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Selectboard Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Tuesday, July 11, 2023, 6:30 pm
Lower Meeting Room, Warner Town Hall, 5 E Main St

I. 6:30 pm Open Meeting/ Roll Call

Selectboard Chair Christine Frost opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Present: Chair, Selectboard Members Harry Seidel and Jody Sloane; Town Administrator Diane Ricciardelli, Selectboard Administrative Assistant Judith Newman-Rogers, Assessing Clerk Elizabeth Labbe, Neil Nevins, Charlie Albano, Ian Rogers, Meg Whitmore

Arriving Later in the Meeting: Varick Proper, Peter Anderson

II. Meeting Minutes – No minutes

III. Public Comment

Charlie Albano, Economic Development Advisory Committee Chair (EDAC)

Verifying the Board had received documents concerning the Warner Community Center (WCC): SMP Building Evaluation Reports, Resilient Buildings Group Energy Audit and the letter of recommendations from the EDAC sub-committee. He asked that the Board review these. The sub-committee will schedule a meeting to discuss implementing recommendations.

Martha Mical

Spoke in support of the Food Pantry; it is important to the Town; many people need it. Then Martha said she felt the Administration was “harassing” the Food Pantry and it needs to stop. Martha gave an example; Town Administrator provided details and said an apology was sent immediately explaining the error.

When asked for other examples of “harassment”, none were provided. Chair said the plan is to hold quarterly meetings with the WCC tenants to discuss contacts, procedures, etc. Martha provided information on how things were done in the past when the WCC had a maintenance person. Chair said the many building issues will be addressed.

Selectperson Seidel: had concerns about the Food Pantry; did not see the topic on the agenda and would like to discuss it; asked the Chair - if this is an appropriate time since the Food Pantry was just brought up.

Chair: if he “thinks it is.”

Selectperson Seidel: has concerns about the Chair's actions - signing a contract after changing it without his knowledge; he would like to give her a chance to explain.

Chair: it is important to her that the entire Board be on the same page; "critically important"; the Board talked about \$400 a month (rent for Warner Connects), space, other things; it was anticipated there would be signed contracts for Gear Up and Warner Connects on Friday (June 30); "it was down to the wire, no one wanted to sign anything".

Chair: it was probably 2-3 hours of her Friday afternoon trying to make that work, "absolutely not an issue" – from her perspective – if there was a key that had already been delivered, did that need to be stated in the contract; if there was something she thought was a material change, she would never have done that; her goal was to get the contract/lease signed; no one had been able to do that at a meeting; it was signed and a (rent) check was received; if Selectpersons Seidel and Sloane did not want to sign, it was "perfectly fine"; the contract becomes null and void (not signed by a majority of the Board); they would return to the original lease.

Selectperson Seidel: by law, the Selectboard acts collectively.

Chair: "Absolutely!"

Selectperson Seidel: he and Jody are new, they look to the Chair for guidance; he read the book (Chair created and distributed a notebook of information to both new members at the first Selectboard meeting) and it says Board members do not have any power individually; it is not granted in the RSA's for one member to change a contract. He asked what happened that the contract (for Warner Connects) was changed; he wanted to understand what happened because there was a typed contract, ready to sign.

Chair: they were not going to sign what the Board had agreed on.

Selectperson Seidel: that was OK.

Chair: it was not ok in her mind – an error on her part, absolutely; there was nothing changed that she felt was a material change; she agreed 100% with what Selectperson Seidel was saying; it was her error and they are back to the original contract.

Selectperson Seidel: asked the Chair if she was saying she took the contract and changed the contract.

Chair: she did.

Selectperson Seidel: asked if the Chair put the contract back (in the office) and asked the other members to come in and sign it.

Chair: No, there was a lot of back and forth and as she has said, it was 3 hours of her afternoon.

Selectperson Seidel: he was coming from the standpoint that to change a contract in the way this contract was changed violates fire and egress codes; the Board knows that because the issue has been brought up before; if there was a situation (at the WCC), and firemen are called, he is shown a contract that states items are allowed to be stored in the hallway, it would have his signature on it because he believed and trusted it was the contract the Board had agreed upon; he would not have read every line of the contract; he asked Chair if she knows he does not support the contract.

Chair: she knows that.

Selectperson Seidel: he said that he would have "held his nose" and signed it but he would have been signing a contract different than what they agreed on; his way of thinking.....

