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Selectboard
Monday, March 8, 2021*

Selectboard members present via Zoom: Brendan Denehy, Eddie Arnold, Ron Olsen, Drew Kellner, and Dana Ketchen along with Town Administrator Tad Putney.

6:31pm Brendan opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and said we are meeting under Executive Order #2020-04 and Emergency Meeting Orders #12 and #23, which allow for remote meetings. Selectboard members all stated where they were and that they were participating remotely due to COVID-19.

Public Input

Brendan announced our Library Director, **Pat Leonard**, will be retiring. He also reminded viewers that tomorrow is all-day voting at CSDA from 7:00am-7:30pm.

Approve Minutes

Eddie moved, seconded by Drew, to approve the minutes from the Monday, February 16th and Monday, February 22nd meetings as written; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0. Eddie moved, seconded by Drew, to approve 1 set of non-public minutes from the Monday, February 22nd meeting and 3 sets of non-public minutes from the Monday, March 1st meeting as written; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.

Sign Warrants for Payment

Eddie moved, seconded by Drew, to approve Accounts Payable Warrant #9 in the amount of \$1,018,223.95, Payroll #10 in the amount of \$63,849.13 and Police Detail in the amount of \$210; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.

Approve Sale of 237 Route 13

Tad said the closing on 237 Route 13 is scheduled for tomorrow. *Dana moved, seconded by Eddie, to approve the sale of 237 Route 13 in the amount of \$205,000, which includes all costs incurred by the Town; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0. Dana moved, seconded by Eddie, to authorize Brendan to sign any closing documents for the sale of 237 Route 13; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.*

Reappoint Eddie Arnold as Representative to the SRLD

Drew moved, seconded by Ron, to re-appoint Eddie Arnold as Representative to the Souhegan Regional Landfill District until the term ends March 31, 2024; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0. Eddie said we received an email from the Administrative Assistant to the

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SRLD regarding an upcoming sale of compost bins. He said the town would purchase the bins and sell them to residents to encourage composting at home or bringing it to the Transfer Station and dumping it in the compost pile in the back. **Eddie** said this would reduce the weight in the waste stream, which translates to less tax dollars being spent on trucking and dumping fees. He said the deadline is April 8th to RSVP if the town is interested in buying bins.

Notice to Reappoint Kristen Austin as Deputy Treasurer

The Board gave notice of their intent to reappoint **Kristen Austin** to the role of Deputy Treasurer at their next meeting.

Review Warrant and Discuss Timing and Requirements for Special Town Meeting

Tad said he provided a memo to the Board with a recommendation to begin the special town meeting at 1pm on Sunday, March 28th to address the four petition warrant articles that were received. He said holding the meeting at that time would significantly ease set-up requirements as **Drew** had recently pointed out. He said the gym will already be set-up and the tent vendor agreed to keep the tent up the extra day at no additional cost to the town. **Tad** reviewed some considerations for the special meeting, including: the warrant must be posted at CSDA and at the Town Clerk's office no later than Sunday, March 14th; notice of the special meeting needs to be published in a newspaper within one week of the warrant being posted; the Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a special half-hour session on Saturday, March 20th as required; Audio and video resources have all been alerted and are available for broadcasting March 28th. **Tad** said a draft of the special warrant has been prepared along with the warrant the Town Clerk is required to prepare for the Board's review. He said Town Counsel is reviewing the four petition warrant articles and will be providing a written opinion well before the meeting. **Drew** asked if town meeting goes long on Saturday, can it reconvene on Sunday before or after the special meeting. **Brendan** said that is for **Moderator Webb** to decide, if necessary. **Dana** said she has a question for the petitioner, **Pete D'Agostino**. She said she had a conversation with a Planning Board member and believes the planning board will cover almost all of the aspects of the four petition articles prior to issuing an approval. **Dana** asked what the big differences are in what the Planning Board is already going to do versus what is in the petition articles. **Drew** said he's not sure it is our place to provide our opinion on top of 117 residents who signed the petitions. He said he doesn't think it's fair to put one of the people on the spot tonight to answer that question. **Dana** said the one person is the petitioner. **Drew** said the petitioner put together the wording and 117 people signed it wanting to have a larger discussion and he doesn't feel comfortable having that discussion tonight when that is what the special meeting is for. **Tad** said there is going to be a special Planning Board meeting this Thursday at 7:00pm via Zoom where Mr. D'Agostino will be speaking to the Planning Board and some of this dialogue can occur then. **Brendan** said he wants to make it clear as the Selectboard member to the Planning Board, the Planning Board has had no discussion on this. He said the only thing we have had is the presentation by the developer and he doesn't want to give the impression that the Planning Board has made any decision on how it will approach this matter. **Eddie moved, seconded by Drew, to approve a special town meeting at CSDA, on Sunday,**

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March 28th beginning at 1:00pm, to address the four petition warrant articles submitted after the deadline; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.

Review Schedule for All-Day Voting

Tad said two Board members are scheduled for each block of time and we end with at least three Board members for the counting of ballots after the polls close.

Discuss Next Meeting's Agenda

Members agreed on the following for the next agenda:

- Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and committee assignments
- Review 2021 budget for last minute changes before business session of town meeting
- Assignment of warrant article presentations for town meeting
- Possible discussion of permitting a building permit on Class VI section of Hutchinson Hill Road

Brendan said, it being **Ron's** last meeting, he wanted to thank him for his service on the Board and speaking for himself, he really appreciates all of the work **Ron** did in the last three years. **Eddie** said **Brendan** is speaking for the Board as well.

7:00pm - Brendan moved, seconded by Eddie, to go into non-public session per RSA 91-A:3 II (c) reputation, other matters may be discussed, and immediately upon coming out of non-public session, to seal the minutes and adjourn the meeting; Roll Call Vote Yes 5-0.

7:15pm meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Sharon Sturtevant.

Brendan Denehy

Eddie Arnold

Ron Olsen

Drew Kellner

Dana Ketchen