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Summary of the June 6, 2016 Special Selectmen Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attendance: Chairman Georgantas, Vice Chairman Lemay, Sel. Brown, Sel. Pierce, Sel. Adams (telephonically for Selectmen Business portion only), Town Administrator Desruisseaux, Recording Secretary Gail Labrecque, Tina & Earl Daniels, Mark Collins, Cathy Whooten, Warren Denby, Brad Parkhurst, and other unidentified members of the public.

1. Selectmen Business:

- a. Rail Trail Ordinance: Vote on proposed amendment regarding hours of use.

Per RSA 41:14-b the Board has held the required two public hearings, and waited the required time to vote on the proposed amendment to allow use 24 hours per day provided users had proper illumination. At the two public hearings, a total of 46 residents testified to the amendment, 36 were opposed, 9 in favor, and 1 was neutral. Also, a total of 8 emails/letters were received, 3 opposed, 5 in favor. Some of those in favor expressed a need to modify "dawn to dusk" but not for 24 hours per day.

Enclosed in the Board's packet were discussion points from Selectman Pierce which he spoke to at the meeting. He stated that he did not hear support for 24 hour access to the trail. However, he thought that changing the hours of use from "dawn to dusk" to specific hours like Nashua would benefit users and law enforcement. He asked if the Board would consider a compromise in terms of hours. The Board discussed the idea and agreed that a change to hours would require restarting the public hearing process. Chairman asked for a vote on the proposed amendment to open up trail use to 24 hours per day. ***Sel. Adams moved, Sel. Brown seconded to deny 24 hour access and maintain the current hours of use from dawn to dusk. Passed: 4-1-0.*** Sel. Pierce was opposed. ***Sel. Pierce moved to amend the ordinance by changing from "dawn to dusk" to set hours of the clock from 5am to 9pm. Motion died due to a lack of a second.***

- b. PRLAC Request: Retain Tax Deeded property on Mill Street (Map 34 Lot 127-1)

Chairman Georgantas stated that the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Council requests that the Town retain the tax deeded parcel on Mill Street.

Sel. Pierce provided a picture of the front of the property with dimensions of frontage based on the deed. There is 43 feet of frontage on Mill St. This parcel and 16 Mill Street were previously owned by the same individual, and 31 of the 43 feet of frontage is paved and used by residents of 16 Mill St. Chairman Georgantas walked the property and access to the river through this parcel would be rough. Sel. Brown concurred; would need stairs to use it as a portage. Board discussed other possible areas for portage. He inquired if the Board decided to keep this property would there be any interest in providing a revocable license to the abutters who use it for parking. Sel. Adams supported keeping this parcel for future river access as a benefit for the citizens of Goffstown. He suggested separating the issue of future management of the parcel. ***Sel. Brown moved, Sel. Adams seconded to retain this tax deeded property. Passed: 5-0-0.***

Town Administrator requested Chairman sign a letter to the bidder, notifying him that the Town is retaining the property.

Sel. Adams ended his telephonic participation at this point.

- c. Sel. Pierce informed the Board that he is unable to attend the next two Planning Board meetings due to prior commitments.

2. Volunteer Recognition:

The Board recognized those who did not renew their volunteer position on a town committee and who had four or more years of service on that committee. In attendance were: Tina Daniels, Cathy Whooten and Mark Collins. The Board recognized these members and presented Certificates. Service pins were awarded to those who served 7-9 years.

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4 Years of Service: Joseph Spoerl – Budget Committee; Richard Lee Sperry – Budget Committee; Denise Langley – Rails to Trails Committee; and Lowell Von Ruden – Rails to Trails Committee.

5 Years of Service: Bryan Fournier – Economic Development Council

7 Years of Service: Joan Konieczny – Cemetery Trustee; Mark Collins – Historic District Commission

8 Years of Service: Tina Daniels – Supervisor of Checklist

9 Years of Service: Cathy Whooten – Sewer Commission

6:23 pm Sel. Brown moved, Vice Chairman Lemay seconded to enter non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 (d) real estate. Roll call vote passed: 4-0-0.

6:43 pm Sel. Brown moved, Vice Chairman Lemay seconded to exit non-public session. Passed: 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Lemay moved, Sel. Brown seconded to seal the non-public minutes. Roll call vote passed: 4-0-0.

Vice Chairman Lemay inquired as to the ownership status of the 1927 Engine 2 (Seagraves) and the DA Taggart hand pumper currently located in the Taggart Shed. He stated that the shed is scheduled for demolition next month for the Station #18 project and these trucks need to be stored somewhere. Members inquired if this was temporary or permanent situation as some recollected that one design called for an addition for these trucks. Town Administrator will verify ownership and let the Board know.

6:55 pm Sel. Brown moved, Vice Chairman Lemay seconded to adjourn. Passed: 4-0-0.