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Selectmen's Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Belmont Mill, Tioga Meeting Room

Present were Chairman Ruth Mooney, Selectman Jon Pike, Selectman Claude Patten, Jr., TA Jeanne Beaudin via zoom, Assistant TA Alicia Jipson, Fire Chief Mike Newhall, DPW Director Craig Clairmont, B&G Supervisor Patrick Golden, Mary Charnley, Jessica Ellis-Hopkins, Hillary Ciampi-Horn, Ron Mitchell, Eileen Gilbert, and Katherine Davis via Zoom.

Those present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes

Selectman Claude Patten, Jr. moved the minutes of the meeting held on April 25, 2022 as written; seconded by Selectman Jon Pike, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Lakes Region Public Access- ATA Jipson commented that upon TA Beaudin's retirement her position on the LRPA Board will need to be replaced. It has been recommended that Alan MacRae move from at-large to full representative. Selectman Pike motioned to appoint Alan MacRae as Belmont Representative to serve on the LRPA Board; seconded by Selectman Mooney.

LCHIP Incentive Program- The Conservation Commission received their annual incentive from the LCHIP in the amount of \$250 for their annual reporting for the Currier-Sanborn Conservation Area. Selectman Pike motioned to accept the LCHIP funds in the amount of \$250.00 for their annual reporting for the Currier-Sanborn Conservation Area then to be deposited into the Conservation Commission fund; seconded by Selectman Patten and the motion passed unanimously.

Library Trustees Discussion of Future Building Plans- Mary Charnley indicated that the Trustees are looking to expand the library. A feasibility study was done and a blueprint provided and renderings done and their suggestion was to make the addition to the back. Moving the process forward is very expensive and the Trustees want to see where the Board stands, since it is their oversight. Want to get their approval before we make plans and move forward. Would also like to seek some guidance on the needs they see for the town. There is a need for more

rooms for programs and a need for more books and the room to put them in. The spaces in the Library are not very inviting to patrons. It is small and too close for proper activities. Selectman Mooney responded that it is their next step to get Town Hall moved on over to the Mill freeing up Town Hall for the Rec Department and possible meeting rooms. Library Director Eileen Gilbert commented that the rendering shows the addition to the left with the bandstand moving slightly more to the left. Eileen has been looking at federal and private grants to help fund the expansions, and reaching out to other libraries who have recently done additions to see their process. Last year the Trustees sent out a survey on the needs of the patrons and feels another survey to non-patrons would also be helpful to see what needs they feel the community needs. Selectman Pike asked how much money they have saved up in capital reserves. TA Beaudin responded that they currently have \$309,053.15. without adding this year's appropriation of \$25,000. M. Charnley also asked about the regulations if they expand about moving the monument and bandstand if it is needed, and overall is seeking the Board's approval to do the addition on the Town land. Ron Mitchell added that the library is small and you would really need to go straight back and up. Selectman Mooney added that when we constructed the PD, it was a design build. We hired and they built it, and it worked out very well for us. TA Beaudin added that we have finished our 5-year compliance on the Bandstand, and believes that when we were looking at its current location everyone felt that an addition of the library would fit and would not obstruct the view. TA Beaudin will reach out to LCHIP to see if moving it slightly will be allowed. The Board felt that the Trustees really needed to come to the BOS with a plan and ideas of how big and what was needed and where exactly they wanted to put it before they could decide. More information is needed.

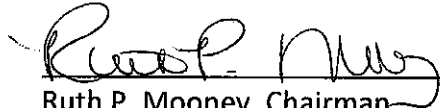
Old Business

Cameras at Sargent Park Update- ATA Jipson commented that TA Beaudin is suggesting that funds for the camera upgrade be taken as follows: \$4,500 from Parks n Rec Maintenance & Repairs line and \$4,963 from the Municipal Facilities budget line. TA Beaudin commented that we are only paying for half up front now and if by the time the install is complete we will have a better idea of the Parks budget and if there is room to take from that line we will. At this time the timeline for the install is about 4-6 weeks out from now. The BOS at their previous meeting had approved of the camera installs upgrade.


Bank Retaining Wall- Building & Grounds has completed work on painting the retaining wall and came in a little under budget. Patrick is proposing that the right-hand side get painted as well as it is also chipping away and unsightly. The cost to repaint the wall will cost \$250. The Board unanimously agreed to go ahead and paint the rest of the wall.

Next meeting will be May 16, 2022 10:00 am

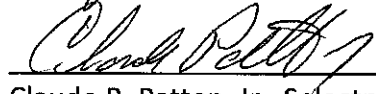
The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Ruth P. Mooney, Chairman



Jon Pike, Vice-Chairman



Claude B. Patten, Jr., Selectman