Town of Greenville Board of Selectmen Minutes – June 12, 2019

In the absence of the Chair, Selectman Reardon called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 46 Main Street, Greenville at 3:30 p.m. Present: Selectmen Doug Reardon and Margaret Bickford, and Town Administrator Tara Sousa.

Meet with Rob Lauricella Re: Utility Partners Monthly Report

The Selectmen met with Rob Lauricella to review the Utility Partners monthly report. Mr. Lauricella reported there had been issues with the influent sensor, which may have been related to a recent power failure. Selectman Reardon asked the status of the water plant lagoon project. Mr. Lauricella answered that it had still been too wet in that area. Selectwoman Bickford asked about the fire hydrant at Route 31 and Pleasant Street. Mr. Lauricella answered that they now had the parts to repair it. The Town Administrator noted the copper readings on the wastewater report, asking if we had met our permit limit once in May. Mr. Lauricella confirmed that our minimum reading in May achieved the recommended permit limit. The need to be able to meet consistently was discussed. Mr. Lauricella asked if the invoices for chemicals were coming less frequently. The Town Administrator indicated that the chemical usage had been reduced and would likely be well under budget for the year.

Old Business

Purple Heart Trail

The Selectmen reviewed a sample proclamation for becoming a Purple Heart town, and the Selectmen confirmed their desire to designate Greenville as such. Selectman Reardon suggested that Veteran's Day would be a meaningful date to have the ceremony. The Town Administrator explained that there is a Nashua chapter of the Order of the Purple Heart, which she will contact regarding the signs and ceremony. The Selectmen discussed wanting signs coming into town on Route 31, as well as from New Ipswich (Route 123) and Temple (Route 45).

Business Roundtable

The Town Administrator reported that the Business Roundtable hosted here in the meeting room had been successful, with 4 business/property owners attending. The discussion had been constructive, with concerns relayed about taxes, poorly maintained buildings, and a number of other issues. She relayed that there had been interest by attendees in a business-driven effort to positively impact economic development, versus a town-sanctioned committee. She reported that the group of volunteers had not yet met again, but that the discussion had been documented, and a report would be presented at a later date. Rick Miller thanked the Selectmen for their support of this event and the Town Administrator for her involvement in planning and executing it.

New Business

3rd of July Vendor Applications, Parade Details, Etc.

The Selectmen reviewed a new vendor application for the 3rd of July event. They expressed support for the revised designation of vendors, which allowed Town of Greenville entities and non-profits to have space at zero cost, and a reduced fee of \$20 for crafters and other non-commercial food vendors. The

Selectmen also reviewed new parade rules. The Town Administrator relayed that Ed White has agreed to inspect floats for safety while he is at the field for the fireworks. Selectwoman Bickford asked about the planning for the event. The Town Administrator discussed anticipated vendor applications and some additional children's activities planned at the field.

SRF Pre-application

The Selectmen reviewed a sample SRF pre-application. The Town Administrator reported that Steve Clifton of Underwood had recommended filing an updated application in anticipation of the resolution of the (NPDES) discharge permit, which may involve funding the previously recommended PAC building at the wastewater plant. There is no cost to file the pre-application, and it does not bind the Town to any course of action, but it may give in indication of where the project would fall on the list of funding priorities.

Motion by Selectman Reardon, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to file an SRF pre-application for the potential wastewater PAC building.

Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

Appointment to SWRPC

The Town Administrator relayed that she was willing to be appointed by the Planning Board to one of two empty seats the Town currently has on the Southwest Regional Planning Commission. She was hopeful that a Planning Board member, or another interested resident would fill the other seat. Selectman Reardon asked her what the time commitment would be, and she answered that there are four meetings a year. She expressed that her interest is to elevate Greenville's profile, and "have a seat at the table." There were no objections to the Town Administrator accepting the appointment.

