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SANBORTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

February 20, 2019

Town Offices

The Board of Selectmen convened in regular session on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Offices. In attendance were Selectman Tom Salatiello, Selectman Katy North (arrived at 5:50 p.m.) and Selectman John Olmstead. Town Administrator, Katie Ambrose was also present.

1.0 Pledge of Allegiance - Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Public Comment - None at this time.

3.0 Business

3.1 Board & Committee Appointments: Planning Board, Alternate to Full Member – Debra Schneckloth - Selectman Olmstead made a **motion** to appoint Debra Schneckloth to the Planning Board as a full member until March of 2021. Selectman Salatiello **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

4.0 Other Business

4.1 Town Meeting Preparation – Town Moderator and Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Postponed until next week.

4.2 Chief Dexter Re: Resignation of Full-time Firefighter - Chief Dexter explained that he received the resignation of Kyle Megan yesterday, who will be working for the Town of Belmont effective February 27th. Chief Dexter stated Kyle would be staying on as a per-diem/on-call member. The vacancy has been posted to the NHMA's website, the Fire Academy and sent to the Lakes Region Fire Chiefs. Chief Dexter noted the reason for the resignation was not a matter of salary, it was a matter of gaining experience/call volume. PAFs to be submitted next week.

5.0 Selectmen's Report

5.1 Walking Path - Selectman Salatiello reported that he had received a phone call from a resident regarding the naming of the new walking path to be "Swains Trail". Selectman Salatiello stated people are upset because Bill & Faith Tobin spearheaded the project for over a decade and the trail was supposed to be named "B. Tobin Way". Selectman Salatiello asked if the BOS can ask the Conservation Commission to reconsider their decision. TA Ambrose suggested having the Selectmen's Representative to the Conservation Commission bring this up at their next meeting. The BOS agreed.

6.0 Authorization Signatures: Payroll and Accounts Payable Register

6.1 Board Meeting: 2/6/2019 - The Clerk signed.

6.2 Joint Meeting with Budget Committee: 2/7/2019 - The Clerk signed.

6.3 Town Warrant - The Board signed.

7.0 Business (cont.)

7.1 3.2 5:25 PM *Public Hearing* - Ballot Question 1, "Petitioned Article to Adopt the Provisions of RSA 40:13 (SB2)" per NH RSA 40:14 - Vice Chair Olmstead opened the Public Hearing at 5:25 p.m. and read the Public Hearing Notice aloud to those in attendance. Selectman Salatiello explained that he had TA Ambrose check with Legal Counsel because he would usually step down but tonight he will not or there would not be a quorum and he is not required to either way. TA Ambrose noted that Selectman Salatiello is allowed to give his personal opinion. Paul Dexter asked if any of the petitioners were present? TA Ambrose replied no. Evelyn Auger stated after 13 times of SB2 not being adopted, the Town should ask for a longer extension than just the five years between votes and the petitioners could have had a win but the statute requires a 3/5ths vote not a 2/3rds vote. Paul Dexter asked if the Selectmen are recommending the article. Vice Chair Olmstead replied the Board is not required to recommend or not recommend and has not really discussed this yet. Selectman Salatiello stated his personal opinion is that if some residents want to make changes, it shouldn't be done by petition because there are other approaches. Selectman Salatiello explained that when SB2 was first proposed there were a lot of Towns that adopted it and now they cannot rescind SB2. Selectman Salatiello added there was a Public Policy Committee that suggested not adopting SB2 because it is so flawed and in order to rescind it, the same language goes on the ballot which is very confusing for people. Selectman Salatiello stated it is significant that there are no petitioners here tonight. Evelyn Auger asked who the lead petitioner is. TA Ambrose replied Tobey K. Whalen and 25 registered voters were needed on the petition, 58 signatures were received but some were not registered voters. Vice Chair Olmstead stated he is not in favor of SB2, the minuses outweigh the pluses and there is only 30 days before the deliberative session to research, so the Town may not have educated voters. Vicky Abbott explained that at Town Meeting some of the Town's people have more technical knowledge regarding certain things and her opinion has been swayed after hearing the discussion, so she feels it is good to have Town Meeting. Vice Chair Olmstead stated if people want privacy they can always call for a secret ballot vote. Paul Dexter stated if democracy was easy then everyone would do it, people have to participate and there is no instant gratification. Paul Dexter noted the Town has switched Town Meeting to May and still offers daycare but it will never work for everyone. Paul Dexter stated Town Meeting is important and only happens one day of the year, and secret ballots are the reason people don't like Town Meeting because it adds so much time and if you are participating then it should be with a hand in the air. Evelyn Auger noted it is all our Town and we all share a piece of it, so a few hours is not a bad price to pay. Vice Chair Olmstead closed the Public Hearing at 5:52 p.m.

8.0 Review & Approve Minutes

8.1 BOS Meeting 2/13/2019 - Members of the Board reviewed the draft meeting minutes of February 13, 2019. Selectman Olmstead made a **motion** to accept the draft meeting minutes of February 13, 2019 with changes. Chair North **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

9.0 Donations - None at this time.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT – Selectman Olmstead made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. Chair North **seconded** the motion and the **motion passed unanimously**.

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11.0 NEXT MEETING(S) – The Board of Selectmen’s next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 27, 2019 @ 5:00 p.m.** at the **Sanbornton Town Offices.**

Respectfully submitted,
April Rollins, Administrative Specialist

Approved on 2/27/19 _____
Selectmen’s Clerk