Chair: she wanted to be clear, the contract did not contain any storage at all; what she was told by the entire (Warner Connects Board) is that they get stuck in a situation where they have 4,5,6 different people come and take all the clothes, they have nowhere to sort all of that; so they bring it into the hallway, sort it and it's gone; it's not there for any duration; it's not there overnight; it's not storage; so it sounded reasonable to her; it didn't sound like it was anything of any.... -so at the end, she was wrong; this should not have happened this way, Selectperson Seidel is correct; there is a contract to begin again.

Selectperson Seidel: asked the Chair if she understood this does not comply with the Right to Know Law.

Chair: no, she did not.

Selectperson Seidel: as far as he is concerned, the Board acts as a majority vote in a public meeting and this translates to the public's right to know.....

Chair: I agree with you - for the third time

Selectperson Seidel: so that is a part of the RSA.....

Chair: Yup...

Selectperson Seidel: ... we have done that and we had a contract.....

Chair: Yup...

Selectperson Seidel: he was trying to understand: did the Chair come in and take the contract and then take it and retype it – it was retyped – one phrase was changed to, “at no time” to “only at night” – or something like that; it's a few words but it's a change that's important.....

Chair: Again....

Selectperson Seidel: for fire code and egress; and to me – it's a big deal.

Chair: so we are back

Selectperson Seidel: in Warner, we “play by the rules”...

Chair: Absolutely!

Selectperson Seidel: Now....

Chair: “Sufficiently scolded”; we are back to where we originally started; and they can sign the original lease or not.

Selectperson Seidel: Well....alright.....I'm a little disturbed by this....I sat down and have been thinking about this for days and it's really been hard for me and uh.....

Chair: I'm sorry that I put you in that position.

Selectperson Seidel: So...

Chair: Again – you didn't sign it, Jody didn't sign it, it's null and void so, “it is what it is”.

Selectperson Seidel: Well, it was null and void as soon as it was changed.

Chair: Alright.

Selectperson Seidel: Alright, well...

Chair: Alright, so....

Selectperson Seidel: still have major concerns...

Chair: I do too.

Selectperson Seidel: his concerns since then, he has re-thought his ideas in regard to this “publishing” (?); am I signing a contract that changes the way

Chair: we already established that....

Selectperson Seidel: ...yes, that violates fire code, furthermore, we are being asked to sign a contract with a group that is under investigation by the Attorney General's Office and I'm not signing a contract with a group that's under investigation; and beyond that – and this group,

and I'm new to this, I'm paying attention, I've noticed that the behavior of the group, Warner Connects, has not been a friendly partner that works well with the "Board"(?); it's been repeated times that their behavior is showing the opposite of that; and I find it troubling; I'm tuned in with people outside the Town Offices who are the kind of people who are interested in the Warner Community Center and interested in Warner, improving Warner; these are the kind of people that on a daily basis commit to their initiative and endeavor; a lot of them want to preserve the community center and bring it into the twentieth century; kinda give it a rebirth; of the people that are involved with that, he could not think of a single one who has not told him that if Warner Connects is involved – "we're not"; so we have a lot to risk here; do we sign a contract with an entity, a group, that is under investigation and throw aside all the other partners in the Town that want to see that building go forward and serve the Town well.

Chair: are you suggesting the Board ask the food pantry to leave.

Selectperson Seidel: yes, I'm suggesting that – I will not sign a contract with the food pantry (Warner Connects); but he would sign a contract with "Food For Thought", the people who were diligently working at the food pantry, but who left the food pantry because they refused to work under that supervision; there are a lot of people in the trenches doing the work; they are not the people who were involved in activities that are now under investigation; these are people who are basically "foot soldiers"; in addition to that, there are the secondary organizations like "Kearsarge Regional Partners", "MainStreet Warner", these are groups that bring energy and commitment and resources; all of them are discouraged and saying, "If you give a contract to Warner Connects", - and they can not understand why we would – their willingness to continue with the mission will erode; if not just stop; it's difficult to go for grants, do anything positive, move forward; it never comes easy; saying something else, he recognizes there is a critical need for food for some people of Warner – he was not saying that he is against getting people the food they need, we can get through it; he knows he's going back on when he signed it; but when he signed it, he really wasn't sure he was signing a contract that would be accepted; he was under the impression that this was a contract.....

Chair: you didn't sign it –

Selectperson Seidel:he did not accept it because it would not be able to execute the things that they would need to do; and he still did not know if they had.

