SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING September 2, 2020 Minutes

Present: Julia Andrews Allison Hope

Bill Cleary Nanette Rogers

Guests: See attached list

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom. All attendees attended remotely.

CHANGES TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT RESOLUTION

Julia opened the discussion regarding the Public Hearing from last week. Julia did not have any issues with the Community Block Grant herself but wanted to know the opinions of the other Board members.

Bill is in support of adopting the resolution to approve the grant. He thinks there are a lot of people in town that have a lot of questions regarding the property and how it might tie into a wastewater project, but he does feel this grant and developing a site plan to see the potential of the property is a good first step. Julia agreed with Bill and thought it was important to note that approving the application to the grant only binds the Town to doing the exploration work, it does not bind them to the partners, wastewater or developing the property. As things arise and continue there will be more public meetings. Bill Cleary made a motion to approve the resolution to apply for the grant, seconded by Allison. Motion passed: 3-0.

George Lamphere, chair of the Planning Commission, thought it was good to show unanimous support for the Planning Commission to go ahead and apply for the grant. Allison reminded the Selectboard that the signing of the resolution is very time sensitive so urges the other members to go into the office to sign as soon as possible. Mark Letorney was present and thanked the Selectboard, this allows the Planning Commission to have all the necessary information on the property to pursue other grants.

Julia is excited about the opportunity and thinks it will be a wild ride going forward. Bill had been reading post on Front Porch Forum (FPF) and still feels there is misinformation about the issues and wanted the Planning Commission to pursue further public education going forward. George agreed and wanted the feedback to keep coming. The Planning Commission will continue to ramp up their public outreach and education and are discussing this at their upcoming meeting. Mark thinks it's good to get a lot of questions early on so they can easily get citizens up to speed on the project and so citizens can participate in the project. Bill thinks that this is urgent because the misinformation can run rampant and discourage support for the project. Mark explained that it is not within their plan to respond to every FPF post, but that they are following the issue closely.

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REQUEST TO USE TOWN COMMON

Brian Sheldon explained about the request to use the Town Common on Sept. 7. The event is a meet and greet for candidates running for office. Julia reminded them of social distancing rules and asked them to be conscientious about asking party attendees to wear a mask. Nanette advised that the Common Committee wanted to remind Brian that they cannot reserve the space so other people may be present on the common at the same time. Allison Hope made a motion to approve the request to hold the event on the Town Common, seconded by Bill Cleary. Motion passed: 3-0.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Andrews, Chair Selectboard

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GUEST LIST

George Lamphere Ann Pigeon Alyssa Black Mark Letorney Michael Wright, LCATV Brian Sheldon