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Town of Grantham Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes July 29, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 9:05 AM on Wednesday, July 29, 2020, by Chairman Garland.

Present: Chairman Peter Garland; Selectman Constance Jones; Selectman Warren Kimball; Town Administrator Melissa White; Road Agent Jeff Hastings; and Board Clerk Emily Owens

Town Administrator White requested the meeting today to discuss an email sent by resident Nate Carey, regarding the lawn damage to his property, and a proposal from Kelly Brothers for a remote access system for the main door to the Town Offices.

Road Agent Jeff Hastings said he had spoken to Mr. Carey and he understood the Town had a right-of-way to repair the shoulder. Town Administrator White summarized her understanding of the situation, that over the years the shoulder of the road mounded up because of sand/dirt accumulation. The area will be paved, and road gravel will be utilized so a car can pull-off the side of the road. Road Agent Hastings thought that the issue with Mr. Carey had been resolved. Selectman Jones looked at the area and thought it looked typical for a shoulder.

Road Agent Hastings did ask the State to fix the expansion joint bumps when you drive over the bridge because it is a state road. He spoke with the State's bridge engineer/road maintenance agent regarding this issue. Currently, the State has does not have any plans to make maintenance repairs to the bridge. This will mean some extra grinding work for the Highway Department.

Briefly, the Board, Road Agent Hastings, and Town Administrator White discussed the Miller Pond Road repair. A detailed discussion needs to occur, at a separate meeting, regarding the GCC plans and the Town's timeline for road repairs. Chair Garland summarized the situation by saying that this is a complex issue with many unknowns.

SAU #75 Superintendent Sydney Leggett asked Town Administrator White to have a joint meeting with the Board. Town Administrator White mentioned the regularly scheduled School Board meeting is September 1st and asked the Board of Selectmen if they could attend that day. It was agreed that Town Administrator White would contact Sydney with the proposed date of September 1st. The Board of Selectmen will meet in the Town Offices and join remotely.

Town Administrator White provided the Board with a copy of the proposal from Kelly Brothers for a remote access system for the main door to the Town Offices. The Board reviewed the proposal and provided their feedback. Administrator White explained the system will be installed by the company with two control boxes; one for the Selectmen Offices and one for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Employees will be able to release the door when a person uses the intercom system to announce themselves. This will control the number of people in the lobby area. The Board asked about the Police Department not having a control box, Town Administrator White replied that the Chief did not want one. Town Administrator White will seek reimbursement, for this system, through the FEMA and/or GOFERR grants.

Chair Garland stated his vision of the lobby has stickers with "stand here" on them and a sign directing the public where to go. Town Administrator White is still looking into ordering the correct divider for

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between the Town Clerk/Tax Collector windows. She does not feel this will delay the re-opening of the Town Offices.

Selectman Jones made a motion to approve the proposal from Kelley Brothers for the purchase and installation of the remote access system for the Town Offices, minus the taxes; seconded by Selectman Kimball. *Unanimously approved.*

The Board discussed the Town's current lack of internet capability in certain Grantham areas. Town Administrator White discussed that some towns are bonding the amount needed to complete cable installation throughout their towns because bond interest rates are so low. Chair Garland asked if this is an issue that should be discussed at the joint Board meeting on September 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Selectman Jones moved to adjourn, seconded by Selectman Kimball; *unanimous approved*, the Board adjourned at 9:57 AM.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be held telephonically on **Wednesday, August 12, 2020**, at 5:00 PM. Complete details on how to join will be included on the agenda, which will be posted at the Grantham Post Office and on the Town's website calendar at www.granthamnh.net/calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Owens
Board Clerk