Chair: first you said you did not sign it and now you say you did.

Selectperson Seidel: he was talking about when the Board actually sat in a meeting and came up with.....

Chair: ...votes.

Selectperson Seidel:with the actual architecture of the agreement.

Chair: Ok. Ok.

Selectperson Seidel: that was not a contract that was signed but he did vote for that and that was a mistake.

Chair: Yes, we voted for the \$400 rent – but anyway

Selectperson Seidel: For the record he said that is where he is; he understood that.....

Chair: It's ok. That's ok. First of all, it's really hard because the only place they can have these conversations is in public.

Selectperson Seidel: and it should be in public.

Chair: so, thank you, for bringing the issue forward; she said they did vote – they voted on the amount and the space, not the Warner Connects contract; she wanted to make sure that that is clear; but any way, there has been no other entity, that she is aware of, that has come forward and said, “This is what we do and this is the space we need to do it in, can we lease here?”; that is not how it happens;

Selectperson Seidel: They came to a meeting...

Chair: Who is “they”?

Selectperson Seidel: They were very polite, and respecting that Warner Connects “was the show in the main circle of the tent”; they came and did not say they wanted to push Warner Connects out; Dan Morrison, wife Susan and Meg Whitmore – who is here at the meeting tonight - that is the group, they are ready and willing to move.

Chair: then they shouldanyway, that has nothing to do with the Board signing the lease for current tenants

Selectperson Seidel: Yes, right –well....

Chair: So– thank you to –

Selectperson Seidel: You’re welcome to.....

Chair: I think this really needs more discussion, we can have that discussion, we can put it on an agenda in the future.

Selectperson Seidel: Can we put it on the agenda for the next meeting? I’d like to make a motion that we do that –

Chair: Yeah, in fact, I want to talk to you guys about all the agendas moving forward.

Selectperson Seidel: Can the motion be specific enough to in fact say it is to discuss a contract with “Food For Thought” taking over the food pantry?

Chair: That is not for the Board to do; ok, because the Board is not here to guide or figure out what the non-profits of the world are doing; the Board is a landlord, they have a space that currently people are occupying, so if people, if there’s a proposal, someone needs space, then that is something the Board can entertain as the Board’s place as municipal leaders of a municipal building but if you’re suggesting it is the Board’s role to manage all the non-profits in the Town- that’s not the role of the Board.

Selectperson Seidel: What he was suggesting – they are the Selectboard, and they manage the contracts and as he understands it Warner Connects does not have a lease in WCC space; they are occupying it without a lease.

Chair: That is correct.

Selectperson Seidel: Ok, so they are occupying it without a lease, they are under investigation by the Attorney General, they have – in his presence, in the 3+ months on the Board – he has witnessed them come to the Board –

Chair: ok – just stop for a second because we can talk all day long about what Warner Connects “is and isn’t”, “may or may not” be doing, how well they are run or however you want to say in conversations, the Board’s role is managing a building, where she has not seen anything proposed to the Board from any entity that says they want space – she hasn’t seen it.

Selectperson Sloane: feels like the Board is being asked, in this situation, by Harry, to displace a group that serves the community; it is that plain for her; and she is not at all comfortable doing that; because – grant it, there is no lease- but they are not in violation of any kind of an

arrangement the Town has with them; she would like to clear up the issues of what the Fire Department and Department of Labor have asked of the hallways – they are trying to address that, a conversation still needs to be had to resolve it but “no way, shape or form” is she comfortable with the idea of displacing a food pantry that is serving the needs of the community right now as they stand; DOJ – all of that aside, that need is being met and she can’t in her mind, mitigate or find a way to fit into that world that Selectperson Seidel is expressing; she just can’t.

Selectperson Seidel: Ok.

Selectperson Sloane: That’s where I stand; I just can’t –

Selectperson Seidel: I understand, I understand your point, his thought was not “displacing” but “replacing”; that’s the difference; still serving a community that needs to be served; he just wanted the Board to understand another aspect; they have a building that needs a lot of TLC; it’s going to require a lot of initiative and effort made by people in this Town to go out into the resources to do it; those efforts are going to be severely handicapped if – even abandoned – he happens to know this because he is aware – he wanted the Board to also be aware.

Chair: has said it before and will say it again, to her, the building has had significant years of deferred maintenance and it needs a lot of work; she doesn’t think anyone would argue that; in her mind it is either something the tax payers want to step up to the plate for or they don’t; that is for them to decide; if we sell it – we sell it.

Chair: we have spent half an hour on a subject that is not even on the agenda. Calling on Martha Mical whose hand was raised, Chair asked Martha to be quick with her comments.

Martha said she wanted Selectperson Seidel to know that the people working at the food pantry at this time are not connected with Warner Connects; they are individuals that stepped forward.... It (Warner Connects) came “unglued” and they (current individuals) “plunged in” and are doing the job. The workers are not connected to Warner Connects but by law, “we have to still use that name”.

Selectperson Seidel: asked Martha if Peter Anderson was still the Chair. (of Warner Connects)

Chair: we are getting “way off the subject”.

Martha: Peter is “around there” but.....

Chair (and Selectperson Seidel): Peter Anderson is still the Chair of Warner Connects.

Martha: did not think so, they have a new board ...

Chair: they have a new board and Peter is the Chair, he is staying on until December.....

Meg Whitmore, member of the audience: Peter is still the Chair, staying on until December, still in charge of the Family Thrift Store, all of which comes under the “Warner Connects” heading; the issue here is – I’ll make it brief – the issue here is not the dedicated volunteers – of which you are one (looking to Martha Mical); she (Meg) kept the pantry going when pretty much everyone else had left; “we know what we are doing”; we are the “foot soldiers”;

Martha: Right.

Meg: The issue here is the behavior and the management – she knows they (the Board) does not like that word – but the management of Warner Connects is under investigation; the lies have been consistent; the misdirection has been consistent; she did not know why; if they don’t move away – if the Andersons do not step aside for a competent set of managers to come in and take that food pantry and make it fly; at this point – this is my last point - there is not “one

shred of support” for the current management systems of Warner Connects; Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners, MainStreet Warner, Food for Thought, Feed Kearsarge, Kearsarge Food Hub, these are critical – *critical* – for this segment to be well served; it’s not enough to have a bag of food handed to you that’s USDA quality and say, “Here’s your food – now get lost!”.

Martha: That’s not what’s happening.

Meg: That’s what it’s about.

Chair: (hands in the air) Ok Ok! I’m going to call this a day.

Meg: So please consider this in your thought process; it’s not just about what you are seeing here; Martha is absolutely right; the foot soldiers are powerful(?) but we can do better; this Town

Chair: It is probably not the purview of the Selectboard, it is simple, this is the point, so we’re going to move on to Correspondence....

Charlie Albano: I have one question, real simple – is the Attorney General’s Office investigating and is that a public record? Is it a public document and what is the status of that?

Chair: You will have to ask them; it has nothing to do with us (the Board).

Charlie: It has nothing to do with the Town of Warner?

Chair: None.

Meg: In a public owned building?

Chair: Nope, just like.....

Meg: In a Town owned building? You’re not concerned about an organization coming under investigation? I’m curious.

Chair: I’m not.

Selectperson Seidel: I am.

Chair:not at the moment.

Meg: Well, ok...wow.

Selectperson Seidel: I am.

Chair: and we were doing a 6 month lease in order to be able to get things more in line, um, clearly, there’s help, uh- that they’re getting; I’ve never in my life seen anyone get a 501(c)3 status in a matter of weeks.

Meg: I have; Food for Thought just did it.

Chair: yeah, so, well I guess the IRS has changed, but anyway, um, I think we need to call this a day; and actually have this on an agenda and have a conversation about it that we’re prepared to have a conversation about and not take up time that we have to do other things that we have on the agenda; so, thank you for the conversation Harry.

Selectperson Seidel: I appreciate that and thank you very much for the way you laid it out; I really do appreciate you letting me bring it up.

Chair: No problem.

Selectperson Seidel: so on the 18th we’ll entertain another group coming with a proposal?

Chair: Ok.

Selectperson Seidel: Thank you, Christine.

IV. Correspondence

1. In response to Chairs comment that she did not see any correspondence, Town Administrator Diane Ricciardelli said the first section of her Administrators Report is always “Correspondence” followed by “Update”

V. Town Administrator's Report

July 11, 2023

Town Administrator report to Select Board

Correspondence:

June 23, 2023 - Ann Brealt, neighbor of Gamil Azmy, registered complaint about sheep without food/water/shelter. Reported to the Warner PD and called Gamil who reported that his animals have water/food/shelter.

June 23, 2023 – Gamil Azmy – registered complaint against neighbor across the street who is shooting his gun many times per day. Sent to PD for follow-up.

Selectboard Chair received a complaint that the Ruffs, on West Joppa, had too many registered vehicles on their property. Police Chief, Chandler, reported:

The Ruff residence was checked and there were 3 vehicles in the driveway. A black Kia and a black GMC truck which both had valid registration. The third vehicle was a white SUV which we were unable to determine if it had valid registration.

Janice Storch, who is building a home in Town, called to express her gratitude for the work that Judy Newman-Rogers did with the building permit and keeping the builder informed of septic and shoreline protection questions that were asked by a resident. Janice wanted the Board to know that she felt everything was handled professionally and she hopes to be a resident soon.

637 Schoodac Road – Has called twice this month about speeding cars on Schoodac. Informed the resident that we have ordered speed checking signs that will slow down drivers and will let him know when they arrive.

Pleasant Pond Water Test came back within normal limits of E.Coli. Harry and I discussed this today and he would like to take the next step to testing a septic system near the pond.

Selectperson Seidel called the lab, found out the reading of 69.7 is in the high end of normal and 88 is the number that would require action. He explained the Pond is spring fed, there is no exit; if there is no natural cleansing (water flows in then out) then this is like a “back-up”. Residents are saying it is getting worse. Selectperson Seidel reviewed the regulations, a Selectboard has authority to act but there must be evidence of the problem. He said they legally can not force someone to do something unless they have the evidence but if it's a closed system and it's going to degrade, Selectperson Seidel said he felt sorry for the residents who couldn't go swimming. He suggested the Town pay for the test of the suspected failed septic system and fix it if there is a problem.

Chair asked under what authority the Board had to do that.

Selectperson Seidel said RSA 147 (Public Health, Chapter 147, Nuisances; Toilets; Drains; Expectations; Rubbish and Waste) and read a section to the Board.

Town Administrator Diane Ricciardelli said she had spoken to the owner of the property thought to have the failed septic system; he said his system was fine and he has it emptied. Diane told the owner that nothing has been established to make it believed that any impurities exit his system; she will let him know if there are any future issues.

Chair said this may be a natural “eutrophication” of the pond and in 50 years it will be a marsh. Selectperson Seidel did not think it was.

Tom’s pond clear cut – Did not appear to be a violation, and this raised the issue of a policy for enacting a fine if there is a violation. Resident contacted DES but have not heard a report yet.

Romeo Dubreuil complaint – Tim Allen and Elizabeth Labbe were unable to locate the house. Roads as described by Romeo do not intersect. Emailed Romeo to better identify the area in question.

Updates:

DRA Reports - updated meeting minutes and MS737 for DRA to complete our work for the year for 2023 for the budget cycle and Town Meeting.

Expenses and revenue reports: Reports sent to the selectboard and budget committee. Expenses are at 45% at 50% through the year, and revenue is at 50% received. Fire Department had a record number of calls in June: 63. Watching the wage and electric line of the FD as it will be very close.

Selectboard member Jody Sloane inquired about **grants:**

Housing Grant – \$11,450 (100% InvestNH)

Ground Water Grant – \$14,300 (100% completed)

Exit 9 Rail Trail – \$1,203,200 (80/20. 20% already raised by Concord Lake Sunapee Rail Trail (CLSRT)

Exit 8 Rail Trail – \$3,000,000 (80/20. 20% to be raised by CLSRT)

Town Hall Roof – \$49,900 project (50/50 LCHIP, and 20k Mooseplate. Under review. Aug 1 meeting with LCHIP)

Police Department - \$24,973 (100%)

Ballard Brook Culvert - \$213,000 (50/50)

Contracts for Community Center

All Contracts are signed except for the Warner Connects. I contacted Apryl and she will raise the topic at her board meeting on July 12, 2023.

VI. Appointments

Elizabeth Labbe, Assessing Clerk, Forms for Signatures

- i. **PA-16 Application for Reimbursement to Towns and Cities in Which Federal and State Forest Land is Situated**
- ii. **PA-28 Inventory for Taxable Property** – in 2014 a Motion to discontinue the use of this form for the Town was passed; it is in effect until rescinded.
- iii. **Intent to Cut:** 23-463-11-T
- iv. **1 Veteran's Tax Credit**
- v. **4 Elderly Exemptions** – Elizabeth said the Selectboard may want to consider increasing the income limits for the elderly exemption; income has not been reviewed in many years; the change can be made by a vote at Town Meeting

VII. Old Business - None

VIII. New Business

1. CAI Services Contract, Tax Map Conversion & Parcel Updating

Elizabeth Labbe, Assessing Clerk, said she could have someone come to a meeting from CAI Services to answer questions. Chair said if Bristol and Sweet digitalized the tax maps and have the map “Data layers” they belong to the Town; we received paper copies of tax maps; they probably did not give the data layers to the Town because the Town does not have the capacity to house them; if they can send them to the Town, the Town does not need to have that work done going forward in the map project; the CAI contract says they will transfer Town .pdf files and digitalize them. Elizabeth will check with Bristol and Sweet.

Selectperson Sloane said the Planning Board discussed adding the mapping of the Groundwater Protection Area into the Town mapping project. Elizabeth said it would be exciting to have other overlays included as well.

August 1 was scheduled for the next discussion.

IX. Other Business

1. Selectperson Seidel thanked Neil Nevins for his service and told the Board that Neil was stepping down from the Planning Board as an Alternate Member. Selectperson Seidel said Ian Rogers had submitted a Volunteer Form; he has been talking to Ian who is on the Housing Advisory Committee; Ian attends Planning Board meetings and was appointed a Co-Facilitator of the Housing Advisory Committee at last night’s Planning Board meeting.

Chair asked Selectboard Ex-officio Planning Board Member Sloane if this appointment was discussed at the previous night’s Planning Board Meeting. Selectperson Sloane said it was not.

Selectperson Seidel said he believes the Selectboard appoints members to the Planning Board.

Chair said, “We do”. Selectperson Seidel said in a previous process, it was the Planning Board that would recommend or suggest a Planning Board candidate to the Selectboard.

Selectboard Administrative Assistant Judy Newman-Rogers agreed saying the process was changed when the Planning Board Chair Ben Frost said the Planning Board should not recommend and the Selectboard is the appointing authority who should decide who is on a Town Board.

Selectperson Sloane said that is the impression she got from the Planning Board meeting based on Planning Board member Derek Narducci’s desire to be appointed to Central Regional New Hampshire Planning Commission (CRNHPC); she concurred with the statements that Chair Ben Frost preferred to have appointments made by the Selectboard.

Sitting in the audience, Neil Nevins was allowed to speak. He said the process was previously as explained it; he and George Pelletier were interviewed then appointed by the Selectboard to the Planning Board after submitting volunteer forms. Neil said he was happy to step down and have Ian fill the opening; Ian has shown a commitment to volunteering to be a Co-Facilitator on the Housing Advisory Committee; he brings a calm demeanor and real

competence not only to the committee as co-facilitator but a “sorely needed presence” on the Planning Board.

Selectperson Seidel motion: To Appoint Ian Rogers to the Planning Board as an Alternate Members. Chair Second. Voice Vote: All in Favor. Motion Passed.

Chair looked at an audience member and asked if he is Ian. Ian said, “yes” and said it wasn’t clear if he should speak. Selectperson Sloane said Ian was Co-facilitator along with Bill Hanson on the Housing Advisory Committee.

Ian thanked Neil for his comments, listed some of his qualifications and what he hoped to contribute; one of his interests is to discuss and analyze complex issues, it is important to him and for Warner to have open and honest discussions that try to include everyone and to be fair. He said he would like to bring that equality and open discussion to the Planning Board.

2. Selectperson Sloane said from the Planning Board, they are asked to delegate management, the Invest NH grand is already under Landuse, but they would like for oversight of the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) to be officially handed to the Planning Board because it is still under the Selectboard. She said the Selectboard has not legitimized the Planning Board’s role as overseeing HAC.

Chair said she thought they did. Selectperson Sloane said she reviewed the minutes and did not see a motion and it seemed to her the Selectboard did not say, “this is now yours”, to the Planning Board.

Chair asked if the Planning Board wanted to establish a Housing Committee. She said initially there was a lot of pushback that the Planning Board would not create a new committee, they would do the housing project. Selectperson Sloane agreed. Chair said the Selectboard asked the Planning Board to invite others to participate and not with the idea that there would be an advisory committee created but now the Planning Board has created the Housing Advisory Committee.

Selectperson Seidel asked for clarification on what a motion would be for. Selectperson Sloane said a motion would be to delegate oversight of the HAC to the Planning Board. She said the Planning Board asked for this in the meeting last night and maybe the Selectboard wanted to wait on it.

