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BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016
3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM, TOWN HALL

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order and roll call

Laura Francis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led with the pledge of allegiance. Steve Levy and John Szewczyk present.

2. Approval of the agenda

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY, TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: REQUEST FROM DURHAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT THE FIRE HOUSE APRIL 2, 2016; UNION CONTRACT DISCUSSION, PLANNING & ZONING REQUEST TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. ALL AYE

3. Public Comments

Diana McCain talked about the Plan of Conservation and Development public hearing deadline and asked for that the Board of Selectmen to look into an extension, or possibly submitting something to comply and work more on the more controversial chapters.

Duncan Milne expressed his frustration with conflicting information/conversations he has received/had regarding the topic of mixed use on Main Street. He talked about a petition that he has been circulating to Main Street residents who he stated are not in favor of mixed use on Main Street. He asked the Selectmen to stop the Planning & Zoning Commission from submitting a Plan of Conservation and Development that had no public input. L. Francis stated that both she and Frank DeFelice assured him of no imminent vote of a zone change regulation and reiterated that it is the responsibility of the Planning & Zoning Commission to write the Plan. S. Levy talked about a statement made at a prior P&Z meeting siting members who should be recused and the exposure to legal implications. L. Francis responded saying recusal is left up to the member and the consequence could be legal. She noted that she did commit to seek legal opinion of request made by the commission.

Mary Elizabeth Taylor made reference to a map noting that the red dots show where the petition was signed. She stated that she felt Main Street residents are fighting an uphill battle and being fed a plan with no democracy. S. Levy stated he felt it important that residents come to this Board.

Chip Williams, who is not in favor of multi-use, stated he felt this would lead to the destruction of town.

D. McCain felt it unfortunate that residential main street is recognized as "not in my back yard" but is a much larger issue. The Board of Selectmen are the ultimate decides and hopes they see that this is not what residents want.

Roger Kleeman asked is the Building Inspector is a salaried position. L. Francis responded that an hourly rate is being used to calculate the reduction in hours. J. Szewczyk asked R. Kleeman if he knew of any prior recommendations of the compensation review commissions have ever been implemented. R. Kleeman responded no, they have not been implemented.

4. Request from Durham Democratic Town Committee
MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY, TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM DURHAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE TO SERVE ALCOHOL AT EVENT BEING HELD AT THE DURHAM FIRE HOUSE ON APRIL 2, 2016 PENDING RECEIPT OF INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. ALL AYE

5. Union Contract discussion
There was continued discussion from the prior 6:30 meeting on the proposed union contract. J. Szewczyk stated he did not have the opportunity to read the proposed contract in full prior to the meeting and identified areas of concern. After further discussion it was decided that Selectmen get the opportunity to read the contract in full and another meeting would be scheduled to discuss.

6. Planning & Zoning Request
 - a) To identify the source of the deadline requirements associated with the update of the Plan of Conservation and Development
 - b) To identify the ramifications of not meeting this deadline

Laura Francis advised the Selectmen that she has a call into the Office of Policy and Management on the extension and ramifications.

7. End of year appointments
L. Francis advised the Selectmen that two members of the Ethics Commission were no longer eligible to serve on the commission because they have been elected to a town committee; Clark Kearney and Chet Raczka.

8. Historic District Commission re-appointments
MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY, TO MOVE MARY ELIZABETH TAYLOR FROM IN DISTRICT ALTERNATE TO IN DISTRICT REGULAR MEMBER 2018 TERM, AND TO MOVE MARK HOWARD FROM IN DISTRICT REGULAR MEMBER TO IN DISTRICT ALTERNATE 2020 TERM. ALL AYE

9. Re-adopt the following:
 - a) Fair Housing Resolution
MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK, TO RE-ADOPT FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

 - b) Fair Housing Policy Statement
MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY, TO RE-ADOPT FAIR HOUSING POLICY STATEMENT AS AMENDED. ALL AYE

 - c) Affirmative Action Policy Statement
MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK, TO RE-ADOPT AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

 - d) Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK, TO RE-ADOPT COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964 AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

 - e) Municipal Grievance Procedure
MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY, TO RE-ADOPT MUNICIPAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

10. Tax refunds
MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK, TO APPROVE A TOTAL OF SIX TAX REFUNDS TOTALING \$1, 193.93 AS PRESENTED BY THE TAX COLLECTOR. ALL AYE

11. Approval of Board of Selectmen meeting minutes:

a) Budget meeting, January 25, 2016

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY, TO APPROVE JANUARY 25, 2016 BUDGET MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

b) Regular meeting, January 25, 2016

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK, TO APPROVE JANUARY 25, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

c) Budget meeting, February 3, 2016

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY, TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 3, 2016 BUDGET MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

d) Special meeting, February 17, 2016

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY STEVE LEVY, TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 17, 2016 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK, TO ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARING AT 8:00 P.M. ALL AYE

MOTION BY LAURA FRANCIS, SECONDED BY JOHN SZEWCZYK, TO RECONVENE TO REGULAR MEETING AT 9:00 P.M. ALL AYE

12. Selectmen's comments

None

13. Old/New business

- a) L. Francis will be attending an on-site meeting Wednesday, March 2nd, 10:00 a.m. with CTDOT personnel and members of public works, at the intersection of Route 68 and Route 157 to discuss safety issues.
- b) L. Francis will be attending a meeting with Middlesex Hospital Paramedic service on Friday, March 4th at 10:00 a.m.
- c) Dedication of Town Green trees will be held on Saturday, April 23rd, on the Town Green. Reception to follow at the Library sponsored by the Durham Garden Club in conjunction with the Durham Town Green Revitalization Project Committee. All are invited.
- d) The CTDOT will be re-surfacing and re-striping the section of Route 77 from the Guilford town line to Route 17 during the 2016 construction season.
- e) L. Francis is a member of the Diversity Working Group; started due to the controversy last fall surrounding a band being brought into the Durham Fair. This group is starting a conversation amongst residents and churches as how to address bringing diversity into the community. They will be meeting this Thursday at 1:00 p.m. J. Szewczyk noted that diversity should be encouraged in advertisement of any future recruitment.
- f) L. Francis will be attending the National Association of Workforce Boards conference in Washington DC, March 12-15th.
- g) The Board of Finance is continuing work on the fy16-17 budget.

14. Public comments

Rick Parmelee stated that he felt the Resident State Trooper was doing a very good job and he was pleased that the intersection of Route 68 and Route 157 was going to be looked at.

15. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata