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Board of Selectmen
February 11, 2021
Via Zoom*

Stanley Wysocki
Robert Czekanski
Jonathan Keep
Don Lowe, Town Administrator
Jenny Jacobsen, Town Secretary

Mr. Czekanski called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and provided an overview of the rules of conduct in the remote meeting environment.

TELEPHONE POLE HEARING

Javier Morales from National Grid requested the placement of a single sole owned pole on Still River Road. Tree Warden Mark Caisse explained that the pole would feed house #298. There was no stake visible during Mr. Caisse's site visit. He had no issues with the location based on the drawing. No Town trees are impacted.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep the Board of Selectmen voted by roll call unanimously to approve National Grid's request to relocate one (1) sole owned pole on Still River Road beginning at a point approximately 0 feet northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Nashaway Road and continuing approximately 800 feet in a southwest direction. Installing 1, sole owned pole adjacent to 298 Still River Road. (Wysocki- yes, Keep- yes, Czekanski-yes)

Lynn & Rich Dischler of Still River Road asked why the existing pole could not be utilized. Mr. Morales responded that they could not access the location of the existing pole with a truck. The pole would not carry a transformer.

SENATOR JOHN CRONIN

The Board welcomed Senator John Cronin. He was sworn in on January 6th. The most important singular priority is vaccination rollout. Senator Cronin highlighted the efforts made by his office in this arena. The senator introduced staff member Susan Templeton. The Senator also announced that Representative Kate Hogan was just appointed as the President Pro Tempora in the House which makes her the #3 of 160. Senator Cronin shared his email address: john.cronin@masenate.gov and invited the public to visit his Facebook page. Senator Cronin explained that the delegation got together with the Nashoba Regional Boards of Health and agreed that Devens would make a lot of sense for a regional vaccination site.

HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT (HCA) WITH LOVECRAFT, INC., 58 MAIN STREET

Mr. Czekanski explained that the Selectmen have not had a chance to review the latest revision of the HCA. The HCA will be posted on the website for the public to review.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

COVID-19 Update

Mr. Lowe announced that Bolton continues to be in the green category. Positivity rate is 2.7% for a 7-day average. It is encouraging news.

The International

The International and Twin Springs were purchased by Escalante out of Fort Worth Texas. This will be their 18th golf course. Mr. Lowe met with the management. The liquor license transfers will be on a future agenda. They will be maintaining the two 18-hole golf courses at the International. There is no housing component being proposed.

Mr. Lowe announced a Coffee with the Town Administrator for Friday February 12th, 2021. 2 – 10 attendees have been participating regularly. It is a good opportunity to ask questions. The Selectmen encouraged the public to attend.

Mr. Lowe explained that each year at this time a Committee comprised of the Town Administrator, Town

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Accountant, Town Clerk, Advisory Committee and a representative of the Board of Selectmen meet to discuss the Town's finances. Mr. Wysocki volunteered to serve in this role. Mr. Czekanski and Mr. Keep supported his nomination.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Public Service Announcements

Mr. Wysocki encouraged the public to deposit their bottles and cans at the red barn at the transfer station to support the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Wysocki invited parents in the district to contact him with concerns that they have related to their children's experience in the school district.

Eagle Scout Commendations

Mr. Czekanski highlighted the Eagle Scout projects for Michell Danis and Nick Matte. Danis planned, coordinated and installed a pathway leading to the Memorial Garden at Tahanto Regional high School in Boylston using repurposed tiles from a school building repair project. Matte designed and installed an information kiosk and a bridge over wetlands at the Annie Moore conservation area in Bolton.

On a motion made by Czekanski and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to issue letters of commendation to Mitchell Danis and Nick Matte for their Eagle Scout projects and for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. (Wysocki- yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

Review of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed the initial draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The draft contained comments from Town Counsel after a preliminary review. Mr. Lowe reviewed the 25 articles including 5 Planning Board articles and 12 capital requests. The Board will invite Chief Legendre to attend a future meeting to discuss the department's truck fleet needs. Mr. Lowe recommended replenishing the Waste Water Treatment facility repair fund with \$25,000 which would bring the account over \$50,000 and will have a article placed on a future draft.

Mr. Keep asked that the DPW Director review the school capital requests with Rob Frieswick.

Caucus

Town Clerk was in attendance and requested that the Board of Selectmen call the Caucus for March 8th, 2021. The Caucus will be done on Zoom and plenty of notice will go out to the public.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to call the Caucus for March 8th, 2021 at 7:30 pm via Zoom. (Wysocki- yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

Right of First Refusal for 34 Sunset Ridge Lane

The Town has the Right of First Refusal to purchase any 40B properties before they go to market. If the Town does not purchase the property it will remain in the inventory.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to waive the right to purchase 34 Sunset Ridge Lane.(Wysocki- yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

Acceptance of Gifts

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to accept gifts as presented through December 31, 2020.(Wysocki- yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

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FY21 GIFT ACCEPTANCE LIST

Date	Name	Amount	Purpose
7/31/2020	Misc.	50.00	Ambulance Donation
8/31/2020	Misc.	250.00	Library Memorial Fund
9/1/2020	N. Wood	250.00	Library Memorial Fund
10/31/2020	Misc.	50.00	Ambulance Donation
10/31/2020	Various	550.00	Senior Fuel Assistance
11/30/2020	Nielson	150.00	Hometown Heroes
11/30/2020	Various	1,975.00	Senior Fuel Assistance
12/31/2020	Various	1,050.00	Ambulance Donation
12/31/2020	Various	300.00	Wreath Donation Fund
12/31/2020	Various	475.00	Senior Fuel Assistance
12/31/2020	Misc.	100.00	Police Gift Fund
TOTALS:			
	Ambulance Gift Fund	1,150.00	
	Conservation Gift Fund	-	
	Hometown Heroes	150.00	
	Library Memorial Fund	500.00	
	Parks and Rec Gift Fund	-	
	Police Gift Fund	100.00	
	Senior Fuel Assistance	3,000.00	
	Wreath Donation Fund	300.00	
		5,200.00	

Minutes

No minutes were approved.

Annual Report

Mr. Lowe had suggestions for minor revisions.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to approve the Annual Report for 2020.(Wysocki- yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

Bills/Payroll Warrant

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to approve the Bills/Payroll warrants: W21-16 & W21-16A. (Wysocki- yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

The Board did not enter executive session.

On a motion made by Wysocki and seconded by Keep, the Board voted by roll call 3-0 to adjourn at 8:11 pm. (Wysocki- yes, Keep-yes, Czekanski-yes)

Respectfully submitted by Jenny Jacobsen

**All attendees participated remotely via Zoom Remote Conferencing pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.c. 30A Section 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place.*