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SELECT BOARD MINUTES / April 11, 2018 at 7pm

Community Room of Hinsdale Town Hall

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Select Board present – Laurel Scialabba, Harvey Drosehn, Richard Kardasen
Public & Board Members Present –Kathe Warden, Bob Graves, Earl Peck, Andrea DeBernard, Robert Young, Chris Reino, Barry O’Keefe, Alana Chain, Paul Baltzersen, Cathy Spinney, Viv Mason, Ann Colson, Phil Daignault, David Kokindo, Dick Eastland, Duane Bruce, Richard Scialabba, Tracey Lussier, Alan Lussier, Shaun Galliher, Bill Pike, David Stuart.

Laurel Scialabba opened the meeting at 7pm. She said the meeting was being recorded and asked if anyone was recording the meeting, no one was.
She asked everyone to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Laurel asked if everyone had reviewed the meeting minutes of March 28, 2018. Harvey made a motion to accept the minutes, Rich seconded the motion, all voted aye.

Laurel asked if everyone had read the correspondence & warrants, Harvey made a motion to accept the correspondence & warrants, Rich seconded the motion all voted aye.

Communications & Reports from Department Heads, Boards, and Chairs

Bob Graves – Town Administrator – Bob updated on the following projects:

- Town was awarded \$300,000. From the MA Enviro Agency for the Plunket Lake Gate Valve project. He thanked Ray Bolduc for all of his hard work with the grant.
 - Working on the Warrant and Budget for the Annual Town Meeting in May.
 - Website is being updated with the help of BRPC and Newsletter has gone out.
 - With the help of BRPC and a grant, working on a town bylaw for Open Space. Planning board will be holding a hearing on April 26 at 7:00pm.
 - With the help of BRPC, on Hazard Mitigation Plan we have asked for a 3-month extension so that we can work with the camps. Hazard Mitigation Plan is required by the state to be updated every 5 years.
 - Working on performance reviews with the town employees
- There are currently 3 positions posted on the website for people to apply for: Town Collector, DPW Laborer/driver and Sewer & Water Summertime Laborer.

Old Business

- John Ryall – 650 Robinson Rd drainage issues continued – Laurel said she and the Select Board talked to Rene about the drainage issue. On Tuesday, Rene had the crew go up and they had redirected the water away from the one culvert by blocking it. This should make a difference.
- Transfer Station – discussion of permit prices – Kathe said that the revenue to expenditure ratio was round 80 percent. Laurel said years ago it was voted on that the users should cover 50% of the cost and town would cover the other 50% of the cost. Laurel would like to see the users pay for 100% of the operating cost of the transfer station. Rich would like to see the

prices stay the same for this year. Harvey said the metal would be the only thing changed which was voted on at the last meeting. Barry O'Keefe asked if the tin cans could go in the metal box. Laurel asked Kathe to follow up on that. Laurel said it was ok to start the sale of the new permits in May.

- Plunkett Lake – discussion of batter board repairs continued – Bob said the batter boards are from 1994 and are old and bent. They can only be removed one board at a time which is a safety issue. The new design would be able to open the gate with a pull of one pin. The cost should be under \$10,000. He wanted everyone to know, and he was working with Ray Bolduc and Morris Root.

- Community Center –discussion & vote to move \$1100.00 from Infrastructure and Engineering 125-8102 to Community Center repairs 630-1203 to complete column repairs. Laurel said there was a charge to the Community Center Repairs account that at the previous meeting it might have been on the wrong account but it wasn't. So the Community Center repairs account needed \$1100.00 more to have enough to repair the columns. Rich makes a motion to move \$1100.00 from the Infrastructure and engineering 125-8102 to Community Center repairs 630-1203 to complete column repairs, Harvey seconds the motion all vote aye.

New Business

- Solar - 420 Old Dalton Rd – Park Avenue Solar Solutions Inc – Andrea Debernard explains the lay out of the project in the gravel pit. The site will stay as is. There will be decreasing runoff to create meadow. There is a 3-acre area that needs some trees removed. No abutters had issues with the project. Laurel asks for a pilot draft, and bond. All vegetation will be controlled with mowing. Rich asks if all the abutters had their questions answered. Andrea said she had talked to the ones with concerns. Planning has signed off on the project. The bond wasn't filled in and signed and the Pilot didn't have any numbers with it. Laurel explains that the Pilot needs to have a dollar figure with it. Laurel said that everything has to get wrapped up before the Town Meeting so it can be put on a warrant. Rich makes a motion to table to future and Harvey seconds all vote aye.

- Solar – 1110 New Windsor Rd – Eversource – Eversource has bought the project from Citizens Energy. It will be the same size project. They submitted the bond to Planning Board. A letter must be delivered to Select Board that they will follow to previous Pilot agreement. Rich makes a motion to transfer permits, Harvey seconds the motion all vote aye.

- Discussion of Bylaw 31 Junk Autos – Laurel has asked the Board of Health to review the bylaw for Junk Autos. They submitted a bylaw with some questions that the Select Board needs to make decisions on. What the fines should be and who will the enforcement be. A discussion follows. Questions are asked about trailers, and about cars that are for sale.

- Discussion & possible vote to move money from Cemetery Memorial fund to Cemetery repairs. There is a Cemetery Memorial Fund that was created years ago and no one can find documentation of what it should be used for. There needs to be more money to repair the

arch. Shaun Galliher says no money needs to be moved since it was intended for perpetual care.

•Discussion & possible vote to enter into agreement with Ipswich Pharmaceutical – Ipswich sent a new host agreement that had been reviewed by KP Law. There needs to be a vote to accept it. Harvey makes a motion to accept the host agreement from Ipswich Pharmaceutical, Rich seconds the motion all vote aye. Earl Peck asks if the legal costs are being paid by Ipswich, Laurel said there is a stipulation that they will. Dave Kokindo asks if the facility is at Bullard Crossing Road, Laurel said it was.

Any new business to come before the Select Board –

Public Comments – Barry O'Keefe asks if he could change the hours at the transfer station and gives Laurel a list of what he would like for the new hours. Laurel said the board would review them. Laura Galliher asks if during snow removal the parking area in front of the library please be plowed. Laurel says she will talk to Rene about it.

Meeting Adjournment – Harvey makes a motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, Rich seconds the motion, all vote aye.

Respectfully submitted, Katherine Warden