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Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen in Attendance: William Flynn, Erik Walker, Ricky Emery

Attendees: Lenny Jean, Lisa Thompson, Chris Gillespie, Dickie Perreault, Deb Merrill, Matt Coen, Judi Tordo, Mike Vane

5 :32pm the meeting was called to order by Chair, William Flynn.

Minutes of August 25th were approved by Bill; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Fire Department – Dickie reports 5 medical assists and two trees on wires. The trucks will be getting serviced and will be scheduling pump testing. Dickie reports that part of the TS roof blew off during the last wind storm, and recommends dismantling the damaged part so that injury does not occur if it continues to deteriorate.

Town meeting – Dickie said that we can have 50 people inside and 100 people outside, if socially distancing. Megan will be getting PA equipment for the moderator. The September 8 Selectmen's meeting will be to discuss and finalize preparations for Town Meeting.

Chris Gillespie – Chris asked about having the garden in front of the community center and the soldier's monument weeded and mulched because they are looking bad; she received a quote of \$450 from Heart and Hand. Erik motioned to spend up to \$450 from the Ethel Johnson Beautification Fund (if these funds are not available to cover the entire amount, the remainder shall be taken from the contingency account); seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. Chris commented on the overall look of the Town and would like to see it continue to improve.

Mapping monitor – Steve asked for a new monitor for his old PC so that he can still utilize the mapping program which is not compatible with Windows 10. Erik motioned to spend up to \$200 from funds remaining in the assessors budget, or from office supplies; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Transfer Station Cash Register – Joe reports that the cash register is broken; Cristen Perreault spent time at the TS on Sunday trying to help reprogram it but was unsuccessful. Erik motioned to

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spend up to \$400 from the Transfer Station reserve account to purchase a new machine; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. Megan will work with Joe to find the best suitable replacement.

Disorderly building – The Board is in receipt of an analysis from Ben at DrummonWoodsum regarding a potential disorderly building in town. The Board will share this information with the Planning Board and Code Enforcement Officer and take the next steps to move forward with scheduling the public hearing to determine if the property does qualify as a disorderly building under the Town's Disorderly Building Ordinance.

Gravel Pit – The Board asked Matt Coen and Mike Vane what the progress was on obtaining permitting for the gravel pit on Portland Lane. It was reported that Matt is still waiting to hear from the State regarding if the pit is grandfathered; The Board's response was that our attorney stated that because of how our ordinance is written and that it outlines rules for pits already in operation at the time of adoption of the ordinance, grandfathering from the DEP does not effect whether he needs to obtain a permit from the Town. The Board unanimously decided to extend the date to October 6th for Matt to actively be working with the Planning Board on a Mineral Extraction permit from the Town.

School Budget Vote – Bill still has not received the requested information regarding the number of votes cast in the 2018 and 2019 school budget votes.

CD Rates – Bill asked the Board if any of the members were in receipt of CD rates from banks as requested from the Treasurer earlier this year; none have been received.

RHR Smith Letter – The Board is in receipt of a letter from RHR Smith regarding the \$430,000 errors in the Certificate of Assessment this year, and an error the previous year, prepared by Wanda Bartlett. RHR recommends she seeks assistance from RHR for completeness and accuracy before committing taxes in October. Erik commented that our mil rate would have been lower the last 2 years had the certificate of assessment been done without error.

Community Garden – Bill stated that it has been over 3 months since Vincent Carbone proposed the idea of a community garden behind the Town Office. The Board asked for detailed plans for approval before moving forward with any gardens; Vincent was placed on an agenda but did not come to the meeting. Bill motioned to rescind the offer until a comprehensive plan for the garden has been submitted, explained to, and approved by the Board of Selectmen; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

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Porter Road Bridge Repairs – Brian has submitted bills for the Porter Road Bridge repair project that was to be done using funds received from FEMA in the amount of approximately \$97,000. The bills have been submitted and unpaid for several weeks. When Bill questioned Wanda about the funds and why the bill has yet to be paid, she reported she was unable to locate the funds at this time. Ricky is concerned with another lawsuit like that with Nelson Co. due to the Town's negligence on paying the bill in a timely manner, along with losing the relationship with the contractor for future needs of the Town.

6:30pm Erik motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Witt