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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

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March 7, 2011

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chairwoman Julie Gilman convened the Board at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room of the Town Office Building. Other members of the Board present were: Mr. Matt Quandt, Mr. William Campbell, Mr. Robert Aldrich, Mr. Don Clement and Town Manager Russ Dean.

**2. Public Comment**

Mr. Alan Bailey wanted to know if the Ryder easement in article 30 that would be in both Exeter and Kensington would be a separate easement in each town or one combined easement. Mr. Aldrich replied that he believed it to be one easement with the title jointly held by the conservation commissions of both towns. Mr. Bailey asked if there are any conflicts with this. Mr. Aldrich said that this has been reviewed and researched by multiple parties and no conflicts have been found.

Mr. Brian Griset expressed concerns about the RPC grant application for a water & sewer 2 town study discussed at last week's Board of Selectmen meeting. The scope of the proposed study seems to be exclusive of other alternatives besides establishing a regional system. Having been on the water and sewer commission he feels that there are other alternatives to consider before going forward. He also feels that the timeframe of the study is too short for studying such a complex issue.

Mr. Clement responded that he believes that the funding for this study is in the 2011 budget and that it would be money well spent. Many factors, such as the EPA requirements for nitrogen loading and economies of scale, have changed since the time that the water & sewer commission did their investigation studies. This is a study that will come up with some recommendations. Neither Exeter nor Stratham is bound by the results of the study.

Mr. Griset clarified that he doesn't oppose the study. He is concerned that it only pursues one option and he recommends expanding the scope of the study to look at other alternatives. Mr. Aldrich said that the RPC grant is specific to this regional option. It doesn't prevent others from looking into other options. There is homework to be done on other options. Mr. Quandt would be more comfortable with this if it had been a warrant article. He feels that it should be put on the agenda for further discussion.

Ms. Renee O'Barton was glad that the issue of the publication of public notices had been resolved at last week's Board of Selectmen meeting and thanked the Board for taking care of this.

**3. Minutes & Proclamations**

**a. Regular Session Minutes of February 28, 2011**

**Mr. Campbell moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes of February 28, 2011 as presented. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous Mr. Aldrich abstained from the vote.**

**4. Appointments**

**Mr. Aldrich moved to appoint Madeleine Hamel to the Economic Development Commission for a term of 3 years. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**5. Departments Reports – Fire Department**

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Chief Comeau said that there have been two substantial fires within the last month and both were related to heating equipment. One was a portable heater and the other was a wood burning appliance. He reminded everyone to please use caution with home heating equipment.

The Fire Department is working on their list of goals and objectives for 2011-2012. The Public Health Coordinator position has been advertised as per Town Policy and they have been accepting applications. They expect to be scheduling interviews shortly and plan to have the position filled by the end of the month.

The Town has received two public health grants which the Board accepted last year. Their REP budget request has been sent in to the State Office of Emergency Management. This year their request is for approximately \$ 40,000 in reimbursement for the Town. This covers their time for planning and doing drills. In preparation for the Spring flooding season they have just received a sand bag filling station which can fill approximately 400-500 sandbags per hour.

Chief Comeau thanked Selectman Bill Campbell for his years of service to the community and for his support for the Fire Department.

- 6. Discussion/Action Items**
  - a. New Business**
    - i. Historical Society Lease**

**Mr. Clement moved to approve the new 3 year lease with the Historical Society. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

- b. Old Business - None**

- 7. Regular Business**

- a. Bid Openings – None.**

- b. A/P and Payroll Manifests**
  - a. Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests**

**Mr. Clement moved to approve an accounts payable warrant for checks dated 03/04/2011 in the amount of \$ 2,542,539.12 . Mr. Aldrich seconded. Big Ticket Items: \$ 1,073,000 to the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District, \$ 879,000 to the Exeter School District, \$ 227,000 to LGC Healthtrust for health insurance, \$ 106,000 to NH Retirement System, \$ 54,000 to Northside Carting, \$ 69,000 to the Treasurer for the State of NH for work on the Industrial Drive culvert, \$ 48,000 for an electricity bill and several other utility bills. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved to approve a payroll warrant for week ending 02/27/2011 for checks dated 3/02/2011 for \$ 164,534.96 . Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

- c. Budget Updates**
- d. Tax Abatements & Exemptions**

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the land use change tax for the amount of \$ 7,119.20 for Map 87, Lot 10. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

