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Present: Paul Kleinman, Chair  
Letty Bedard  
Andy Artimovich  
Jon Morgan via Teams  
Jim Michaud

At 6:00pm, Kleinman called the meeting to order.

Artimovich motioned to allow Morgan to participate remotely, seconded by Bedard. Michaud – nay; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Kleinman – aye. Motion carried 3-1.

The Board signed the payroll and accounts payable summary register.

Artimovich motioned, seconded by Bedard, to accept the consent agenda which consisted of public minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>, the non-public minutes from April 15<sup>th</sup>, which are sealed, and the following building permits:

- River Run Development, 7 Edgewater Dr, Plan Examination
- Rocconi Family Rev Trust, 23 Idyllwood Dr, Electrical
- River Run Development, 5 Taylor Cir, Electrical
- Marotto-Potvin Family Trust, 171 Middle Rd, Plumbing
- River Run Development, 2 Taylor Cir, Electrical
- River Run Development, 4 Taylor Cir, Electrical
- River Run Development, 10 Taylor Cir, Electrical
- River Run Development, 15 Taylor Cir, Electrical
- River Run Development, 8 Edgewater Dr, Electrical
- Lattime Family Revoc, 167 Crawley Falls Rd, Plan Examination
- Comcast, 421 Middle Rd, Electrical
- Candace Consentino, 214 Middle Rd, Plan Examination
- David & Elizabeth Aldred, 6 Benjamin Cir, Plan Examination
- River Run Development, 6 Edgewater Dr, Plumbing
- Wonoski Family Rev Trust, 423 Middle Rd, Plan Examination
- Ross Spinelli, 15 Lindon Dr, Minor Projects
- Rebekah & Jonathan Lewis, 19 Michael Bennett Rd, Plan Examination
- Langdon Construction, 13 Stone Creek Dr, Plan Examination

Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – abstained; Kleinman – aye. Motion carried.

Eagle Scout, Akshaj Penumatsa, was present to discuss his project proposal, he would like to install a flagpole at the Historical Society. Dexter Swasey, President of the Historical Society, was present and expressed that the Historical Society is in support of Penumatsa's project. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Michaud in favor of allowing Penumatsa to complete his proposed project. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All in favor, motion carried.

Tony Balanger from Casella was present with a conversion update. Balanger expects carts to be delivered mid-July and for

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commencement to take place the beginning of August. The Board and Balanger discussed cart sizes, Balanger will try to come up with alternative cart sizes for those who may not need such a large cart. There were questions regarding trash collection for businesses; Balanger suggests the Board speak with the Planning Department. Balanger explained that the town would do away with their “bulky item” sticker and move to picking those items up curbside 1-2 times per year, residents can utilize the Raymond Transfer Station in between the curbside pickup dates. Residents had questions regarding cart sizes, the number of carts per household, if residents need to recycle, and so on. Balanger stated the Board will need to come up with guidelines regarding automated trash pick-up, Balanger will work with the Board on this.

The board discussed Norman Garside’s request to hay the town owned property that he has been haying for many years. Artimovich motioned to allow Garside to hay the field as he has done for many years, seconded by Michaud. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All in favor, motion carried.

Chief Doty was present to discuss outfitting a cruiser, Chief would like to utilize \$3,262 from his body camera line, \$3,257 from the drug forfeiture line and offset the rest between the PD detail account and impact fees, up to approximately \$20,000. Artimovich stated that he does not believe impact fees can be used as this is not for a new cruiser, Chief will look into this. Bedard motioned, seconded by Michaud, to approve the outfitting of the cruiser utilizing funds from 2 budget lines, monies from the detail fund and impact fees, if impact fees cannot be utilized the monies will be utilized from the detail fund. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All in favor, motion carried.

Chief Doty was present with an updated letter regarding grant patrols. Artimovich states his previous concerns are now resolved. Bedard motioned, seconded by Artimovich, to allow Chief Doty to work detail shifts along Route 125 covered by the Highway Safety Grant. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board is in receipt of a letter from a racer who would like to do practice laps at the New England Dragway outside of their normal operating hours. Michaud motioned, seconded by Artimovich to allow this. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All in favor, motion carried.

