June 8, 2020

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH NH RSA 91-A:3

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Board Members Present: Francis Muzzey, Morgan Currier, Omer Ahern Jr.
Other Attendees: Linda Franz, Trustee of Trust Funds; Tanya Vela, Administrative Assistant; Paul Manson, Road Agent; Palmer Koelb; Janice Thompson; Kay Bailey; Donna King; George Morrill, Trustee of Trust Funds Chairman; Chief Trott

Time: 6:09 PM
Chairman Francis Muzzey called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Public Comment: Donna King reported on dog(s) running free on East Side Road. Police Department, by her comments, was verbally notified. There is a leash law in town.

M. Currier: Spoke of limitations of Police Department and asked Donna King what her recommendation is.

D. King: Said she wants a better leash law and on public roads.

F. Muzzey: Is it legal for the Select Board to make a regulation greater than the State regulation.

Chief: You can make that restriction under an ordinance as long as it doesn’t violate any constitutional law like the alcohol ordinance down on the beach here.

Chief Trott: The Animal Control Officer just issued a citation for a 2nd offense - $200 (1st is $150)

F. Muzzey: I have 3 dogs on a leash that sometimes get off.

Chief Trott: I believe it’s about intent.

Donna King: Every time I walk my dog I’m kind of in a panic state. This seems recent. I keep my dog on a leash.

Omer Ahern: Have a public hearing to change ordinance. Also when they come in to register dogs remind folks of the rules, ie. leash laws and ordinance.

M. Currier: The town clerk can have the dog owner sign acknowledgement

F, Muzzey: May not be enforceable

Just inconsiderate

F. Muzzey: Or let us know if it’s working for you
M. Currier: Will work with Chief Trott and look at what other towns do. But it looks like it it being enforced.

Donna King: Please inform the people - remind about leash law

Omer Ahern: If we can at least have a notification that the leash law was given to them.

M. Currier: Okay, next issue.

Donna King: Asked out of curiosity and wondering if there should be a “stop” sign on East Side Road at the intersection of Buffalo Rd, on south end of East Side Rd. There’s a “stop” sign at the end of Buffalo Road. One could easily hit people. Seems like there’s a need to be a “stop” sign at this location.

Discussion ensued as to various options to repair the road in question, using signage, filling pot holes, etc.

F. Muzzey: Add Long-Term Goals (Agenda) - Consider putting a Warrant Article in to consider paving Red Oak Rd.

Palmer: A couple of years ago we had 80,000 to fix Riverside Park and the SB had the money to fix it and didn’t.

M. Currier: If the Select Board signed off on those projects – if FEMA – from Hurricane Irene, the State or Federal Government is not going to help

Palmer: Call State Senator Bob Guida and he will have it fixed in 6 months. He has a backbone.

M. Currier: Please call. These are things that the Town can not take on. Please, by all means, we need help with their views on projects.

M. Currier: Perfect example is the Transfer Station grant that expired b/c it didn’t used.

Motion of F. Muzzey: To give Palmer Koelb the authority to make calls on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to the State Senator Bob Guida or to others. Omer Ahern: seconded. Currier voted yes; Muzzey voted yes; Omer Ahern voted yes. Motion Carried.

Select Board: Thank you very much, Palmer for bringing that up and for taking that on.

Omer Ahern: Please keep us posted, Palmer, as you go along

Omer Ahern: The Town’s going to have to make choices going forward.
M. Currier: If people don’t come to the budget meetings, the things that are important... only the Board and Dept Heads...

Currier: Any other public comments? These are discussions – roads – that we will have many, many, many times. Now, that Glenda Toomy is here – We discussed different programs – for elderly – a reach-out program for those unable to get out of their homes, possibly children’s programs or tying the two – I mentioned the Jr Honor Society is looking for projects. So if anyone has ideas, it would be nice to come up with a community calendar.

Donna King: Have a community club?

Omer Ahern: Would you like to start that?

Donna King: Yes – I can do that.

Muzzey to Road Agent: Does Dorchester have a Road Agent yet? In the interest of continuity...

ROAD AGENT: There’s a very young kid – R. Morrison’s step son, Dylan, is working under Smith.

POLICE DEPT:
Chief Trott reported being done with the OHRV Patrols grant, matching grant that he applied for at no cost to the Town.

Transfer Station
M. Currier: Randy Ruger asks if Admin. Assistant is on email exchange. Sticker Mule won’t do one-up mule system. Too complicated. The Town can’t use them if the Town wants to have a numbering system.

Discussion ensued as to the various “Transfer Station Sticker” options.

F. Muzzey: Made a motion that M. Currier be authorized to sign for the two (2) septic designs requests. The motion carried and the designs approved.

Omer Ahern: I only have a problem with the fact that I can’t look at this while listening to the people.

HWY DEPT REPORT

Road Agent: Last Thursday Donna King called relating to a piece of rebar sticking out of road. In checking Road Agent found it to be a property marker on Glenn Campbell’s property where people keep cutting the corner at the end of Red Oak Hill Rd on East Side Road. The Road Agent placed rocks around the property marker.

F. Muzzey: Red Oak Rd is the only road that is that width (four rods).
**Road Agent:** A property marker is a property marker. I can’t touch it. I’ll get thrown in prison. I’m just letting you know why the rocks are there. It’s a corner pin, this piece of wrought iron.

**Chief Trott:** Suggested there are requirements that say it has to be set back from the travel portion of the road.

**Road Agent:** Suggested pulling the road back to where it’s supposed to be (Currier agreed to idea).

**Omer Ahern:** A letter needs to go to the landowner. Do we have a copy of his deed to look at it? If the Town is encroaching on his property, we have an obligation to work with him. The Town needs to protect the landowner’s rights.

