look further into and that it would be appropriate to work with the Energy Committee on this project. Per Mr. Smithwood, the only real deadline to act would be in regards to the Federal Tax Credit of 30% ending in 2020.

George House met with the Selectmen. He previously purchased the Town's old bobcat. He would like to purchase an unused snow blower attachment that fits the old bobcat (and does not fit the new one). Prior to the meeting, Clay Gallagher expressed to Chairman Sundquist that he would not like to sell the snow blower as it may work with another piece of Town equipment. The Selectmen agreed to speak with Mr. Gallagher again before making a final decision.

Chairman Sundquist moved to approve the February 27, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor.

Chairman Sundquist moved to approve a Yield Tax Levy for PID 42-1-2, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor.

Selectman Marcussen moved to approve a Land Use Change Tax abatement for PID 30-3--1, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor.

Selectman Marcussen moved to approve an application for current use for PID 29-3-10, seconded by Selectman Wood with all in favor.

Chairman Sundquist shared that she attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on March 2, 2017. They reviewed the summer concerts that they are going to have. They also questioned cars that are parking with snowmobile trailers in the parking lot at the beach. The Parks and Recreation Commission discussed the need to have the parking lot entrance rails replaced and agreed that this would be the Road Agent's responsibility. Steve Wingate spoke at the Recreation Meeting about working together on projects, particularly in regards to the Great Meadow.

Selectman Wood confirmed for Selectman Marcussen that the State uses the same Japanese Knotweed herbicide treatment for State roads as the Town does for town roads. Selectman Wood also confirmed for Selectman Marcussen

that issues such as replacing culverts on Route 109 before paving and doing work along the narrows is being followed closely by a local resident, **Mark Howard**, who also works **with** the State. Selectman Marcussen shared that he will be attending the NHMA Road workshop on March 31, 2017. The other Selectmen agreed to his suggestion to fill out the LRPC survey at their meeting next week. He shared that the Planning Board met last Thursday. As they have learned that the Shaw View subdivision is up for sale, there is an inference that the subdivision, as it's been done, will not be completed. The Milfoil Joint Board will meet on March 16, 2017 at the Tuftonboro Town Office.

In response to Selectman Wood, the other Selectmen agreed that it would be fine for Bill Christian to harvest shoots off the Town apple trees. Selectman Wood mentioned that 15-20 towns and cities in NH have agreed to the increased charge of \$10 to be added to car registrations to go towards road improvements. He shared this as another tool that can be used to help Tuftonboro **finance** town road **maintenance**. It was agreed that this is something that would need to go through Town Meeting.

Chairman Sundquist moved to approve Chapter 11: Drug and Alcohol Policy to be added to the Town's Personnel Policy, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor.

The following correspondence was also reviewed: NHMA Legislative Bulletin 3/3/17; Building Permit for PID 40-5-3; ZBA Notice of Decision for PID 40-5-3; NHDES correspondence regarding Lower Beech Pond Dam; PA-34s for PIDs 51-1-9-7B, 15-3-3, 7-2-32, 59-2-27, 26-2-8, 65-3-2 and 70-1-7; NH Lakes Advocacy Alert 3/1/17; NewsLink 3/1/17; response letter to Mr. and Mrs. Black; information regarding NHDOT/ACEC-NH 2017 Technical Transfer Conference; Energy Star upcoming training opportunities; memo from Budget Committee Chairman; NHDOT Proposed Resurfacing Program CY 2017; American Tree Farm certification; NH Lakes Association Shorelines Newsletter 2/25/17; Wetlands Permit by Notification for PID 39-1-10; 2017 Tuftonboro Knotweed area treatment; NH Emergency Preparedness Conference Committee Award Nomination information; various meeting minutes; various emails and other correspondence.

Chairman Sundquist shared that while speaking with Rick Thompson he indicated to her that only three of the lots in the Thompson-Moulton Cemetery have perpetual care money. Terry Knowles, of the Attorney General's Office, confirmed that this cemetery can be unabandoned. The Town would still need to take care of those three lots but the family would maintain the rest of the cemetery.

During public input, in response to Dan Barnard, the Selectmen responded that they did not have anything to review with him prior to Town Meeting.

In response to Elissa Paquette, Chairman Sundquist confirmed that the Thompson family had provided proper documentation within the appropriate timeframe to object to their cemetery being abandoned. Guy Pike shared that the Cemetery Trustees' attorney is drafting a document to allow the Thompsons to maintain their family cemetery and that perpetual care money has not yet been addressed.

Selectman Wood confirmed for Max Ledoux that Durgin Road and Brown Road are scheduled to be paved this year.

At 5:50 pm, Chairman Sundquist made a motion to move into a non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) to give a performance review to Karen Koch, seconded by Selectman Marcussen with all in favor. Roll call vote: Sundquist – Yes; Wood – Yes; Marcussen - Yes.

At 6:07 pm, Selectman Marcussen moved to exit the non-public session and move back into public session, seconded by Chairman Sundquist with all in favor.

At 6:08 pm, Selectman Marcussen moved to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Sundquist with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Koch, Administrative Secretary