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NEWTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

DATE: TUESDAY, October 16, 2018

TIME: 6:00PM

LOCATION: NEWTON TOWN HALL, 2 TOWN HALL ROAD

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chairman Donovan called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. In attendance were Selectmen, Robert S. Donovan Jr., Chairman, Lisa L. Gonyer, Vice-Chairman, Lawrence B. Foote, James L. Doggett, Matthew A. Burrill, Nancy J. Wrigley, Town Administrator and Diane M. Morin, Selectmen's Secretary. The non-public session was audio taped. The public meeting was audio and video taped; the public meeting minutes and a portion of the non-public session minutes were transcribed and typed by Diane M. Morin. A portion of the non-public session minutes were transcribed and typed by Town Administrator Wrigley.

Nonpublic Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a) – Dismissal (c) -- Reputation

Selectman Doggett moved to go into non-public session at 6:01pm under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) – Dismissal (c) -- Reputation. Seconded by Selectman Burrill with a unanimous roll call vote: Donovan – aye, Gonyer – aye, Foote – aye, Doggett – aye, Burrill – aye.

Selectman Burrill moved to close the non-public session at 7:40pm. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous roll call vote: Donovan – aye, Gonyer – aye, Foote – aye, Doggett – aye, Burrill – aye.

Selectman Doggett moved that the Board just came out of a non-public session under RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) -- Dismissal - (c) -- Reputation and that they keep all matters discussed confidential until in the opinion of the majority of the Board the circumstances no longer apply. Seconded by Selectman Burrill with a unanimous vote.

II. Approval of Minutes

Selectmen's non-public and public meeting minutes dated October 2, 2018

Selectman Burrill moved to accept the non-public and public meeting minutes dated October 2, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous vote.

Selectmen's public meeting minutes dated October 10, 2018

Selectman Burrill moved to accept the public meeting minutes dated October 10, 2018 as written. Seconded by Selectman Doggett with a unanimous vote.

III. Scheduled Business

A. 2 North Main Street – Dale Edwards: First Baptist Church of Vermont

Rev. Dale Edwards, Regional Executive Minister American Baptist Churches of Vermont NH addressed the Board. Rev Edwards stated that the American Baptist Churches has acquired the abandoned church located at 2 North Main Street. The Church would like to offer the Town the opportunity to take ownership of the property with a covenant that the building be used for the benefit of the community by the First Baptist Church of Newton Junction for a community center. The other option would be to liquidate the property and pay the back taxes once the property is sold.

The cost the church has incurred thus far is around \$4,000.00. Rev Edwards stated that his Board might be willing to sell the property for the cost that the church has incurred.

Selectman Burrill asked if the property has been recently assessed. Rev. Edwards stated that it has not.

Selectman Doggett stated that the school building may not be salvageable. He is unsure of the condition of the sanctuary. Secretary Morin stated that the well and heating system would need to be replaced.

Chairman Donovan stated that the Building Inspector and Assessor should check out the buildings.

Rev. Edwards has had a few calls from residents concerned the Town will lose a historic building.

Rev. Scott Griffin from the Newton Junction Baptist Church addressed the Board. The Church would have no use for the sanctuary section. He would like to see the school building be used for young adults to meet in a safe environment and for the Town to use as a community center.

Chairman Donovan stated the first step is to assess the building for safety.

Selectman Gonyer stated the next step would be to ask the Town via a warrant article if the Board should purchase the property.

B. New Fire/Rescue Station

a. Equipment washer/dryer

Selectman Burrill stated that the equipment requested is to clean the firefighters gear. Baystate Business Ventures will be supplying the equipment.

Selectman Burrill moved to approve the quote for the installation of a washer and dryer in the amount of \$1,630.00. Funds to come from the Fire Department budget. Seconded by Selectman Doggett with a unanimous vote.

b. Phone system installation

Secretary Morin explained that this quote is from First Access Technology to complete the installation of the phone system.

Selectman Doggett moved to approve the quote for the installation completion of the phone system in the amount of \$2,311.00. Funds to come from the Fire Department budget. Seconded by Selectman Burrill with a unanimous vote.

c. Wiring for critical systems

Selectman Burrill explained that there is wiring that needs to be completed for critical IT systems to function properly.

Selectman Doggett moved to complete the installation of the wiring for critical systems in the amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. Funds to come from the Fire Department budget. Seconded by Selectman Foote with a unanimous vote.

C. Town Properties available to sell -- TABLED

D. Per RSA 31:95-b to accept and expend unanticipated funds to Food Pantry from Robert Donovan Jr. in the amount of \$249.35

Selectman Burrill moved per RSA 31:95-b to accept and expend unanticipated funds to the Newton Food Party from Robert Donovan Jr. in the amount of \$249.35. Seconded for discussion by Selectman Foote

Chairman Donovan explained that he was unavailable for several Board meetings due to a medical condition and wished to donate his stipend to the food pantry.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

E. Per RSA 658:1 -- 2018 Election Warrant

Selectman Doggett moved to sign the November 6, 2018 election warrant calling all registered voters to the polls. Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Burrill asked which Selectmen will be available on November 6, 2018 so that a quorum of the Board is present during the election. Selectman Doggett and Gonyer will be present from 8:00am – 8:00pm. Selectman Foote will be present from 8:00am – 10:00pm. Selectman Burrill will be present from 10:00am – 8:00pm. Chairman Donovan will need to check his schedule.

F. FEMA – DR4371 March 13, 2018 Blizzard, Small Project Certification

Selectman Foote explained that the Town is working with FEMA to recoup some of the funds expended during the March 13, 2018 snowstorm.

Selectman Gonyer moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the DR4371 Small Project Certification. Seconded by Selectman Doggett with a unanimous vote.

IV. Announcements

A. Treats for Troops – Town Hall collecting candy for Veterans and Troops

Selectman Burrill announced that residents can drop off candy at the Town Hall that will then be shipped to our Troops and Veterans. The program will run from November 1 - 15th.

B. Candidates Night – October 24, 2018 at 7:00pm

Selectman Burrill announced that the Cable Committee will be sponsoring a Candidate's Night on October 24, 2018 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Hall. Candidates for local State Senate and Representatives have been invited to attend.

C. Veterans Day – Breakfast

Selectman Burrill announced that the Recreation Commission and volunteers are planning to hold a breakfast for Veterans on Veteran's Day. A venue still needs to be secured before the invitations can be sent out. Selectman Burrill will advise the Board of the cost for the event when he has more definite plans.

V. Other Business

VI. Sign Manifests

➤ Manifest

Selectman Doggett moved to sign vendor manifest dated October 16, 2018 in the amount of \$48,168.27. Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous vote.

Selectman Doggett moved to sign payroll manifest for pay period September 30 – October 13, 2018 with a pay date of October 18, 2018. Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous vote.

VII. Adjourn

Selectman Doggett moved to adjourn at 8:16pm. Seconded by Selectman Gonyer with a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Morin
Board of Selectmen Secretary