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Selectmen's Meeting September 28, 2020

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

Attendees: Joe Egan, Lisa Thompson, Doug Heroux, Deb Merrill, Sonia Frye

Zoom attendees: Cindy Walker, Cindy Eaton

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

Minutes of September 22nd were approved by Bill; seconded by Ricky. Vote 3-0-0.

Bank Proposal – Wanda asked that the board review a proposal from People's United Bank, but has not returned the proposal to the Board; this will get pushed to a future agenda so they can obtain the documentation.

The Littlest Church – Erik motioned to abate the property taxes that was transferred to the Historical Society; seconded by Bill. Vote 3-0-0.

FOAA Policy update – The Board signed the updated FOAA policy that outlined written requests are requested by the town, but not required. Bill asked about the most recent FOAA requests for training records from the Clerk and Treasurer; he asked Megan to read the response from the treasurer:

“My reply is the same as Michelle's, from MMA & the Secretary of State. which I know she gave to you. I told Cindy that I don't have a list and I'm not creating one just for her, so you/she can tell Lisa the same.” Bill stated that he plans to contact MMA legal to discuss what the next steps would be.

Marijuana – Sonia presented fee schedules from several Maine towns and a proposed fee schedule for Brownfield. Sonia clarified this ordinance will not affect personal growing for adult use or medical caregivers that do not have a retail storefront. Sonia stated that the fees would generate \$140,000 per year in application fees which would help offset the cost of the CEO salary and other costs associated with inspections and safety. Bill asked what the plan was moving forward; Erik said that he is in favor of the current proposed fee schedule which would be

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approved by the board once the ordinance has been enacted (if voted upon) in November. The ordinance would be enacted 30 days after being voted upon. Sonia said that the Planning Board has three questions they would like to ask the attorney, but need to wait until their voting meeting on October 6th to move them forward.

Solar – Bill mentioned Denmark’s proposed solar moratorium.

Disorderly Building hearing – Bill asked if the Planning Board Chair and CEO would be in attendance for the executive session prior to the hearing; Megan said yes.

Dog Control Ordinance – The Board will hold a public hearing on October 13th, and the ordinance will be voted on in November.

6:05pm Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Erik. Vote 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Witt