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Summary of the Jan. 18, 2016 Selectmen Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. **Acceptance/Correction of minutes:** *Vice Chairman Lemay moved, Sel. Adams seconded to approve the minutes of 1/11/16. Passed: 4-0-1. Sel. Brown abstained as he was absent from the meeting.*
2. **Announcements:**
 - Candidate filing period is Jan. 20 – Jan. 29th 5:00 pm
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Hunter Aldenberg re: Eagle Scout Project**

Eagle Scout candidate Hunter Aldenberg distributed handouts of his proposed project along the Rail Trail. His project is the development of the beginning of the Goffstown Rail Trail that leads to the stone abutment bordering the Piscataquog River. This includes the removal of two metal structures present on the trail. The plan is to beautify the area which would include widening the trail to 10 feet made up of durable hard pack gravel and also loam, with grass on the sides of the trail. As a safety precaution an aluminum fence will be installed into the stone matching the shape of it. The standard wooden rail fence will also be added off of the stone abutment leading down the trail 16 feet to add to the overall beautification. David Pierce explained that the contract for drilling holes in the abutment would be between the Town and a John White Masonry. Selectmen suggested that they contract Historic District Resources as the abutment may be considered historical.
Sel. Gross moved, Sel. Adams seconded to approve the project. Passed: 5-0-0.
5. **Public Hearing re: accepting Executory Interest in a Conservation Easement for approximately 60 acres on Map 12, Lot 6-3 off Montelona Road**

Chairman Georgantas read the public notice and opened the second public hearing on this easement at 7:00 pm. There was no public input. Chairman Georgantas closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 pm. A vote will be taken on 1/25/16.
6. **Sewer Commissioners to discuss possible change in governance**

The Sewer Commission was established in 1956 when the town did not have any engineers on staff so the commission was established to tap local engineers as a resource. Now the town has 2 engineers and 2 engineering technicians. The question is do we need another layer of bureaucracy with a Sewer Commission or should we streamline and have the Selectmen govern the Sewer Fund. Questions were asked if this would cost any more, responses were no. Currently, the Sewer Commission contracts with the Town for certain work by Public Works and Town Hall. Sewer Commissioners felt that volunteerism was important and that we should not take away volunteer opportunities. Sewer Commissioners asked for specific efficiencies which would be gained. Selectmen thanked the Sewer Commissioners for their input and will be discussing this later in the meeting.
7. **Town Administrator's Report**
 - a. Selectmen Meeting Schedule

Weds. 6:30 pm	Library Trustees	Library
Weds. 7:00 pm	Parks & Recreation	P&R Center
Thurs. 6:00 pm	Planning Board	Room 106
 - b. Consensus Folder
 - Employee Status Reports: Retirement & Special Officer
 - Federal Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification – Police Department***Sel. Adams moved, Sel. Brown seconded to approve the consensus folder. Passed: 5-0-0.***
 - c. Assessor's Recommendations
 - 2015 Betterment Abatements (recommended): Map 24, Lot 43
 - Solar Energy Systems Exemption (recommended): Map 16, Lot 208
 - Veteran's Tax Credits (recommended): Map 21, Lot 79; Map 2, Lot 16-10 and Map 2, Lot 16-10 (Both owners qualify).

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d. Final Annual Warrant

The Board voted their recommendations on warrant article as follows:

Article 13 – Fire Station Bond

Sel. Gross moved, Sel. Adams seconded to recommend Article 13. Passed: 5-0-0.

Article 14 – Operating Budget

Vice Chairman Lemay moved, Sel. Adams seconded to recommend Article 14. Passed: 5-0-0.

Article 15 – Firefighters CBA

Sel. Gross moved, Sel. Adams seconded to recommend Article 15. Passed: 5-0-0.

Article 16 – Fire Apparatus CRF

Vice Chairman Lemay moved, Sel. Gross seconded to recommend Article 16. Passed: 5-0-0.

Article 17 – SCBAs and Jaws of Life

Vice Chairman Lemay moved, Sel. Adams seconded to recommend Article 17. Passed: 5-0-0.

Article 18 – Ambulance

Sel. Gross moved, Sel. Adams seconded to recommend Article 18. Passed: 5-0-0.

Article 19 – Road Improvement Program

Sel. Adams moved, Sel. Brown seconded to recommend Article 19. Passed: 5-0-0.

Article 20 – Goffstown Main Street Program

Sel. Adams moved, Sel. Gross seconded to recommend Article 20. Passed: 5-0-0.

Article 21 – Crispins House

Vice Chairman Lemay moved, Sel. Brown seconded to recommend Article 21. Passed: 5-0-0.

Article 22 – Milfoil

Sel. Adams moved, Sel. Gross seconded to recommend Article 22. Passed: 5-0-0.

Article 23 – Adopt RSA 41:9-a

Sel. Gross moved, Vice Chairman Lemay seconded to recommend Article 22. Passed: 5-0-0.

Speakers for each warrant article shall be as follows:

Article 13 – Bond – Sel. Gross

Article 14 – Operating Budget – Chairman Georgantas

Article 15 – Firefighters CBA – Sel. Gross

Article 16 – Fire Apparatus CRF – Vice Chairman Lemay

Article 17 – SCBAs and Jaws of Life – Vice Chairman Lemay

Article 18 – Ambulance – Sel. Adams

Article 19 – Road Improvement Program – Sel. Brown

Article 20 – Goffstown Main Street Program – Sel. Adams

Article 21 – Crispins House – Sel. Gross

Article 22 – Milfoil – Sel. Adams

Article 23 – RSA 41:9-a – Chairman Georgantas

8. **Selectmen Discussion**

- a. Committee Reports: Sewer Commission; Budget Committee; Planning Board (see minutes)
- b. New Business: Town Clerk, Moderator, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and DPW Director will attend next week's meeting to discuss traffic flow at the Feb. 9th primary.
- c. Old Business: Action Matrix

9. **Public Comment:** None

10. **Non-Public Session:**

7:04 pm Vice Chairman Lemay moved, Sel. Brown seconded to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II (b) hiring and (e) legal. Roll call vote passed: 5-0-0.

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*7:50 pm Vice Chairman Lemay moved, Sel. Gross seconded to exit non-public session.
Passed: 5-0-0.*

Sel. Brown moved, Sel. Gross seconded to seal non-public minutes. Roll call vote passed: 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Lemay moved, Sel. Brown seconded to approve the Police Chief's recommendation of a Conditional Offer of Employment to fill the vacant dispatcher position at the compensation level discussed. Passed: 5-0-0.

Vice Chairman Lemay moved, Sel. Brown seconded to approve the Town Administrator's recommendation to promote an internal candidate to Tax Collector at the compensation level as discussed. Passed: 5-0-0.

Sel. Gross moved, Sel. Brown seconded to authorize the Town Administrator to process payment to the developer of Black Briar Woods in an amount to be determined by the Planning Board in consultation with the Department of Public Works. Passed: 5-0-0.

Sel. Adams moved, Sel. Brown seconded to not place the article to abolish the Sewer Commission on the warrant.

Sel. Adams stated that efficiencies were not identified, allegations of slowing down the development process were speculative, and we should maintain the long history of volunteerism in this community. Sewer design and development were not within the realm of current Public Works operations.

Vice Chairman Lemay thought it would put too much work on Public Works.

Sel. Gross thought the article may have a negative impact on the warrant.

Sel. Brown stated that it would send the wrong message regarding volunteerism.

Passed: 5-0-0.

8:05 pm Sel. Adams moved, Sel. Brown seconded to adjourn. Passed: 5-0-0.