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Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting  
Video/teleconference meeting  
May 19, 2021  
Zoom – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were First Selectman James B. Cosgrove, Second Selectman Raymond Dunbar and Third Selectman Angela M. Higgins. Also present were: Alex Palluzzi, Director, Parks and Recreation; Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Director, Sustainability and Compliance; Lisa Arpin, Town Clerk; Brian Devlin, Superintendent, WPCA; Ray Ingraham, Carolyn Sires and Frank Twohill, RTM members; Shirley McCarthy; Mr. Nichols, Todd Petrowski, and Wayne Cooke.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the minutes of May 5, 2021. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from Alex Palluzzi, Director of Parks and Recreation to waive the bid for the purchase and installation of trees, bushes, plants and other materials for the Foote Park Tennis Courts Viewing Area Renovation Project and award the contract to Van Wilgen's Garden Center in the amount of \$22,593. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from the Fireworks Committee to waive the bid for the 2021 Fireworks display and award the contract to Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$24,000. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

The report from Brian Devin was moved to later in the agenda.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to exercise the town's option to extend the Curbside Collection contract for an additional one year at previously bid prices. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to exercise the town's option to extend the Disposal of Newspaper, Cardboard and Office Paper contract for an additional one year at previously bid prices. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to exercise the town's option to extend the Disposal of Commingled Containers contract for an additional one year at previously bid prices. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to exercise the town's option to extend the Hauling of Newspaper, Bottles & Cans and Cardboard contract for an additional one year at previously bid prices. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to exercise the town's option to extend Recycling of Scrap Metal contract for an additional one year at previously bid prices. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a recommendation from the Solid Waste Management Commission to exercise the town's option to extend the Management of Bulky Waste contract for an additional one year at previously bid prices. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Brian Devlin, Superintendent, Wastewater Treatment Facility provided a report concerning emergency work that was necessary to repair and replace a section of force main located on Maple Street. Motion made by Selectman Dunbar to accept the report. Seconded by Selectwoman Higgins. Vote unanimous.

Green Use:

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve a request from MADD for use of the Town Green on Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 7:30 a.m. to noon to hold the annual Walk Like MADD event. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

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Reappointments:

Regional Water Authority – Representative Policy Board

Mario Ricoszi term to expire June 30, 2024. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the reappointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Appointments:

Conservation / Environmental Commission

Heather Wells-Sweeney to fill a vacancy left by Michael McGuinness term to expire July 31, 2023. Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to approve the appointment. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Correspondence – First Selectman Cosgrove read a letter from Wayne Cooke concerning the establishment of an ad hoc committee for the Tabor property.

Other – Mr. Nichols addressed the board and stated that the town is lacking playing field space particularly for lacrosse and suggested that there should be a least 6 lacrosse fields installed at the Tabor Property.

Motion made by Selectwoman Higgins to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Dunbar. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Trista Milici  
Clerk