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Selectmen's Meeting August 25, 2020

Attendees: Deb Merrill, Lenny Jean, Don Dunham, Lisa Thompson, Hillary Allocco, Judi Tordo, BJ Parker, Sue Eland

5:30pm the meeting was called to order by Chair, William Flynn.

Minutes of August 18th were approved by Bill; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

Minutes of August 19th were approved by Bill; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

Denmark Recreation – Hillary Allocco, Denmark Rec Director, asked the Board of Selectmen for permission to use the soccer fields. She stated that she had a delayed but successful baseball season and is hoping for the same for soccer. She asked about field maintenance; Erik responded that the fields have been mowed but unsure of the overall condition. Bill motioned that the soccer program may happen, unless the Fire Chief advises against it; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0. Erik motioned that any supplies needed to strike the fields be taken from the rec grounds/maintenance account; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0. Erik also told Hillary to reach out to Megan for any additional needs and the Board would do their best to accommodate.

Recreation Director Position – The Board decided to set the application deadline to September 29th; Megan will run the ad in the Shoppers Guide and the Conway Daily Sun for 2 weeks. Once all applications are received, including the two that have already been submitted, the Board will begin the interview process.

Solar Energy – Bill suggested amending the article for the warrant to remove the specific bank mentioned, to allow us to compare rates with other financial institutions and get the best rate possible.

Transfer Station Roof – Ricky brought Chad Adams to the TS to provide an estimate; he will be emailing that to Megan hopefully this week. Matt Coen is also going to be submitting an estimate.

EcoMaine Interns – Bill stated that he has been speaking with our rep from EcoMaine who currently has two interns that have been watching the operations in South Portland and Portland,

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but would like the opportunity to see Brownfield as well. Bill said that there would be plenty of advance notice of when they would be at the TS.

Brownfield Concerned Citizens letter – Deb Merrill presented the Board with a letter from the BCC regarding their concerns about the July 14th election procedures. Lisa Thompson asked the Board if they would like to discuss now or have ample time to read and digest the letter and speak at a later date; the Board would like time to review the letter and discuss at a later date. Sue Eland said that the group is trying to gather residents who would be willing to be ballot clerks/counters. Bill spoke with Michelle briefly regarding increasing the number of counters who can be appropriately trained that can be called upon for elections.

Vending machine – Erik had Andrew from Reliable Vending reach out to Megan to discuss options; he told her that 1) he would provide the machine and the Town could receive a small commission (typically 8-10% of gross sales) and the prices would be slightly higher to offset that added expense on his end or 2) he would provide the machine and the price of goods would be slightly less than that with the commission option. Neither of these options would cost the Town. Erik motioned to allow the town employees to decide if they want a vending machine and where it would be placed, with no commission; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Snowmobile Club – Dick Norcross gave Megan a note asking if the Select Board would allow the Burnt Meadow Snowmobile Club to get state funding for repairing/maintaining the trails. The funds would be sent to the Town and then be dispersed to the club, much like the snowmobile registration funds are. The Board unanimously agreed to allow this. Megan will reach out to Dick to inform him.

Water Testing – Bill stated that the water testing is wrapping up for the year since swim lessons are done. Lenny asked where the testing was done this year; Megan said at the Route 160 beach. Deb asked if the Comprehensive Plan Committee could have a copy of the water test results; Megan will email them a copy.

RHR Smith – Wanda and Ed will be meeting Friday morning to discuss the Tax Assessment Certificates and errors.

Saco River Recreation Council – Bill is still waiting to hear when the next meeting is scheduled for.

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No parking signs – The Board asked Megan to reach out to Randy Illian with MDOT to ask if it is permissible to tow vehicles that are parked within the no parking signs, since they do not say “tow away zone.”

School Board Budget – Bill stated he called all other towns in the SAD 72 district and there was a total of 553 voters who came to the polls for the school board budget. He has called the superintendents office to see how many attended the open meeting vote in 2018 and 2019 but has not received a response. Bill also stated that he would like to look into how to get the vote changed back to referendum each year, as there was such a good voter turnout.

Budget Committee - Erik motioned to nominate Leonard Jean to fill the 2 year term vacancy on the Budget Committee; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0. Erik motioned to nominate Lenny as Budget Committee Chair; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

6:35pm Erik motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Witt