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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

April 19, 2016
Municipal Center, Conference Room A
7:00 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. Present: Craig Dauphinais, Jennifer Thomas, Bruce Spinney, Dennis Flynn, Brook Padgett, Tim McInerney, Laura St. John-Dupuis. Absent: Doug Willardson

SCHEDULE

Algonquin Gas – Permission to Core Bore – Jon Bonsall

Mr. McInerney introduced Mr. Jon Bonsall of Algonquin Gas/ Spectra Energy. Mr. Bonsall introduced two Algonquin employees from the Right of Way group who are with him tonight to help with any questions the Board might have. Mr. Eric Boynton and Mr. Joe Cunningham.

Mr. Bonsall stated that they are before the Board this evening to request permission to collect data using Horizontal Directional Drills (HDD), throughout the length of the project. Algonquin is looking to core bore to gather data. HDD is a construction technique intended to minimize impact to resource areas; it drills at an angle and comes out on the other side. The HDD they are requesting is at Fishersville pond. They are anticipating being about 40ft under the water's bottom. They need to do a couple of core board about 120ft to collect what the substances are and will determine the feasibility of the HDD and with design.

Mr. Spinney asked the representatives from Algonquin to explain the process. Mr. Cunningham stated that Algonquin will bring in a truck with a drill and bore 150 feet down. The process should take 4-5 days. They will do each side of Fisherville pond. The hole will have a 4-"6" diameter. They will compact the dirt back after they complete the boring, if they need to, they will bring in sand to compact it.

Mr. Bonsall stated they are going to down the access road to reach the property. Mr. Boynton stated that the road is completely drivable and there is no impact in getting to where the sample needs to be taken.

Mr. Bonsall stated they will utilize the access road that is off of Pleasants street. The road is affiliated with National Grid. National Grid has provided Algonquin permission to use the access road. He added, that there are a lot of precautions that will need to go in to place and it will all be protected if there is an incident there will be protection during the boring.

Mr. Flynn asked Mr. Boynton what property did N-Grid owns. Mr. Boynton said from Pleasant Street N-Grid owns the property.

Mr. Dauphinais stated that there is a lot of gravel in the area. What do you do if you bore and find this and it will not hold up? Mr. Boynton stated that's why they want to go 200ft deep they want to make sure they on stable bed rock to make sure you get what you need.

Mr. Bonsall added that Algonquin needs to do this now before we go start construction so that we can elevate any problems.

Mr. Flynn asked where will they be boring. Mr. Boynton stated 50 ft or so off of the water line. Mr. Flynn asked if there is a proposed well. Mr. McInerney stated that there is not a proposed well. Mr. Flynn asked if the conservation agent has been contacted. Mr. Bonsall said yes a few weeks ago to review the bore locations. Mr. McInerney stated that ultimately, Algonquin Gas needed to come to the Board of Selectmen to get permission.

Mr. Padgett made a motion to approve Algonquin Gas to perform core boring at 1 Kittery point, contingent upon conversations with the water district and conservation. Ms. Thomas seconded. Motion carried, Mr. Flynn opposed.

Town Administrator Appointments

Paul Powers and Nicholas Lawrence – Temporary Cemetery and Park Summer Position

Mr. Padgett made a motion to accept the appointment of Paul Powers and Nicholas Lawrence as temporary cemetery and park summer help. Mr. Flynn seconded. All were in favor.

William Kuck - Special Police Officer

Mr. Spinney made a motion to affirm the appointment of William Kuck as Special Police Officer. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Vote for Town Administrator to Sign Incrediflix Contract for the Recreation Department

Mr. Spinney made a motion to allow the Town Administrator to sign the contracts for: Wicked Cool, Play Well Teknologies, Skyhawks Sports Academy, and Hillside Meadows Equestrian for the Recreation Department. Mr. Flynn seconded. All were in favor.

Vote for Town Administrator to Sign Letter of Support – Massachusetts Liberty Bell Replica Move.

Mr. Padgett made a motion to approve the Town Administrator to sign the letter of support for the Massachusetts Liberty Bell replica move. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Vote to Approve Second Hand License Renewal Lucente Jewelers & N. Main Street Antiques

Mr. Spinney made a motion to approve the renewal of second hand licenses for Lucente Jewelers and N. Main Street Antiques. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

SELECTMEN REPORT

- Mr. Spinney asked to bring up how we handle herbicides and pesticides on public property. Mr. Spinney would like to see if we can explore a safer method for handling those methods in the common as well as Mill Villages Park.

