MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH

Tuesday, July 2, 2013 – 4:30pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Liz Thomas
Also Present: Pamela Brenner, Nicole MacStay

Chair Byk called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Motion:
Chair Byk made a motion to enter into a non-public session as allowed by RSA 91-A:3 II(d) (real estate); **Ms. Miller** seconded.

Vote:
Chair Byk **Yes**
Ms. Miller **Yes**
Ms. Thomas **Yes**

Motion:
Chair Byk made a motion to exit the non-public session; **Ms. Thomas** seconded

Vote:
Chair Byk **Yes**
Ms. Miller **Yes**
Ms. Thomas **Yes**

Promotion of Paul Thibault to Assistant Chief of Fire and Rescue

Chief Lenox announced the promotion of Paul Thibault to Assistant Chief. **Ms. Brenner** said that she worked closely with Mr. Thibault during the process to hire a new fire chief, and said that she has the utmost respect and confidence in him. The Board congratulated Assistant Chief Thibault, and thanked him and his family for his many years of service.

Brendan Minnihan, New Superintendent of the Contoocook Valley Regional School District

Mr. Minnihan said that he just wanted to have an opportunity to introduce himself. He said that he would like to ensure that he and the Town will work together to serve the town and the kids. **Ms. Miller** said that she is a member of the Selectmen's Advisory Committee, and is concerned the tax burden on the residents, and hoped that Mr. Minnihan will also look for ways to control the school's spending. There was an extended discussion about downshifting, the drop-off in student population in the district, and generally about closures of underutilized facilities. There was also a discussion about the LGC Surplus refund and how it could be used to buffer the impact of the decrease in the adequate education grant. **Mr. Minnihan** suggested that the Board send a letter to the School Board, who will be discussing the issue at their next meeting.

Motion:
Chair Byk made a motion to authorize Ms. Brenner to draft a letter to the School Board regarding using the LGC surplus to buffer the tax impact of the reduction in the adequacy grant; **Ms. Miller** seconded.

Vote:
Chair Byk, Ms. Miller and **Ms. Thomas** voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Union Street Projects Update

Mr. Bartlett said that he has been struggling to coordinate with the property owners and businesses in West Peterborough around the bridge. He said that he and the engineering team have decided that it makes sense to reconstruct Union Street first, and then move on to the bridge. The bridge will always be open to at least one lane of traffic. There will be a number of public hearings, and we will be meeting people at their homes to discuss driveways, curbing and drainage. The utility work will be done this fall, and the roadwork will begin in April of 2014.

Park Committee Request

Ms. Brenner said that the Park Committee has requested to use Downtown TIF funds to purchase new trash receptacles in Depot Park; both the EDA and the Downtown TIF Advisory Committee have approved the expenditure.

Motion:
Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Downtown TIF Advisory Committee and the EDA to use Downtown TIF funds to purchase new trash receptacles; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

Vote:
Ms. Miller, **Ms. Thomas** and **Chair Byk** voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

Review and Approval of Select Board Minutes of May 21, June 4, 2013 and June 18, 2013 Minutes of Select Board Retreat

Motion:
Ms. Miller made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

Vote:
Ms. Miller, **Ms. Thomas** and **Chair Byk** voted in favor of the motion; the motion carried.

As there was no further business **Ms. Miller** made a motion to adjourn; **Ms. Thomas** seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant Town Administrator

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Joe Byk, Chair

Barbara A. Miller

Elizabeth M. Thomas