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**Town of Henniker
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, March 3, 2020
Henniker Town Hall**

- Members Present:** Chairman, Kris Blomback; Vice Chair Tia Hooper; Selectman Peter Flynn; Selectman Scott Osgood; Selectman Leon Parker
- Town Administrator:** Joe R. Devine Jr.
- Recording Secretary:** Kelly McCutcheon
- Guests:** Cordell Johnson, Mary Ellen Schule, Bill Marko, Lori Marko, Danny & Heidi Aucoin, Ruth Zax, Joan O'Connor, Keith DeMoura

Item 1: consent agenda

Vice Chair Hooper moved to approve the consent agenda. Selectman Flynn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Public forum #1

Lori Marko commended who ever has been doing the town Facebook page stating it is awesome and the information up there is excellent with active links to find things. Great job!!!

Item 2: Appointments- Brett Fox, Ballot Clerk

Selectman Flynn moved to appoint Brett Fox as a ballot clerk. Selectman Parker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 3: Community Center Activities Committee

Joe Devine stated the CCAC (Community Center Activities Committee) has not been meeting and that the number of activities at the teen center seem to be disappearing. Upstairs is used for meetings and parties, but mostly sits vacant.

Mary Ellen Schule, former Chair of CCAC had been on the committee for 20 years and agreed not as much has been done compared to the past and resigned as the chair due to disrespect, an example being the large commercial coffee put that disappeared when Matt Henry was Town Administrator. Additional items are also missing. Selectman Osgood asked if they were removed or taken. Vice Chair Hooper stated that no one should have had access to the Teen Center. Mary stated her and Ron are there every night. Candy has been taken and when the lights were replaced Ron had to clean up the mess that was left behind. Mary stated she still volunteers on the committee but is no longer the chair.

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Mary stated she and Ron Taylor are the only staff there on Fridays and they oversee on average 15-20 teens, but they have had up to 41. She does not want to see the Teen Center close, but the policy is needing to be two committee members. She stated she also feels disrespected that she was informed of the potential name change through a letter. Joe stated he did receive her email and had responded and it was by no means intended to be disrespectful.

Selectman Flynn moved to table until the next meeting. Selectman Parker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 4: Concert Committee Members

Ruth has received a lot of applications and would like to increase the members from 5 to 8. She also requested the Board send a letter of thanks to Cheryl for her 6 years of service on the committee since she has since moved out of town.

Vice Chair Hooper moved to increase the Concert Committee to 8 members. Selectman Flynn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 5: Warrant Article Discussion

The presentation of Warrant Articles will be as followed on the 14th meeting:

Warrant Article 7: Underwood Engineering

Warrant Article 8: Cogswell Spring Water Commission

Warrant Article 9: Conservation Committee - Mark Mitch

Warrant Article 10: Chair Blomback

Warrant Article 11: Vice Chair Hooper

Warrant Article 12: Selectman Flynn

Warrant Article 13: Selectman Flynn

Warrant Article 14: Rescue Chief Greg Aucoin

Warrant Article 15: Rescue Chief Greg Aucoin

Warrant Article 16: Transfer Station Superintendent Kristen Bergeron

Warrant Article 17: Transfer Station Superintendent Kristen Bergeron

Warrant Article 18: Joe Devine and Chair Blomback

Warrant Article 19: Joe Devine and Chair Blomback

Warrant Article 20: Tucker Free Library

Warrant Article 21: Tucker Free Library

Warrant Article 22: Tucker Free Library

Warrant Article 23: Selectman Parker

Warrant Article 24: Selectman Parker and Vice Chair Hooper

Warrant Article 25: Fire Chief Jim Morse

Warrant Article 26: Vice Chair Hooper

Warrant Article 27: Selectman Flynn

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Warrant Article 31: Vice Chair Hooper
Warrant Article 32: Vice Chair Hooper
Warrant Article 33: Fire Chief Jim Morse
Warrant Article 34: Selectman Osgood
Warrant Article 35: Cogswell Spring Water Commission
Warrant Article 36: Submitted by Petition
Warrant Article 37: Submitted by Petition

Item 6: Review Western Ave RFP

Selectman Parker moved to approve the RFP for Western Ave for \$892,510 plus anticipated contingency subject to approval of the warrant article at Town Meeting; with the Town Administrator being authorized to sign when appropriate. Vice Chair Hooper seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 7: Review of public minutes of January 28, 2020

Vice Chair Hooper moved to approve as amended. Selectman Osgood seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Blomback)

Item 8: Review of non-public minutes of January 28, 2020

Vice Chair Hooper moved to approve as presented. Selectman Flynn seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Blomback)

Item 9: Monthly Department Reports

Selectman Flynn appreciates the reports as they are very thorough.