Mr. McInerney asked Mr. Spinney if he would like some research to be done for the pesticide first or cease the use. Mr. Spinney asked Mr. McInerney to cease using pesticides.

Mr. Dauphinais stated that he would like to have Mr. Phil Johnson, the cemetery superintendent, attend the next meeting and discuss the makeup of the pesticides that are being used by the Town. Mr. Dauphinais also suggested having the school look at what they use. Mr. Padgett stated that the Town may be in a contract that we can't break as well.

Mr. McInerney stated that he can call True Green and tell them to cease use.

- Mr. Dauphinais stated that the Board needs to discuss a compensation package for the Town Administrator with a compensation package and would like to schedule for executive session for the next meeting in May.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. McInerney provided the following points for his report.

- WRTA will hold a public meeting on May 5th at the South Grafton Community House at 7pm. This meeting will be for proposed service changes. There will be an announcement on Facebook.
- Mr. McInerney stated that Development Team meetings are held on Thursdays. The Town did receive a call from a company called Nature's Remedy. They are looking to put a medical marijuana growing facility in at Centech Park. Mr. McInerney suggests scheduling a public hearing for May 24th. Mr. McInerney stated that he wanted the Boards thoughts.

Mr. Spinney stated that if we are going through a public hearing, we should put it before Town meeting where they can vote on how they feel.

Mr. Padgett stated that if a marijuana facility went into Centech Park it sounds like a better location for people. We need to make a decision for the 18,000 that are not here. For every decision do we want to run to Town Meeting? If we are having a public hearing for something that is a legal use in a public place is legal. Mr. Padgett stated that he would rather get them in here and figure out what they are doing. If they want to go to Centech Park maybe the other location at Hollywood Gardens won't go in.

Mr. Dauphinais stated he would like to post the public meeting.

Mr. Flynn stated that this is the first time he is hearing of this. Mr. Flynn asked if the Board is planning to go forward with the process that was suggested this evening.

Mr. McInerney stated that he asked if the Board wants to have a public hearing to hear the request.

Mr. Flynn suggested that if Mr. McInerney wants feedback, he thinks this should be on the next meeting agenda to discuss. If you put on the agenda the process you wish to follow to consider signing a letter of non-opposition. Mr. Flynn is asking to have an agenda item to discuss the process the Board will follow.

Ms. Thomas stated that we are not talking about recreational marijuana, we are talking about medicinal marijuana additionally Ms. Thomas stated that we chose to sign the letter that we are not interested in legalized recreational marijuana only medicinal marijuana.

Mr. Flynn stated he is concerned that If recreational marijuana is approved, the medicinal marijuana site could become a retailer of legalized marijuana. Mr. McInerney stated that legalized marijuana has to pass and be put into law Maybe we first perhaps should see we have the proper zoning and bylaws in place.

Mr. Flynn we still do not know the disposition of what's happening with the current site will licensing by the state and will there be a decision rendered. Mr. Mc it is still

under review before the state. Mr. Flynn maybe we should wait to see how that will do. Maybe give it more time as Mr. Spinney is suggestion at the October TM.

Mr. Padgett stated that the site at Centech Park has been looking for a tenant for a long time and they are a legitimate business.

Mr. Flynn stated that the Board should err on the side of caution and to be open and allow the public to discuss the procedure going forward and will ultimately be the decision of the town.

Mr. Flynn stated that he is only hearing about this today and that he has questions and would like time to mull things over. It sounded as if tonight we decided the meeting would be May 24th. If you gave more time to think about this than just off of the top of my head.

Mr. Dauphinais asked to have this topic on the next Board of Selectmen agenda on May 3, 2016 to discuss how to proceed with this application.

- A Kickoff meeting with Peregrine energy is today.
- April 30th is cleanup day for the Town of Grafton.
- Mr. McInerney and Doug Willardson did a program on the town meeting warrant articles which will run on demand and a local cable.
- The Town received a grant for \$20,000 to perform a feasibility study. We are working on the RFP for this .

DISCUSSION

Mr. Flynn asked about the Budget and CIPC's recommendation to vote for the override for the fire equipment.

Mr. Dauphinais stated that he understands we are going to debt exclusion vs going through annual capital money, free cash. Mr. McInerney wanted to clarify why we did it this way. If we use stabilization and fee cash, when we go to bond those projects we may end up paying more in interest. That's why I want to keep the stabilization intact. Mr. Spinney stated that he I wouldn't want to go into the stabilization for this.

