MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH

Tuesday, October 2, 2012 – 5:00pm
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

Present: Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Elizabeth Thomas
Also Present: Pamela Brenner, Leo Smith, Jeff King, Nicole MacStay

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Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

Barn Easement Application

Mr. Smith explained to the Board that the state encourages discretionary preservation easements which are intended to help homeowners preserve historic agricultural structures. These easements can be granted for ten or more years. Anyone who wishes to maintain such a structure for that use may apply for the easement and demonstrate that they will continue the use. Mr. Estes will talk about his property at 5 Granite Street, and then the next steps of the process will be discussed. Ultimately the Board will have to decide whether or not to grant or deny the easement, and if granted, the Board will have to make a determination of the range of the easement.

Mr. Estes displayed a number of pictures of the barn, both exterior and interior. He said that 2,000 vehicles drive past the barn every day. It needs some upkeep, and has a larger footprint than the house. Considering the valuation of the house is also based on the square footage of the barn, it would help to have an abatement, which would help with the maintenance of the barn. **Duffy Monahon** noted that the barn can be seen from the downtown, across the river. **Mr. Estes** said that he and his wife bought the house in 1981 for $50,000, and it is now valued at $206,000. He noted that he and his wife are retiring, so their income is declining, and an abatement would help.

Ms. Thomas said that since she is friends with the Estes' she felt that she should recuse herself. **Chair Miller** and **Mr. Byk** agreed to a site visit on Friday October 5th at 4:00pm. **Mr. Smith** explained that while the Board is conducting the site visit they can review the questionnaire and check what they feel is appropriate to the property. The assessment will be assigned based on those results.

Children in the Arts Grant Application

Tina Kriebel said that Children in the Arts has been partnering with the town for nineteen years. This upcoming year Children in the Arts would like to purchase two more tents for the 20th anniversary celebration. We need approval from the Select Board to provide sponsorship. **Ms. Brenner** noted that the tents that Children in the Arts has now are shared with the town, and asked if these would be the same. **Terry Reeves** said that Children in the Arts has agreed to lend the tents out to non-profits, so the deal is that if they are available and John Hopkins puts them up and they pay his fee, then they can use the tents in exchange for a $25.00 maintenance fee. Ms. Kriebel said that these new tents would be subject to the same arrangement. **Chair Miller** asked where they are stored; **Ms. Reeves** said that they are currently being stored in her barn, which has worked so far.

Motion:
Mr. Byk made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the necessary documents to assist Children in the Arts with submitting the grant; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

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

Pool Bids

Mr. King said that the town has received four bids for the Adams Pool renovation project. **Mr. King** reviewed a memo summarizing the bids received, and said that the team has recommended that the bid be awarded to Torphy Construction as low bidder [Mr. King's memo is attached for reference]. There was a brief discussion of the differences between the received bids.

Motion:
Chair Miller made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to award and execute the construction contract for the renovation of Adams Pool; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

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

Resignation of Bertha Harris from Budget Committee

Chair Miller said that it is with regret that the Board accepts Ms. Harris' resignation. **Ms. Brenner** said that she had just gotten elected to the Budget Committee when she first arrived in Peterborough seventeen years ago.

Chair Miller said that the Board has a recommendation from the Budget Committee to accept Paul Sullivan as an appointed member of the Budget Committee until the May 2013 election. **Ms. Thomas** said that he was on the Budget Committee before, and she strongly recommends him.

Motion:
Mr. Byk made a motion to appoint Paul Sullivan to the Budget Committee; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

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

Minutes of September 4, 2012

Motion:
Ms. Thomas made a motion to accept the minutes of September 4th, 2012 as presented; **Mr. Byk** seconded.

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

GAR Hall Survey Questions

After a discussion of the questions the Board decided that the survey would be too complex. The Board agreed that they should get clarification from the Attorney General's office in regards to what would be required to secure their support of a cy pres petition.

Wilfred Brassard invited the Select Board to attend the Peace Pole dedication ceremony on October 13th at 10:00am.

As there was no further business, **Ms. Thomas** made a motion to adjourn; **Mr. Byk** seconded; all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nicole MacStay, Assistant to the Town Administrator

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Barbara A. Miller, Chair

Joe Byk

Elizabeth M. Thomas

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