**Road Agent:** Next point – there’s a pile of household trash in our pit just before a sign that says Moosilauke Campground on Rte. 25 – at our old pit – there’s trash in there – household items – pool table, looks like all the guard rails and wire the Town removed from Buffalo Road dam site – pile of poles and wires and guard rails. Just want to make the BOS is aware of that.

**F. Muzzey:** What’s your plan on utilization of that pit? There are piles and piles of beautiful granite there.

**Omer Ahern:** I think the Veterans Memorial is looking for some stone like that.

**Linda Franz:** I will let Mr. Scheller know to contact Road Agent about the stone at the Town’s gravel pit. It may be used for the Veteran’s Memorial Project.

**M. Currier:** Just want to share that we’ve gotten very good feedback and good talk at the responder’s dinner on the good work you’re doing.

**Road Agent:** Culvert on Cheever Rd that’s rotted and has disintegrated and needs a culvert replacement.

**Omer Ahern:** Very concerned about the addendum. It’s an Adhesion Contract. It’s a Bait and Switch. Ref: Amending a contract from May 22nd. Concerned about the entire contract.

**M. Currier:** HEB Engineering gave explanation.

**M. Currier:** Asked the Administrative Assistant to respond to C. Fournier and let him know to the best of the Board’s knowledge, the brook in question is called Rocky Pond Brook.

**M. Currier:** I will contact C. Fournier and let him know there’s a new Select Board and we’d like him to come in and meet with us.

**M. Currier:** Trustees of the Trust Funds. Thank you for waiting patiently.
F. Muzzey: Do we have 3 Trustees of the Trust Fund? That was the question I wanted to ask. I haven’t researched but I think the law requires we replace someone ASAP.

M. Currier: But we have to have someone willing to do it? The Town cannot force people.

7:45 P.M. - DISCUSSION ABOUT PAYROLL/VENDOR PAYMENTS

M. Currier: Issues pile up. I would like the Board to meet every other week.

Omer Ahern: One of the issues is that there is way too many new people here. To me, there is just way too much that’s coming to the attention of the SB but – I request respectfully to have documents ahead of time before I am asked to sign them at or during a BOS meeting.

M. Currier: If you didn’t want to meet every week, what would you like to do?

Chief Trott: I’m a dept head and I’ll weigh in. Meeting every Tuesday is at times counterproductive. I still have an obligation to dept b/c in for 3-4 hours. All these things takes time. My position: I think we could manage every two weeks. Productive proactive and positive. I want to be P Chief. I think that’s the direction we all need to move in.

F. Muzzey: But we still have to do things as members of the BOS in a timely fashion.

Omer Ahern: NH is known for the most volunteers in the state.

F. Muzzey: I agree with your use of volunteers.

Time: 20:14 / Payroll issue and Meeting every other week / Moving time up on Mtg

M. Currier: So, knowing your concerns, Francis, is there any feedback from the residents.

Linda Franz: I think the 2-week is a better idea. Like the Administrative Assistant said, getting in touch with someone can take a long time.

F. Muzzey: This isn’t a task-oriented Board, it’s a decision making Board.

Currier made a motion to at least try to meet every other Tuesday and see how it works. Omer Ahern seconded. Muzzey voted NO; Omer Ahern voted yes, Currier voted yes. Motion carried 2 – 1.

M. Currier: Okay, so next meeting is July 2nd.

Any discussion on moving the Board meetings up to 5pm?
Currier made motion to move meeting to 5 pm, Omer Ahern Jr. seconded. Muzzey abstained; Currier voted yes; Omer Ahern Jr. voted yes. Motion carried.

M. Currier: I have no problem coming in weekly to sign payables weekly

Omer Ahern: Willing to do so also.

F. Muzzey: No reason not to meet to sign payroll.

M. Currier: fine with me

Omer Ahern: No problem coming in to sign checks.

M. Currier: have no problem.

Omer Ahern: I’m here to be a servant of the people and to be as efficient as we can be.

M. Currier: So the question is we work out a way to pay vendors weekly and payroll remains every 2 weeks.

F. Muzzey: Where is the money coming from?

Deb Vlk: Look at the list - $5,000 / $4611

Currier: Motion to accept Linda Franz help with Payroll in a volunteer capacity with understanding at looking at a way to compensate her for her time. Omer Ahern seconded. Muzzey abstained; Currier voted yes; Omer Ahern Jr. voted yes. Motion carried.

Tanya: Ask that Linda Franz provide Administrative Assistant with hours spent

M. Currier: Anything else on Trustee’s behalf? Linda Franz?

Linda Franz: We have a good check going out to the cemeteries – will gather things for Tammy at Crane and Bell for audit.

F. Muzzey: wants to discuss in non-public recommended wages for personnel.

Adm. Asst.: Duane Brown requests to borrow chairs/tables from Town Hall and from whom he can borrow a key. FM yes, but not take any of the antique chairs. OA/MC yes. Only folding chairs to be loaned.

Time: 20:48: Motion on PO Box
Omer Ahern: Is it alright with the Select Board to call Mr. Pierhall (?) back and speak with him. FM & MC have no issues.

I have been President of Land of Association – Pres. And pres. We spent 45 min w/ DK and it could’ve been 10 min. I want people to feel they’re being heard. We have no interest

F. Muzzey: We can meet more often.

Omer Ahern: Make motion pursuant to 91-A: 3 sub category to go to Non-public and employee has no objection. Currier second. All Selectmen Vote Yes.

Omer Ahern move to seal the just completed Non-Public Session to protect the reputation of person involved not a member of the board. MC seconded and voted yes, FM: Yes Motion to seal Non-Public carried.

M. Currier: 9:17 OA motioned to adjourn All voted yes yes yes

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Approved by Selectmen on ..........................

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