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BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2016

Selectmen Present: Nancy Carney, Chris Holman, Susan Silverman

Ms. Carney called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

PRIMARY:

***** DISCUSS PIPELINE MEETING**

Ms. Carney stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the pipeline meeting that was cancelled last Saturday because of inclement weather. It was a town event, which the Selectmen had previously discussed and agreed to hold. Ms. Silverman wanted to reschedule the event to Saturday, January 23rd and Mr. Holman had issues with this and it needed to be cleared up. Mr. Holman stated that anytime there was an event we need to follow policy and anytime we have a town event we need to create a backup date as part of the original planning. Mr. Holman stated he feared that we don't have anyone that represents our town at meetings such as FERC. Mr. Holman stated that he wasn't available to attend and the Selectmen have asked to know ahead of time what was being talked about. Mr. Holman was concerned especially when he sees marketing being done outside of the Town Hall and things should go through the Selectmen's Office before being put on Facebook or sent via emails.

Ms. Carney stated that the Selectmen had discussed that an updated informational meeting regarding the pipeline, which would include guest speakers, would be held and she wasn't sure what the difference was with the meeting rescheduled to Saturday, January 23rd versus last Saturday's original meeting date. Ms. Carney mentioned that maybe a change in the policy was needed regarding weather – to postpone completely or to reschedule due to inclement weather. Ms. Silverman stated that there wasn't any intent to do anything. Ms. Carney stated that it was a town event and she and Mr. Holman weren't available and left the meeting and details to Ms. Silverman to take care of. Ms. Carney noted that when it was a town event, the Selectmen do not fill out a Town Hall Rental Application. Mr. Holman stated that it was still talked about and voted upon. Ms. Favreau asked what the difference was between having the meeting last Saturday versus this Saturday, as the Selectmen agreed to hold. Mr. Holman stated that Stephanie Scherr's involvement had gotten him concerned and he was nervous of her representing the town. Ms. Scherr stated that she was nervous of Mr. Holman representing the town. Ms. Carney stated that she doesn't think that having people come in, who don't live in town, was a concern. Mr. Holman stated they were not doing their own marketing. Ms. Scherr asked Mr. Holman what his specific concern was. Mr. Holman replied that Ms. Scherr gives out misinformation and people from Rindge had expressed concern with how she handled herself at a meeting and the fact that at Franklin Pierce University she almost got kicked out. Ms. Scherr stated that her behavior was better than Mr. Holman's attendance at the FERC meeting. Mr. Holman stated that he was there as an individual. Ms. Scherr stated that he represented himself as a Selectmen. Ms. Scherr shared that she doesn't know of any town that doesn't have people in town supporting this effort. Ms. Scherr wanted to know who would do the extra pulling of people in to attend – the information was sent to Ms. Silverman and everyone had seen the Agenda. Ms. Scherr stated that Mr. Holman was taking it out on her because she calls him out on things and that Mr. Holman needed to be professional. Ms. Scherr also stated that she has not and never would state that she was representing the town.

Ms. Silverman made a motion to go ahead with the meeting on Saturday, January 23rd and that she would open the Town Hall and attend the entire event. Ms. Silverman would make comments at the beginning to frame the discussion. Ms. Silverman stated the main point was to take it from the beginning – December 2014 – held an information meeting and in the meantime had discovered that when information was shared and people work together as a collection of towns, as opposed to individual towns – we were much stronger. Ms. Silverman would share what the Coalition has taken for steps – what was being done and the actions taken. Southwest Region Planning Commission has stated that the pipeline was the biggest project to come out of southwest New Hampshire, ever. Ms. Silverman shared that this could go on for at least another year and she can't remember a time that she has put in more time for this town. Ms. Silverman also shared that she cares about this town

and thinks about the people that are directly involved and this is her personal commitment to keep going. Ms. Silverman stated that Ms. Scherr has put a good message out there and that she doesn't always agree – sometimes it's over the top. Ms. Silverman understands that some people don't want to take a stand, and there was value in bringing people in and waking them up – doesn't want to sit down and have people say that the Selectmen didn't do anything to stop the pipeline. People are going to lose their homes to eminent domain. Ms. Scherr stated the meeting was about the town, the sharing of information and not about individuals. Ms. Scherr was asking people to come and talk about the issue. Mr. Holman stated that he has multiple family members with properties in the incineration zone and asked if anyone that was pro-pipeline was invited to attend the event. Ms. Silverman stated that wasn't the purpose of this meeting. It's about getting information out, not asking people to take sides. Ms. Carney stated there was a motion on the table to hold the meeting on Saturday, January 23rd. Ms. Carney seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman – opposed, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 2-1

Ms. Carney stated it was okay to agree to disagree. Ms. Silverman stated that in her opening remarks she would mention that she doesn't expect everyone to agree with what they hear today and for them to take the information and do with it what they want and that she would welcome questions. Mr. Holman stated his fears with someone else representing the town and taking the invitation and marketing away. Ms. Scherr stated the town was representing the town on their website and she was a secondary – getting the information out personally – not representing the town. Ms. Silverman stated that she called Ms. Favreau first and had her post on the website that the meeting was being cancelled, as there was no other way to get a hold of people. Mr. Holman stated that it could be put on the radio. Ms. Silverman stated that this hasn't been done in the past.

Ms. Scherr invited Mr. Holman to attend the meetings and asked if he would be attending on Saturday. Mr. Holman stated that he wasn't sure that he wanted to fight the pipeline anymore.

*** **DISCUSS EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND – INTERFUND GENERAL FUND TRANSFERS**

Ms. Favreau shared that as a result of the recent audit, the auditors noted there were some outstanding transactions in 2012 and 2013 that were not transferred out of the expendable trust into the general fund. Ms. Favreau talked about the process at the end of the year to transfer funds. Ms. Favreau stated that if the money wasn't taken out of the expendable trust funds – it would lower the amount of surplus in the general fund. The auditors stated that it was up to the Selectmen to decide if they wish to make these transfers now or not. The expenditures are as follow:

- Highway Cold Storage Building - \$6,500.00 in 2012
- Town Building Expendable Trust - \$42,644.38 in 2013
- Road Projects - \$9,940.99 in 2013
- Cemetery lot Sale - \$125.00
- Town Building - \$2,235.00 in 2014
- Highway Vehicle & Equipment Repair - \$2,195.95 in 2014

Ms. Favreau stated that there is only \$368.02 in the Highway Cold Storage Fund, therefore that amount will not be able to be transferred. The Town Building Expendable Trust Fund in the amount of \$42,644.38 was reflected in the Town Report as a transfer, but was never actually requested from the Trust Funds. The Selectmen discussed if this amount should remain in Trust Funds since the expenditure for the steeple repairs is an unknown amount.

Ms. Favreau will create a list of the outstanding transactions for the Selectmen to review at their meeting on Monday, January 25th.

Ms. Silverman made a motion to accept the recommendation of the auditors to transfer money from the Expendable Trust funds, except with the Highway Cold Storage Building fund in the amount of \$6,500.00 and the Town Building Expendable Trust fund in the amount of \$42,644.38. Mr. Holman seconded. Ms. Carney - Yes, Mr. Holman - Yes, Ms. Silverman - Yes. Approved – 3-0

The Selectmen would report this information at the Budget Public Hearing. Ms. Favreau shared that the funds could still be transferred next year.

Ms. Favreau reported that the audit went well.

Mr. Holman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Ms. Silverman seconded and the motion passed. 3-0

Submitted by:

Sheryl White
Secretary to the Board of Selectmen

Nancy Carney, Chairman

Chris Holman

Susan Silverman
Board of Selectmen