Item 10: Town Administrator Report

CNHRP reached out regarding tact assignment and looking for adoption. With the Boards approval Joe would like to pursue. *The Board is okay by consensus.*

Due April 28th is 5 primary and 5 secondary roads for consideration for bike safety and right-hand turns. The town passed the State Bridge inspection but there are some recommendations moving forward.

The Town Report has been printed and is also available online.

There was a complaint on Hall Ave of a sewer smell coming from the brook. A dye test was completed and nothing is seeping into the brook from the suspected houses. Selectman Parker suggested checking houses on the other side as well.

Plan New Hampshire is looking to come into the community over a weekend and review the village district and downtown and provide recommendations for improvements. Most recently there were in Hillsboro. It would cost the town \$6,000 to invite them since their meals and accommodations need to be covered.

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Chair Blomback stated the Economic Development Committee did something very similar about 3 years ago and nothing came from it. Selectman Parker stated unless action is taken after the fact it is just a waste of time. Joan O'Connor stated it was done 12 years ago and Azalea Park and the town news letter came from it. Selectman Flynn does not like the idea of spending money the town does not have.

Updating website: Civis does 85% of NH town websites and is more user friendly in addition to other features and being compatible with egov (??) and accepting credit card payments. There would be a one-time expense of \$7,500 then \$2,000 yearly upkeep, and the cost can be spread out over 3 years and will be cheaper than what the town is currently paying.

Vice Chair Hooper would like to see a demonstration and recommends waiting till after Town Meeting. Chair Blomback asked about epermits. Joe stated it is a different data base that can be added on. Selectman Flynn stated that he likes it and uses it in New Boston and if Joe signs now the 12 week roll out will coincide with the current contract expiring June 30th.

Selectman Parker moved to authorize the Town Administrator to move forward with the new website. Selectman Flynn seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

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Update on Azalea Park: There has been no paper work received regarding the DES grant. The town has spent money anticipating receiving the grant. The grant has not been submitted by the committee and thus the town has not been reimbursed \$25,000. It has been on the Board's agenda for the last 3 months regarding submitting the grant.

Chair Blomback asked what are the chances the grant is not received or approved. Joe the stated the grant is good for 3 years and the park is still within the 3 years.

Finally, Road Management Committee has another presentation at 2pm at Community Center.

Town Election on the 10th

Town Meeting on the 14th

Item 11: Board reports

Selectman Osgood had no report

Vice Chair Hooper reported the RMC presentation at the Community Center Saturday at 2pm.

Chair Blomback had no report

Selectman Flynn stated the Athletic Committee is planning summer sports. He was also not planning to run again for Selectman but with no one else signing up he is excited to serve another 3 years.

Selectman Parker reported the first RMC presentation went well and he received good feedback.

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Vice Chair Hooper stated the document listing tax payment arrangements was requested at the last meeting and was supposed to be reviewed more than once a year, is not in the usual format, and does not have the outstanding taxes by year or copies of the written arrangements.

Public Forum 2:

Cordell Johnson noted a small error in warrant article 11 and 18 and will ask to amend it on the floor at the meeting.

Chair Blomback moved to enter into non-public. Vice Chair Hooper seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 12: Non-public RSA 91-A:3, II(a)

Chair Blomback moved to exit non-public. Vice Chair Hooper seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Flynn moved to seal the minutes. Vice Chair Hooper seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Item 13: Non-public RSA 91-A:3, II(c)

Chair Blomback moved to enter into non-public. Vice Chair Hooper seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Chair Blomback moved to exit non-public. Vice Chair Hooper seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Flynn moved to seal the minutes. Vice Chair Hooper seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Selectman Flynn moved to adjourn. Selectman Parker seconded. Motion carried 5-0.