

**Minutes of Haverhill Selectboard Regular Meeting
Tuesday February 20, 2018
6:00 PM**

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Board Members Present: Wayne Fortier, Mike Bonanno, Tom Friel, Chris Luurtsema and Fred Garofalo.

Town Manager: Jo Lacaillade

Finance Officer: Jennifer Collins

Police Chief: Brandon Alling

Members of the Public Present: Mike Lavoie, Steve Wheeler, Ron Willoughby, Ralph Wright, Janice Scruton and Gary Scruton.

Call Meeting to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Fortier.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mike Bonanno requested that they observe a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting in Florida.

Agenda Approval: Tom Friel requested adding “Policy Review” under New Business. Mike Bonanno made a motion to approve the agenda with the requested addition. Tom Friel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Mike Bonanno made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Tom Friel and carried unanimously.

It was not time to open the public hearing regarding KENO so the Board acknowledged Ralph Wright who was in attendance to discuss the properties that the Town took with tax deeds and the property involved in the court case between Ralph and the Town. Wright explained that his son wants to repurchase his property that is being deeded. The Board explained if they send the Town a letter expressing interest in repurchasing the property, they will have 30 days to do so and/or move the contents out of the deeded properties.

Scheduled Public Hearing:

- **KENO:** Mike Bonanno made a motion to enter Public Hearing on KENO at 6:24. The motion was seconded by Tom Friel and it carried unanimously. Town Manager Lacaillade gave a brief overview based on information provided by the State. She had sent information packets to all eligible businesses in Town. There was a brief discussion about how the funds are to be used and the cost to “pouring establishments” who might

be interested. Mike Bonanno made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:35 which was seconded by Tom Friel and carried unanimously. The Board had previously stated that they would place the item on the 2018 Warrant.

Town Manager's Report: EEI (Energy Efficient Investments) was here with 5 engineers on 2/8/18. They will be reviewing the project and getting back to us with a written report of suggested upgrades. She attended the community forum with the Haverhill Area Drug Misuse Prevention Coalition. The Brandon Novak event was very well attended and the coalition is looking at ways get more people involved with to fight the drug and alcohol epidemic. We had a Vision of Action meeting on the 12th which is a planning meeting for the event in April. This forum is important to all of us as we look towards what the concerns and hopes are for the people who live in our Town. There was a Haverhill Beautification meeting today and we are trying to organize for the 2018 season. There are plans to again have hanging flower baskets in Woodsville, benches installed along Central Street, trash containers at the park and expanding the picnic areas at the park. Hopefully some of the sign boards will be put up this year also. The archway and path from Central Street to Railroad Park is a top priority project also.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business:

- **Tax Deeding** – Cameron Property (421-033 – 2555 Mt. Moosilauke Hwy)
 - Eviction Process: A payment plan arranged between the Town and the property owners was broken, prompting the Tax Collector to send a new Notice to Deed. The letter indicated the property owners could redeem their taxes by 2/13/18 or the property could be deeded by the Town. No payments were made before 2/13/18 and the total amount of taxes due are \$20,962.54. Mike Bonanno made a motion to move forward with deeding the property. The motion was seconded by Fred Garofalo and it carried unanimously. Mike Bonanno made a motion to proceed with the eviction process, as the property is currently occupied. Fred Garofalo seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- **Granite State Power Link Letter of Support:** The Board discussed the benefits of the Granite State Power Link project as an alternative to Northern Pass and how it would potentially increase tax revenue. Fred Garofalo made a motion to support writing a letter in support of the project. Mike Bonanno seconded the motion and it carried with a vote of 4-1 with Chairman Fortier opposing.

- **Steve Wheeler – Playground:** The Board received a letter from Steve Wheeler, stating that the Recreation Commission has been working with the VFW on the logistics for the playground that will be behind the municipal building. In order to submit the grant proposal, the commission needs information regarding insurance liability and a lease agreement between the two parties.

- **Policy Review:** Tom Friel would like to add a line in the acceptance process section stating, “any inspection cost incurred by the Town to see if it [the road] currently meets Town specs will be paid by the owner(s) of the road to be taken over.” Chairman Fortier

stated the amendment will have its first reading at the next meeting.

Commission/Committee Reports: The Airport Commission will hold its next meeting on 2/21/18.

Correspondence: The Board received the weekly State newsletter and a brochure from Skill Path referencing a workshop.

Comments of the Public: None at this time.

Comments of the Town Manager: None at this time.

Comments of the Finance Officer/Administrative Asst.: Jennifer Collins stated the Daly property was tax deeded at the last meeting and next, letters with the opportunity to repurchase need to be mailed. Mike Bonanno made a motion to send the letter of opportunity to repurchase to the Daly's. Tom Friel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Two letters of intent to repurchase property have been received. Finance Officer Collins stated that a few tax deed letters have been returned to sender and the Town attorney would like the Town to attempt to locate the recipients of the letters one more time.

Comments of Selectboard Members: Chris Luurtsema reiterated that residents whose home are being tax deeded have the right to repurchase their properties at the time of the auction. Mike Bonanno stated Teen Night was well attended and gave kudos to Haverhill Police Department.

Non Public Session - RSA 91-A:3, II(c): Mike Bonanno made a motion to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91:A3:II (c); at 7:10 PM. Fred Garofalo seconded the motion and all Board members agreed to enter Non-Public Session.

Mike Bonanno made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. This was seconded by Tom Friel and carried unanimously. The Board came out of Non-Public session at 7:26 pm. Mike Bonanno moved to seal the minutes. Tom Friel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mike Bonanno made a motion to go into Non-Public Session in accordance with RSA 91:A3:II (c); at 7:28 PM. Tom Friel seconded the motion and all Board members agreed to enter Non-Public Session.

Mike Bonanno made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session. It was seconded by Fred Garofalo and carried unanimously. The Board came out of Nonpublic session at 7:39 pm. Mike Bonanno moved to seal the minutes. This was seconded by Tom Friel and it carried unanimously.

Adjourn Meeting: Mike Bonanno made the motion to adjourn the Selectboard Meeting at 7:42 PM. Tom Friel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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