Tax Collector, Daphne Woss, was present for the board to reaffirm RSA 80:52-a which allows taxpayers to prepay their taxes up to 2 years. Morgan motioned to reaffirm RSA 80:52-a, seconded by Bedard. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All in favor, motion carried.

Woss discussed the Mill Road Dam. Woss stated taxes have not been paid in several years, the Town has not wanted to take over the dam due to disrepair and liability. Bruce Stevens and Becky Dunham, both of the Conservation Commission, stated that the owner is working to remove the dam, they will get an update for the Board. Michaud motions to table this discussion until the next meeting, May 20<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Bedard. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All in favor, motion carried.

Woss and Hansen discussed hiring a Town Clerk/Tax Collector clerk and a finance assistant. The hope is to have this position filled by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 20 hours in each position. There was some discussion how this position would be funded and what their duties would be. Jim Hajjar, Budget Committee Chair, had comments regarding the former Town Administrator and the state of the Town’s finances. He also stated that towns similar to Brentwood have finance directors The discussion was tabled so that a job description can be created, and the funding of this position could be more closely looked at. Bedard asked if she could respond, Kleinman stated the Board was moving on. Morgan disagreed.

Next on the agenda was the “job description – town administrator,” Morgan and Bedard would like to follow the agenda. Morgan made a motion to follow the agenda, seconded by Bedard. Michaud – nay Artimovich – nay; Bedard – aye; Morgan

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– aye; Kleinman – nay. Motion failed.

The Board discussed the MTS software conversion to begin late summer. The total cost is \$22,750; this will come from the capital reserve fund. Artimovich motioned, seconded by Michaud to approve the MTS software conversion. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – abstained; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. Motion carried 4-0-1. Liz Faria, South Road, had questions regarding the finance position and finance software.

There was discussion regarding the tax cap, it does not affect the Town's ability to apply for and receive bonds. The Board will be watching HB200 which will affect towns with tax caps.

At 8:18pm Kleinman opened public comment.

Porteus Gerard, Sunset Lane, asked the board to consider consulting a traffic engineer before moving the stop sign in the Three Ponds development. Kleinman is in receipt of a letter from developer Joe Falzone agreeing that this action should be reviewed by a traffic engineer. Michaud motions to reconsider the decision to move the stop sign in the Three Ponds development, seconded by Artimovich. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All in favor, motion carried. Michaud motions to revoke the board's previous decision to move the stop sign, if the Three Ponds community would like to move the stop sign, they will incur all costs associated with the move. Seconded by Artimovich. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All in favor, motion carried.

Jim Hajjar, Budget Committee Chair, had comments regarding the tax cap.

Betsy Ibbitson, Scrabble Road, had questions regarding surplus equipment and questions regarding the front-end loader.

Bruce Stevens, South Road, had comments regarding the Three Ponds stop sign. Stevens reminded everyone about the Housing Forum on Thursday from 5-7 at the Rec and the Green Sno Pro presentation Wednesday at 6. Stevens stated the Conservation Commission will be looking for the Selectboard to move toward Green Sno Pro practices town wide.

Doug Finan, Gove Road, updated the board regarding the Rockingham Planning Commission.

Janice Wiers, Library Director, gave the board an update on library funding cuts.

Seeing no other public comment, Kleinman closed public comment at 8:38pm.

There was a discussion regarding the sale of a town-owned tractor. Michaud motions, seconded by Artimovich to approve that sale of the town tractor for \$5,500. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All in favor, motion carried.

Michaud thanked Mike & Jessica Sanborn for their assistance in transporting equipment for the town.

Michaud asked about mandating all town boards and committees to record their meetings. Wiers was concerned that the library does not have AV equipment. Artimovich stated that the board cannot mandate the library to record their meetings.

There was a discussion regarding building permits and whether it is necessary for the Selectboard to sign each permit. Bedard motioned, seconded by Michaud to allow the building inspector to sign off on all building permits. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All in favor, motion carried.

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At 8:49pm Michaud motioned to go into nonpublic for reputation, hiring and the unsealing of minutes. This motion was seconded by Artimovich. Michaud – aye; Artimovich – aye; Bedard – aye; Morgan – aye; Kleinman – aye. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Benedix