Mr. Flynn stated that the Fire Department has been in operation for many years. He feels it wouldn't have that serious of an impact on bonding, in fact feels it may strengthen bonding. These pieces of equipment we took some money and put into other projects. If we need to find the money to do , whether its done in this town meeting or October and would not like to go into another year without the new truck. Concerned about them not passing an override and what we are going to do going forward.

Mr. Padgett stated that we are going out on debt exclusion items. If we knew what the numbers were it would be easier. In the DPW building we are going to do bonds until 2020. Any thought in getting stabilization for ½ and the ballot for ½ and figure where to go from there.

Mr. McInerney stated that the trouble we have is that the warrants have become very specific. We have to get with Ray as to what he would consider within the scope of the article. The Capital list is things we have to keep doing. Is there a way we can split it from stabilization, we are still not doing library or DPW, if they pass, until 20/20.

Mr. Flynn asked if there could be a dedicated encumbrance. How much do you need from when you order and when you pay for it? It could be looked on upon as a positive note. Mr. McInerney stated if tells the people selling the truck that I have ½ or a portion of the money to buy a truck. I have nothing to leverage anything I have against it.

Mr. Flynn it would require delaying some purchasing. You can ask your auditor. Mr. McInerney stated that he didn't know how that would work. Mr. Flynn asked who wanted the warrant to be more specific. Mr. McInerney stated that FINCOM wanted more specifics.

Mr. Flynn asked how the finance committee reacted to the Fire trucks. Mr. McInerney stated he thinks in general they don't want to see them purchased and don't think they are needed. Mr. McInerney said to solve that, he wants to do equipment needs analysis through a private company. There seems to be people who want to look at things a little differently.

Mr. Dauphinais stated that he has been a member of the CIPC for a long time; the tanker truck has been on the list for a long time. There was feedback from a committee member who was pretty adamant that we didn't need the water truck. That is why it didn't get funded last year and we were trying to get the grant that didn't happen because we didn't meet the criteria. We put \$600k into one project, the roof at Millbury Street School and we buy trucks for DPW. We do bigger items. Maybe we should look at the list and do one of these trucks through CIPC and not go out for both of them. It's another option.

Mr. Spinney stated that to Mr. Padgett's point, are we adding another element to debt exclusion area. It is not that he doesn't want to go to debt exclusion; he wants to see a broader approach. Mr. Spinney asked why we aren't looking at all the fire trucks instead of relying on free cash. We need to decided immediately and take a look at everything and see what needs to be replaced.

Mr. Flynn stated that he has seen the tanker on the CIPC list for 3 years.

Mr. Dauphinais doesn't feel comfortable about deciding if something is need as Fire is not his forte. This does question if we are spending money on the right thing. Mr. Spinney Town Meeting is the right place

Mr. Padgett asked it would make more sense in pulling these two items and then we could have the 3rd party company come in and then come back in October and say that's what we need.

Mr. McInerney stated that maybe we are making this more difficult than it has to be. We can increase the line item inside the budget.

Mr. Spinney thinks we should have a 3rd party company look at all in the fleet to see what will be need.

Mr. Padgett stated that he thinks it's a hard sell; part of it is you can go to Town meeting with a list. Mr. Spinney we can do that they way we can do the roads.

Mr. Flynn stated that the costs are going up and a lot of people can't afford the increase. Mr. Flynn does feel the fire station may need to be held off on and at some point you can't keep going to debt exclusion.

Mr. Dauphinais stated that we need to live within our budget.

MEETING MINUTES

3/15/16

Mr. Spinney made a motion to approve the minutes of 3/15/16 as presented. Ms. Thomas seconded, all were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MGL Chapter 30A, Sec. 21(3)
Litigation Update
Litigation Strategy
Union Negotiations
Land Negotiation
Non Union Negotiations
Strategy for Negotiations
Minutes

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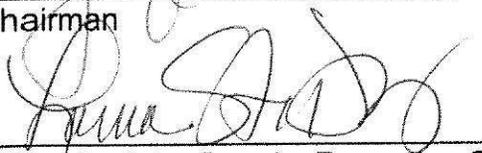
At 8:57 PM, Mr. Spinney made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Flynn seconded. All were in favor.

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Chairman

5/24/2016
Date



Laura St. John-Dupuis, Recording Secretary