

**MINUTES**  
**SELECT BOARD**  
**TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH**  
Tuesday, June 5, 2012 – 5:00pm  
1 Grove Street, Peterborough, New Hampshire

**Present:** Joe Byk, Barbara Miller, Elizabeth Thomas

**Also Present:** Pamela Brenner, Rodney Bartlett, Carol Ogilvie, Nicole MacStay

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**Chair Miller** called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

**Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(d) (Real Estate)**

**Motion:**

**Chair Miller** made a motion to enter into a non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(d), consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

**Vote:**

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

**Motion:**

**Chair Miller** made a motion to reconvene the public session; **Mr. Byk** seconded.

**Vote:**

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

**Public Hearing – Sale of Building (GAR Hall) pursuant to RSA 41:14**

**Chair Miller** opened the hearing by explaining that in 2011 the Select Board learned that the teen center would be vacating the building. This was a dilemma since the town had not appropriated any money to maintain the building. After consulting with the Heritage Commission, the Board concluded that it would be best to sell the property so long as there were protections in place to protect the historic aspects of the building. The Board issued an RFP, reserving the right to reject proposals that they did not feel were in the best interest of the town. One proposal was received, which was brought by Jason and Rebecca Hackler. The Select Board, Town staff, the Heritage Committee, the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission have all reviewed the proposal and their input is included in the packet for tonight's hearing. Any transfer of property requires two public hearings, the first of which is being held tonight, the second to be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The Board then reviewed the Purchase and Sales agreement, noting particularly the provisions which concern the future of the statue, cannons and cannonballs, the retaining wall, those regarding the future sale of the building and the preservation of the building.

**Jim Grant, Roland Patten** and **John Franklin** of the Patriotic Committee spoke in favor of the proposal and said that they will in the future, be part of a public process to decide the future home of the statue, cannons and cannonballs.

**Mr. Hackler** said that he and his wife have a dedication to the town and the preservation of history. He said that he grew up here, and has fond memories of the building. He said they are excited about this project and turning the building into a home.

**Ms. Monahon** said that she feels better about the sale knowing that there are conditions regarding the historic preservation. While it is not uncommon for a former school house to be converted to a private residence, she wants to make sure that the GAR aspect be kept. She then asked how they would meet the challenge of building a driveway. **Mr. Hackler** said that he has been working with the town and have a

concept that will be safe. **Ms. Monahon** asked if there have been any talks about getting an easement from the Petersons; **Mr. Hackler** said that it is in process.

As there were no further questions or comments, **Chair Miller** closed the public hearing.

**Minutes of May 15, 2012 and Non-Public Minutes of May 15, 2012**

**Motion:**

**Mr. Byk** made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

**Vote:**

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

**Community Planning Grant**

**Ms. Ogilvie** said that she has recently learned that New Hampshire has received \$1 million from HUD to be given out as planning grants. She said that among the projects eligible for a grant is infill. She said that the Planning Board has been struggling with an infill ordinance for a number of years, and it makes sense to take advantage of this opportunity.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Byk** made a motion to authorize **Ms. Ogilvie** to go forward with applying for the HUD grant; **Ms. Thomas** seconded.

**Vote:**

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

**Board and Committee Reappointments**

**Motion:**

**Mr. Byk** moved the slate; **Chair Miller** seconded.

**Vote:**

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

As there was no further business, Mr. Byk made a motion to adjourn; Ms. Thomas seconded. All in favor, the meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nicole MacStay, Assistant to the Town Administrator

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**ACTION ITEM PENDING LIST**

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