MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Regular Meeting of
February 10, 2020

The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020 at Salem Town Hall, 33 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH.

PRESENT: Selectwoman Lisa Withrow, Selectman Michael J. Lyons, Selectman Arthur Barnes, Selectman Robert Bryant, and Chris Dillon (Town Manager).

ABSENT: Chairman Jim Keller

CALL TO ORDER:
Vice Chairman Barnes began by calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He joined the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Meeting Minutes:
MOTION: by Selectman Lyons
Move to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Public Minutes from February 1, 2020.
SECOND: by Selectman Bryant

VOTE: 3-0-0
The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: by Selectman Lyons
Move to approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Public Minutes from February 3, 2020.
SECOND: by Selectman Bryant

VOTE: 3-0-0
The motion passed unanimously.

2. Chairman Comments:

Manager Dillon stated that they were required by Statute to have a public hearing on the Warrant Article for Sports Betting. They had Charlie McIntire from the NH Lottery Commission present to provide additional information. There were a number of questions at the Deliberative Session on this topic. They had copies of booklets from the Commission. It was a public hearing.

Chairman Barnes opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM.

Charlie McIntyre, Executive Director – NH Lottery Commission stated that he had been with the Commission for ten years now. The last Legislative Session passed legislation that tasked them with setting up and monitoring sports betting. The legislation was the reason for the Warrant
Article and the need for the Public Hearing. He was there to answer questions and offer assistance.

Chairman Barnes stated that quite a few of the questions were centered on where the proceeds from the sports betting went and could the town amend the Warrant Article to keep some of the proceeds unto itself.

Selectman Bryant stated that there were also questions about proceeds going to charities which was almost the same thing as the second question.

Chairman Barnes stated that the questions were where was the money going, why was it being dispersed this way, and why couldn’t it be amended on the floor of Town Meeting.

Charlie McIntyre stated that their revenue went to education funding as set forth in the State Constitution. He explained how the revenue would be disbursed using last year’s $105 million in revenue. It would be dispersed to the towns through adequacy grants. Mr. McIntyre was not involved in that process. He covered how the revenue was divided up between the host locations, the contractor, DraftKings, and the State. The host place was making most of their revenue on sports betting from food and beverage sales. He could not answer the question about amending the Warrant Article.

Chairman Barnes stated that he had asked Counsel about that question and was told it was because it was it was a Citizen’s Petition. He asked for public comment. There was none.

Chairman Barnes closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 PM.

Mr. McIntyre stated thank you.

Selectwoman Withrow arrived at 7:08 PM.

4. Public Hearing – Community Services - Accept $8,709.80 from Salem Council on Aging for Ingram Senior Center Upgrades

Chairman Barnes opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 PM.

Manager Dillon stated that he was introducing the Community Services Director to speak about the donations.

Danny Hopkins, Community Services Director, covered the donated items from the Council on Aging. The four items were a Bluetooth receiver, intercom expansion, new carpeting, and a wood-fold partition for the kitchen area. The Council had been extremely generous. He gave total of the donations in the past year as being over $100,000.

Chairman Barnes asked for public comment. There were none.

Chairman Barnes closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 PM.
MOTION: by Selectman Bryant
Move in accordance with RSA 31:95(b) that the Board of Selectmen hereby accepts a donation from the Salem Council on Aging in the amount of $8,709.80 for upgrades to the Ingram Senior Center to include a Bluetooth receiver, Intercom expansion wiring, installation of new carpet and a Woodfold accordion separation for the kitchen and dining areas.
SECOND: by Selectwoman Withrow

VOTE: 4-0-0
The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Barnes stated thank you.

Mr. Hopkins stated thank you.

Selectman Bryant stated thank you to the Council on Aging.

5. Municipal Services – Request Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with VHB Relating to Depot Intersection Project and Authorize Use of $69,656.05 in Zone 2 Traffic Impact Fees
Manager Dillon stated that the packet had a memo from the Municipal Services Director.

Roy Sorenson, Municipal Services Director, stated that this was a request for withdrawal of Zone 2 Impact Fee funds. This amendment would get them to final design. The goal was to get the bid requests out for May. Amendment 3 was done a few months ago and they were trying to get the demolition on the west side of Broadway done under that Amendment.

Selectman Lyons stated that the contract was piecemeal.

Mr. Sorenson answered yes. He covered the process which involved negotiating the fee, getting DOT approval, and then the Board of Selectmen approving the contract.

Selectman Lyons asked if there would be an Amendment 5.

Mr. Sorenson stated that would only be if they used this vendor for construction engineering services.

MOTION: by Selectman Bryant
Move that the Board of Selectmen hereby authorizes an expenditure of up to $69,656.05 from Zone 2 Traffic Impact Fees for additional professional services associated with the Depot Intersection project, with 80% of expended funds to be reimbursed by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, and further to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement on behalf of the Town.
SECOND: by Selectwoman Withrow

VOTE: 4-0-0
The motion passed unanimously.
Mr. Sorenson stated thank you.

6. Town Manager’s Report/Questions from Board of Selectmen
Manager Dillon stated that he wanted to remind everyone about the Primary tomorrow. Someone committed vandalism on the Bike-Ped Corridor over the weekend. Chandler Power Washing cleaned it up today. It looked incredible now. Chandler Power Washing donated their services to fix the issue and he wanted to mention that.

Chairman Barnes asked Manager Dillon to express our thanks to them.

Selectman Bryant stated that the water line construction from Manchester had gone under the rail trail and dug it up. He assumed that the contractor would be responsible for fixing it.

Mr. Sorenson stated that it would be cleaned up. He had spoken with the contractor. There was a temp patch now. The contractor would have to fix what they damaged.

Selectman Bryant stated that they were working very fast and he was not sure if it was because there was a bonus for finishing quickly or penalties for not meeting the deadline.

Mr. Sorenson stated that there was a hard deadline and the contractor would be cleaning up things as they got closer to spring.

Selectman Bryant stated okay.

7. Old Business/Tabled and Pending
None

8. Additions and/or Requests by Public or Board by Vote:
None.

9. Upcoming Meetings
- February 24, 2020
- March 2, 2020
- March 16, 2020

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:18 P.M.
MOTION: by Selectman Bryant
Move to adjourn at 7:18 PM.
SECOND: by Selectwoman Withrow
ROLL CALL VOTE: 4-0-0
The motion passed unanimously.

Notes/minutes taken by: Jeremiah Lamson
Approved: Board of Selectmen
Date Approved: