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Town of Grantham Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes June 19, 2019

The Board of Selectmen met for a site walk in the area of 143 Miller Pond Road. Chairman Kimball opened the site walk meeting at 9:11 AM.

Present were: Chairman Warren Kimball, Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Peter Garland; Town Administrator Melissa White; Police Chief John Parsons; Fire Chief Justin Hastings; Road Agent Jeff Hastings; Assistant Road Agent Brian Hastings; Engineer Peter Blakeman; Ken Follensbee; Mark Sanborn; Netlie Sanborn; Sheridan Brown and others

Engineer Peter Blakeman handed out copies of the preliminary plans, and gave an overview of the project which will include road, drainage and guardrail improvements.

Chairman Kimball recessed the meeting at 10:06 AM.

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was reconvened at 10:26 AM in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Present: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Peter Garland; Town Administrator Melissa White; Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper; and Sheridan Brown

Sheridan Brown informed that the Acknowledgements for the LCHIP Application for the Sawyer Brook Headwaters Conservation Project should be signed today so it can be submitted. Brown explained that this page is an acknowledgement of the requirements that go along with LCHIP funding, should the town get it and place the easement on the property. The Acknowledgement states that you have read and understand NH RSA 227-M and LCHIP's Criteria Guidelines and Procedures, hereinafter referred to as "Guidelines", which Brown has done and disclosed to the Board back when this was going to be placed on the Warrant for Town Meeting. He continued that it also states that you further understand that public access to the property including public access for fishing and hunting is required by NH RSA 227-M and the Guidelines and that any change in the scope of this project or failure to comply with the guidelines may result in the withdrawal of funding. Brown said if the Board is comfortable with those conditions, he would ask that they make a motion to authorize Town Administrator White to execute the acknowledgement page for the LCHIP Application.

A motion to authorize Town Administrator Melissa White to execute the Natural Resource Protection Acknowledgement was made by Selectman Garland; seconded by Selectman Jones. ***Unanimously approved.***

Selectman Jones asked Brown who would hire the logger if the Town were to go in and do a selective cut. Brown said the Selectmen could do it or the Selectmen could allow the Conservation Commission to do that. He explained that the Conservation Commission has the authority to manage properties that they purchase on the Town's behalf and those purchases still have to go through Select Board approval. He emphasized that, because of the way this purchase has been structured and achieved with a town meeting vote with funds being appropriated at town meeting for that purpose and the rest coming from LCHIP and private donors, the Conservation Commission does not have an ownership or management role in the property. He stated further that even though it is a town property, Ausbon Sargent has an easement that

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sets the terms of what can happen on the property. It is permanently conserved but it's not something that the Conservation Commission manages. If they want to do trails, signs or something else, they need to come to the Selectmen and get permission.

Brown stated that the closing is scheduled for July 1, 2019 with the Conservation Fund. He reviewed the details and documents that will be signed. He asked the Selectmen to authorize White to sign any closing documents that may come up.

A motion to authorize Town Administrator Melissa White to execute any closing documents that might be needed for the above mentioned closing was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Garland.

Brown said he will provide the Selectmen with a written opinion summarizing everything he went over pertaining to the closing.

The Board recessed at 10:55AM

Site Walk at Sawyer Brook Headwaters: The Selectmen, Town Administrator, and Sheridan Brown, met members of Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust at the log landing area for a photograph.

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was reconvened at 1:06 PM on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, by Chairman Kimball. The meeting was held in the Grantham Town Building, Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Present were: Chairman Warren Kimball, Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Peter Garland; Town Administrator Melissa White; Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper; and Sheridan Brown

NON-PUBLIC

In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 section II (c), a motion was made by Selectman Jones and seconded by Selectman Garland to enter into a Non-Public session at 1:06 PM. Present were: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Peter Garland; Town Administrator Melissa White; Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper; and Sheridan Brown

Roll Call vote to enter non-public session: Chairman Warren Kimball – Yes; Selectman Constance Jones – Yes; Selectman Peter Garland – Yes

A motion to leave Non-Public session and return to Public Session at 1:18 PM was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Garland. *Unanimously approved.*

A motion to seal the minutes of this non-public session was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Garland. *Unanimously approved.*

In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 section II (a), a motion was made by Selectman Jones and seconded by Selectman Garland to enter into a Non-Public session at 1:19 PM. Present were: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Peter Garland; Town Administrator Melissa White; and Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper

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Roll Call vote to enter non-public session: Chairman Warren Kimball – Yes; Selectman Constance Jones – Yes; Selectman Peter Garland – Yes

A motion to leave Non-Public session and return to Public Session at 1:24 PM was made by Selectman Garland; seconded by Selectman Jones. *Unanimously approved.*

A motion to seal the minutes of this non-public session was made by Selectman Garland; seconded by Selectman Jones. *Unanimously approved.*

In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 section II (c), a motion was made by Selectman Garland and seconded by Selectman Jones to enter into a Non-Public session at 1:24 PM. Present were: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Peter Garland; Town Administrator Melissa White; and Administrative Assistant Ann Jasper

Roll Call vote to enter non-public session: Chairman Warren Kimball – Yes; Selectman Constance Jones – Yes; Selectman Peter Garland – Yes

A motion to leave Non-Public session and return to Public Session at 1:30 PM was made by Selectman Jones; seconded by Selectman Garland. *Unanimously approved.*

A motion to seal the minutes of this non-public session was made by Selectman Garland; seconded by Selectman Jones. *Unanimously approved.*

In accordance with RSA 91-A:3 section II (a), a motion was made by Selectman Jones and seconded by Selectman Garland to enter into a Non-Public session at 1:30 PM. Present were: Chairman Warren Kimball; Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Peter Garland; and Town Administrator Melissa White

Roll Call vote to enter non-public session: Chairman Warren Kimball – Yes; Selectman Constance Jones – Yes; Selectman Peter Garland – Yes

A motion to leave Non-Public session and return to Public Session at 2:00 PM was made by Selectman Garland; seconded by Selectman Jones. *Unanimously approved.*

A motion to seal the minutes of this non-public session was made by Selectman Garland; seconded by Selectman Jones. *Unanimously approved.*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Garland; *by unanimous vote, the Board adjourned at 2:01 PM.*

The next Selectmen's Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 26, 2019**, at 5:00 pm in the Grantham Town Building; Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann Jasper
Administrative Assistant