Letter from Trustees of Trust Funds Re: Closure of 2 Funds

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Trustees of Trust Funds indicating that a Department of Revenue review had identified two funds which should have been closed pursuant to Town Meeting votes, those being the Library expendable trust and the Parks & Recreation Improvement expendable trust. Selectwoman Bickford asked if or how those funds could be used. The Town Administrator explained that they would be deposited to the general fund, as per the motions to dissolve the funds.

Avitar Abatement Response: NNETC, Morey, Kopec

The Selectmen reviewed Gary Roberge's (Avitar) response to the 2018 NNETC (Fairpoint) abatement, which recommended a reduction of \$43,100 of the public right-of-way assessment.

Motion by Selectman Reardon, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to approve the recommendation of Avitar Associates and grant an abatement of \$43,100 to NNETC, Map UTIL Lot FAIR, for the 2018 tax year.

The Selectmen reviewed Evan Roberge's (Avitar) response to an abatement filed by Betty Lou Morey, Map 1 Lot 70-6, which recommended an adjustment of the condition of a shed, which would result in a \$1,100 reduction of the assessed value.

Motion by Selectman Reardon, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to approve the recommendation of Avitar Associates and grant an abatement of \$1,100 to Betty Lou Morey, Map 1 Lot 70-6, for the 2018 tax year.

The Selectmen reviewed Evan Roberge's response to an abatement filed by the administrator of the Jason Martinez Kopec estate. The Town Administrator noted that the abatement was filed after the deadline for 2018, and that the recommended changes, which resulted in a reduction of the assessment by \$11,000, were already entered on the tax card for 2019. No action was necessary by the Board.

The Town Administrator notified the Selectmen that she and Evan Roberge had met with Mr. and Mrs. DeSautels for a required settlement attempt before their appeal could be scheduled with the Board of Tax and Land Appeals (BTLA). She explained that the main issue the owners were objecting to surrounded the methodology of a site value being listed as a feature on their tax card, which Avitar uses to account for market value difference of a home's placement in one park versus another. She stated that she and Mr. Roberge were unable to resolve the DeSautels' concerns, so the matter will be scheduled for a hearing before the BTLA

Selectman Reardon announced a recess at 4:15 p.m., to await the arrival of Building Inspector Scott Tenney. Mr. Tenney arrived 4:25 p.m.

Meet with Bernard Leblanc Re: Pleasant Street Park

Bernard Leblanc, of 46 Pleasant Street, requested to meet with the Board over concerns that Pleasant Street Park was being reestablished as a mobile home park. He asked if this was occurring, and Mr. Tenney confirmed that he had issued one building permit for the placement of a mobile home. The Selectmen reviewed a notice of decision Mr. Tenney issued upon receiving said building permit. He expressed in the meeting that per his analysis of the Town's zoning, the use was conforming, and he could not deny the permit. Mr. Leblanc contended that the use was non-conforming, and per Section 3.4, a non-conforming use discontinued for one or more years was no longer allowed. Mr. Leblanc noted the residential lot size in the Residential District as 1 acre per single family unit. Mr. Tenney suggested that Mr. Leblanc's objection would be and appeal of an administrative decision, which would go before the Zoning Board. The cost of filing such an appeal was discussed. Selectman Reardon discussed an issue with underground water leaks which occurred at the subject property. The Selectmen discussed having the Atty Biron Bedard review Mr. Tenney's analysis before any additional permits were requested or issued. Selectwoman Bickford asked Mr. Tenney for clarification on how newer zoning changes are applied to existing property uses, which he explained. The Selectmen directed to Town Administrator to forward Atty. Bedard the information to obtain his analysis for review at the next meeting.

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The Selectmen:

- Reviewed, discussed, and approved the minutes of the May 22, 2019 meeting.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved check manifests for accounts payable and payroll.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Backflow Device Permits: SAU 87.
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved Purchase Orders: Water/Sewer, Highway Departments.

Motion by Selectman Reardon, 2nd by Selectwoman Bickford, to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried with 2 in favor, none opposed.

Submitted by: Tara Sousa/Town Administrator

Approved by:
Carla C. Mary/Chairperson
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Douglas A. Peardon/Selectman
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Margaret Bickford/Selectwoman