SELECT BOARD June 16, 2015

DRAFT – subject to final approval

PRESENT: Margaretta Howe, Preston Bristow, John Doten, Bruce Gould, Bob Holt, Phil Swanson, Mary Riley, Robbie Blish, Jay Morgan, Beverlee Cook, Deb Tucker, Gail Childs, Melanie Fraser, Reid Richardson, Rob Dressler, Amelie Vitols, Anne Marie and Vern Harris, D J Jesser, Horst Dressler, Mary Young, Pete Buleux, Barbara Barry, Kevin Lynch, Michael Pacht, Robert Maynard, Laurance Lombard, Robin Lombard, Candy and Ken Gammil, Darlyne and Bruce Franzen, Owen Shindler, Liza and Charlie Wilson, Courtney and Victoria Brooks, Barbara and Sal Iannuzi, Derek Demas, Tom Garden, Michelle Fields, Macy Lawrence.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Howe called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. ADDITIONS TO AND DELETIONS FROM THE POSTED AGENDA

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Gould the Select Board voted to add the following to the Posted Agenda:

A. Hire Forester to Assist with Sap Sale
B. Select Board to Approve Refunding Bond to convert short-term debt incurred to rebuild infrastructure, following T.S. Irene, to long-term debt.
C. Authorize Town Manager, Town Treasurer and Town Clerk to Sign Loan Documents for TS Irene Bond Loan.

Motion approved.

A. Hire Forester to Assist with Sap Sale

In the year since the Town Forrest Study was completed, Mr. Swanson has located a consultant for the management of the lease to tap trees by a sugar maker.

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Bristow, the Select Board voted to authorize Mr. Swanson to enter into agreement with Robo Holleran for management of a town forest lease with a sugar maker. Motion approved.

B. Authorize Town Manager, Town Treasurer and Town Clerk to Sign Loan Documents for TS Irene Bond Loan.

The Select Board reviewed information for converting the Town's share of debt from T.S. Irene to long-term debt in a 15 year Bond Loan.

D. On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Gould the Select Board voted to approve the fifteen-year bond for $669,000 to retire debt from T.S. Irene, following T.S. Irene, specifically to sign the a.) Refunding Resolution, b.) Tax Certificate, and c.) Refunding Bond. Motion approved.

The Select Board signed papers as required.

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Gould, the Select Board voted to authorize Municipal Manager Philip Swanson, Town Treasurer Ann Marie Boyd and Town Clerk Jerome Morgan (as needed) to sign any documents for the bond at Lake Sunapee Bank. Motion approved.

III. PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND ZONING REGULATIONS RELATING TO SIGNS

Planning Commission recommendations were reviewed and the Select Board discussed possible changes to the Town Zoning Regulations to allow two commercial signs per business. The amendments were approved by the Planning Commission earlier this year. The change will permit one affixed and either one projecting or freestanding sign. Businesses with frontage longer than 100' will be allowed a second façade sign in addition to a freestanding sign. This sign will be limited to 20 sq. ft. in size.

Derek Demas inquired about signs directing individuals to specific entrances when there are more than one business in one building. Mr. Demas was referred to the Planning and zoning office for additional clarification.

Following brief discussion, on a motion of Mr. Bristow, second Mr. Holt the Select Board voted to close testimony and the Public Hearing. Motion approved.

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Bristow the Select Board voted to approve the proposed amendment to the *Town Zoning Regulation, Section 526, Signs*, to allow two commercial signs per business. Motion approved.

IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS: none this evening other than agenda items.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Speed Cart - Hartland Hill

Police Chief Robbie Blish was present to review models and components of a speed sign to be located on Hartland Hill. Chief Blish recommends a solar model which will save near $2,000.00 on the installation costs, and set up. Once in place there will be no monthly fee for electricity to operate the solar unit. Additionally, the solar model would be easier to relocate should the Board decide to use the speed sign elsewhere.

Covering the cost of the purchase was reviewed and determined to be within budgetary constraints.

On a motion of Mr. Gould, second Mr. Bristow, the Select Board voted to approve purchase of a solar speed sign to be located on Hartland Hill. Motion approved.

B. Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town and Village as reviewed and earlier this year is ready for signature.

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Bristow, the Select Board voted to sign the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Town and Village of Woodstock. Motion approved.

C. Economic Development Commission

Charlie Kimbell addressed the Board relative to rebuilding the Economic Development Commission. There are nine interested in serving. The discussion involved the appropriate number to make up the commission. Mr. Kimbell was the chair of the commission when it was active.

Following discussion with Mr. Kimbell, on a motion of Mr. Gould, second Mr.Bristow, the following were nominated for appointment to the Economic Development Commission:
Phil Camp, Gail Childs, Joe Dinatale, Nick Ferro, Charlie Kimbell, Barry Milstone, Mike Stover, Tom Weschler, James Zillian. Motion approved.

D. Tom Garden Presenting Information Regarding Taftsville Solar Project

Tom Garden announced that he is going to reapply to the Public Service Board to install a solar farm on property in Taftsville. He has revised the configuration and location.

Following his presentation Taftsville Community members expressed their concerns, asked questions and commented on the current proposal. There were about 30 members of the Taftsville community present and many addressed Mr. Garden and the assembly.

When Mr. Garden submits his new application, the 45 day public comment period begins again.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Investment Advisory Agreement

On a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Bristow the Select Board voted to authorize Mr. Swanson to sign the Investment Advisory Agreement presented by Tom Woodhouse of Seaward Management. Motion approved.

B. Town Road Inventory

Better Back Roads Program has allowed a grant for the Town of Woodstock to conduct a Town Road Inventory, to be conducted over a two year period.

On a motion of Mr. Bristow, second Mr. Holt, the Select Board voted to hire Municipal Public Works Consulting to conduct a Town Road Inventory over a two year period. Motion approved.

C. Review Applications for Overweight Truck Permits

On a motion of Mr. Doten, second Mr. Holt, the Select Board voted to approve overweight Truck Permits for Leo Putnam of Valley View Transportation, Josh Bell and Poulin Lumber. Motion approved.

VII. BOARD OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

A. Request for Adjustment in Billing

Oliver Block has a permit to add an apartment in the building on Central Street. The apartment is not yet available and the additional sewer use has not begun. A request is made for an adjustment in the sewer bill until such time as the apartment is complete and occupied.

On a motion of Mr. Bristow, second Mr. Gould the Select Board voted to adjust the sewer bill for an additional apartment in Oliver Block, permitted but not yet in use and to pro rate the sewer billing for the year in which the apartment becomes available and occupied. Motion approved.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2015 were approved on a motion of Mr. Holt, second Mr. Doten. Motion approved.
Minutes of the meeting of May 27, 2015 were approved on a motion of Mr. Bristow, second Mr. Doten. Motion approved.
Minutes of the Meeting of June 4 and June 9, 2015 were approved on a motion of Mr. Bristow, second Mr. Gould. Motion approved.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no further other business other than the Additions to the Posted Agenda. Motions and votes are on Page 1.

X. REVIEW EXPENSE WARRANTS

The Select Board reviewed and signed expense warrants.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion of Mr. Gould, second Mr. Holt, the Select Board voted to adjourn the meeting following signing of the expense warrants. Motion approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.