Selectperson Seidel said it sounded like the Planning Board is asking to have control over the HAC and to make sure they have control of the direction of the committee. Selectperson Sloane agreed.

Chair stated that is what the Selectboard originally asked the Planning Board to do. Selectperson Sloane said with meetings and decisions that have occurred, the Planning Board is saying that if they are going to do this – they want to be all in and oversee it.

Selectperson Sloane Motion to delegate management, oversight authority of the Housing Advisory Committee to the Planning Board. Second - Selectperson Seidel. Voice vote – All in Favor. Motion Passed

3. Selectperson Sloane said also from the Planning Board: to recommend Derek Narducci to Central NH Regional Planning Commission.

Selectperson Sloane Motion to appoint Derek Narducci to the Central NH Regional Planning Commission. Second – Chair. Voice vote. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

4. Chair thanked Town Administrator Diane Ricciardelli for the revenue report saying it is very helpful. Diane said she hoped to go over the report with each selectperson individually, answer any questions they have and said she will also be getting questions from the Budget Committee who also received the report.
5. Chair recognized Varick Proper to speak. He asked about the follow-up of the 6/26 discussion of the skid steer purchase. Chair said her understanding is the topic is on the 7/18th Board Agenda.

Varick told the Board that if nothing is done, the machine the Town has on hold will “go back on the sales floor” and new \$3500 tires will need to be purchased for the current skid steer to continue to be used. Varick answered Chair that Director Tim Allen is aware. Varick said the 6/26 decision was deferred for doing research on a Lease/purchase. He said that option under the terms of the Town was not available so they would have to purchase it outright.

Chair stated the Board needed to have Director Allen, who makes these decisions, and Varick at a meeting to move forward. Members discussed possible resolutions.

Selectperson Seidel Motion to support the decision of Director Tim Allen and Foreman Varick Proper that is verified tomorrow morning with a phone call to Tim. Second for discussion – Chair. Voice vote. Chair – No Seidel – Yes Sloane – No Motion Failed.

Selectperson Sloane said she did not think Tim and Varick had come to an agreement, the Board cannot force this and would prefer Tim to discuss this at the next meeting. She was not opposed to trying, if something can be achieved tomorrow, she was for that but did not want to force something.

Selectperson Seidel asked if confirmation could be made with a phone call. Chair answered, “No”, a posted meeting and “in-person” is necessary. She thanked Varick for attending the meeting, taking time out of his night for something that is very important to him and appreciated the work he does.

X. Consent Agenda

Chair: Motion to Approve as signed by the Warner Selectboard:

1. Building Permits:

Map 09 Lot 032	Cunningham Pond Road
Map 16 Lot 020-1	West Roby District Road
Map 03 Lot 019-1	Hartshorn Lane
2. Demolition Permit

Map 07 Lot 026-1	Farrell Loop
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Voice vote. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

XI. Manifest

Selectperson Seidel: Motion for the Select Board to approve the following previously signed manifests:

- Accounts Payable check numbers 7334 through 7354, dated 6/27/2023, in the amount of \$437,333.13. which includes the 2023 Tax Lien Purchase of \$151,629.66 and the June allocation to the Kearsarge Regional School District of \$267,348.37.
- Accounts Payable check numbers 7355 through 7356, dated 6/27/2023, in the amount of \$54,828.01 for the June 29th payroll and federal tax deposits.
- Payroll checks numbers 3356 through 3365 and direct deposit check numbers E00930 through E00956 dated 6/29/2023 for a net payroll of \$42,069.31.
- Accounts Payable check numbers 7257 through 7383, dated 7/6/2023, in the amount of \$62,166.05.

Selectperson Seidel: Motion to authorize the Select Board to approve and order the Treasurer to sign the following manifests:

- Accounts Payable check numbers 7384 through 7385, dated 7/11/2023, in the amount of \$61,882.56 for the July 13th payroll and federal tax deposits.
- Payroll checks numbers 3366 through 3376 and direct deposit check numbers E00957 through E00989 dated 7/13/2023 for a net payroll of \$47,711.04.

Voice vote. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

X. Non-public Session - 91-A:3 II (If needed)

Speaking to Selectperson Sloane, Chair said she believed Selectperson Sloane wanted to go into a non-public session. Selectperson Sloane said she believed what she was going to do was already resolved earlier.

XI. Adjourn

Selectperson Seidel Motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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