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**Mr. Clement moved to approve the current use application for Map 113, Lot 4 to add 10 acres. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved to approve two disabled exemptions in the amount of \$ 125,000 each (for Map 95, Lot 64-77 and Map 32, Lot 12-28). Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved to deny a disabled exemption for Map 63, Lot 102-14. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved to approve a Veteran's Credit for \$ 1,200 for Map 70, Lot 53. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved to deny a Veteran's Credit for Map 85, Lot 62. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement motioned to approve 7 Elderly Exemptions, each for \$ 152,251. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for \$ 183,751. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved to approve an Elderly Exemption for \$ 236,251. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved to deny 7 abatements (for Map 62, Lot 109; Map 74, Lot 78-23; Map 86, Lot 69; Map 38, Lot 5; Map 104, Lot 72; Map 95, Lot 67 and Map 86, Lot 59). Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 706.31 plus interest for Map 32, Lot 29. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 602.95 plus interest for Map 86, Lot 16. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 295.32 plus interest for Map 113, Lot 4. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 2,534.83 plus interest for Map 95, Lot 65. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 349.46 plus interest for Map 90, Lot 18-19. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 406.07 plus interest for Map 63, Lot 116. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 1,523.36 plus interest for Map 85, Lot 34. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 511.89 plus interest**

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**for Map 76, Lot 2. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 1,813.76 plus interest for Map 60, Lot 22-2. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 578.34 plus interest for Map 21, Lot 33. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 137.82 plus interest for Map 83, Lot 43. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**Mr. Clement moved that the Board approve an abatement in the amount of \$ 1,144.37 plus interest for Map 49, Lot 1. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

Mr. Aldrich asked Mr. Dean for a report on how they are doing with respect to what was set aside for the overlay after checks have been issued on these. Mr. Dean said that \$ 140,000 was set aside for overlay and they are doing fine so far. The tax year ends on March 31<sup>st</sup> so they are almost there.

**e. Water/Sewer Abatements - None**

**f. Permits**

1. Request from the Exeter Brass Band to use the Town Hall for concerts on June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup>

**Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the permit as presented with the fee waiver. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous**

**g. Town Manager's report – None.**

**h. Legislative Update**

Mr. Quandt said that the pole tax bill is coming up for a vote in the Senate on Wednesday. Comcast has been really working the halls and he thinks it is going to pass. Mr. Dean said that he has been advised that the best course of action at this point in time is to call Senator Prescott and speak to him personally on this.

Mr. Aldrich said that the dealer vehicle registration proposed legislation has now been given the number SB 156. There is a hearing on Friday. Mr. Quandt thinks that there will be a couple more amendments to this bill. Mr. Aldrich said that it has now been limited to a one year Pilot study and dealers must put up bonds to help guarantee that municipalities will get their money. Mr. Clement suggested that they wait until they are able to view the bill in its final form after it comes out of committee before taking a position on it.

Mr. Aldrich said that Highway Block grant funding may be going away. Mr. Dean said that Exeter is scheduled to get \$ 300,000 this year.

**i. Selectmen's Committee Reports**

Mr. Clement said that there was a Heritage meeting last week. They talked about a town-wide survey.

Mr. Aldrich said that the Conservation Commission meeting for this week has been cancelled due to the

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elections.

Mr. Campbell had nothing to report.

Mr. Quandt said that the Technology Committee met last week. They will be coming out with recommendations soon.

Ms. Gilman said that the HDC meeting for this month has been cancelled.

### **j. Correspondence**

1. Communication from the Fire Department about the Goddard Fire Relief Fund being handled by the Citizens Bank at Stop and Shop. Please contribute if you can.

Ms. Gilman said that this is Mr. Campbell's last meeting. She thanked him for his time commitment to the Town and said that the Board has been happy and honored to have served with him. All of the Board members took a few moments to share some highlights of their years spent working with Mr. Campbell and to let him know that he will be greatly missed. Ms. Gilman presented Mr. Campbell with a plaque that had statistics as well as pictures of the Raynes Farm and Exeter Bandstand. Mr. Campbell thanked everyone who had supported him in the elections over the past years. He thanked the people who work for the Town and his wife of 51 + years. He has appreciated all of the support and encouragement that he has received over the years. He appealed to people to get involved in town leadership and said that he plans to stay involved in some way.

### **8. Review Board Calendar**

The next regular Board of Selectmen meeting will be Monday, March 14th at 7:00 pm.

### **9. Non Public Session**

**Mr. Aldrich motioned to go into Non Public Session under RSA 91a:2c to discuss employee compensation. Mr. Campbell seconded.**

**Mr. Clement called the roll. Mr. Quandt: aye; Mr. Campbell: aye; Ms. Gilman: aye; Mr. Aldrich: aye; Mr. Clement: aye.**

### **10. Adjournment**

The Board emerged from Non Public Session and adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Mancinelli  
Recording Secretary