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2016-07-26 Selectmen's Minutes

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Minutes
Stow Board of Selectmen
July 26, 2016
Town Building

Present at the meeting that was held at Town Building were Brian Burke, Donald Hawkes, Ingeborg Hegemann and Thomas Ryan. James Salvie was absent.

Also present were William Wrigley, Town Administrator and Maureen Trunfio, Administrative Assistant.

Ms. Hegemann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Input:

Nashoba Regional School District Committee Member Mark Jones was present and reported that the Space Study Task Force had received a demographic study projecting the population of the school which concludes the Space Study Task Force's efforts. Resident Carol Sureau mentioned a public records request that had been submitted to the Selectmen's Office that afternoon requesting the results from tests performed on the property at 241 Boxboro Road by Stamski and McNary. Chair of the Finance Committee Peter McManus asked if he would be able to review the file before Special Town Meeting.

Chairman's Comments:

None

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ryan moved to accept the meeting minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting as drafted. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Mr. Ryan moved to accept the meeting minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting as drafted. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it passed. Ms. Hegemann abstained.

Discussion/vote with Finance Committee on appointment of Nashoba Regional School District Audit Advisory Committee representative

Mr. McManus of the Finance Committee was present as the appointment of this representative is a joint appointment with the Selectmen. All praised Henry Hagopian for his many years of stellar service as the representative. All were in agreement to reappoint Mr. Hagopian for a one-year term. *In a joint appointment with the Finance Committee, Mr. Ryan moved to reappoint Henry Hagopian to the Nashoba Regional School District Audit Advisory Committee, to serve a one-year term ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Hawkes seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. Mr. Burke aye, Ms. Hegemann aye, Mr. Hawkes aye, Mr. Ryan aye and Mr. McManus aye.*

Discussion/vote to sign September 2016 State Primary Warrant

Town Clerk Linda Hathaway was present to ask the Board to sign the warrant for the State Primary to be held on September 8th. She reminded the public of the August 19th voter registration deadline for that election and reminded the public that election workers are always needed and greatly appreciated.

Mr. Hawkes moved that the Board accept the September 8, 2016 State Election warrant, as presented by the Town Clerk on July 26, 2016. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Discussion/vote on August 8 Special Town Meeting Articles

Ms. Hegemann suggested the Board defer discussion of Article 3, "Boxboro Road Land Acquisition: Assessor's Map R-19 Parcel 10-3 and Portion of Assessor's Map R-18 Parcel 25, 241 Boxboro Road" and Article 4, "Use of Community Preservation Unreserved Fund for purchase of portion of Assessor's Map R-18 Parcel 25, 241 Boxboro Road," because the Chair was not present. They determined that these two articles would be discussed at the pre-Town Meeting Selectmen's meeting on August 8th, scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. in the Hale School Library.

The Board was unanimous in their agreement to support Article 1, "Change Order to the Pompositticut School Building Fire Station/Community Center Renovation Project Construction Contract." The Board briefly discussed Article 2, "Purchase of Boon Road South Agricultural Preservation Restriction," and felt it needed a full explanation of the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) before it could make an informed vote. There was no action on Article 2 at this time.

Mr. Hawkes moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to support Article 1 in the August 8, 2016 Special Town Meeting Warrant entitled, "Change Order to the Pompositticut School Building Fire Station/Community Center Renovation Project Construction Contract." Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Mr. Wrigley reported that that he and his counterparts from Lancaster and Bolton will continue meeting, on an as-needed basis, with newly named District School Superintendent, Brooke Clenchy. At the most recent meeting the group discussed a number of existing, as well as potentially new, school capital improvement projects that will need funding in the near future.



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Mr. Wrigley informed the Board that he would be traveling to Boston on July 28th with Representative Kate Hogan to attend a meeting at 10 am to advocate for TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan) funding of the Gleasondale Bridge. He added that a letter of support for this project was signed by Representative Hogan, Senator Eldridge, Mr. Salvie and Mr. Wrigley and submitted to the Department of Transportation the prior week.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Ryan mentioned his appreciation for the group effort exerted in restoring an expensive generator that had broken. He thanked Scott Morse, J.P. Benoit, Chief Landry, Craig Martin and Jim Rodgers for their part in fixing the generator and, thereby, saving the Town thousands of dollars. At 8:05 p.m. Mr. Wrigley left the meeting.

Mr. Hawkes mentioned that he was looking forward to seeing the donation of a historic sign to the Town by Lew Halprin. He mentioned, however that after seeing a photo of the sign, the name "Boon" was misspelled with an "e" at the end of the name.

Mr. Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Mr. Burke seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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