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Selectmen's Meeting Minutes @ The Levi Stewart Library's Jones Nutter Auditorium Wednesday, February 22, 2023 – 6 P.M.

Item 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - FLAG SALUTE. Chairman Whitney called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the pledge.

A. Board Members present: Jim Emerson, Dennis Carr, Alden Bolstridge, Chairman Roger Whitney, Tony Bennett.

B. Employees Present: Lois Jones.

C. Residents Present: Everett Simpson, Galen McKenney

D. Non-Resident Present: Darrin Weigle

Item 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS. None.

Item 3. APPROVE MINUTES.

A. February 8, 2023. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to approve the minutes, as written. All in favor.

Item 4. WARRANT AND PAYROLL DISCUSSIONS AND SIGNING.

A. Payroll Warrant #7, 8. Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to approve warrant #8. All in favor.

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B. A/P Warrant#9. Selectman Bolstridge made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to approve the warrant. All in favor.

Item 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. None.

Item 6. NEW BUSINESS.

A. Discussion with Darrin Weigle on old fire station. Mr. Weigle was present and both he and the Board of Selectmen agreed on Option #2: **WEIGLE PROJECT moves completely off Corinna's Main Street (across town to Exeter Road)**

This is a more favorable possibility for us assuming:

- The WEIGLE PROJECT gives to The Town of Corinna: Main Street Lot #4 AND \$100,000 Cash

- In exchange, The WEIGLE PROJECT takes ownership of Corinna's existing Firehouse Complex (with Commercial Designation)

- Corinna continues to occupy the Old Firehouse Complex FOR FREE for up to 2 years (until your new construction is complete)

- The WEIGLE PROJECT will invest in interior/exterior improvements to the Old Firehouse Complex (to meet our business needs)

- The Town of Corinna will enjoy property tax revenue (in perpetuity) on our "new" Commercial Property

Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Carr 2nd to proceed with the sale of the fire station, purchase or trade Lot #4 on Main Street, and arrange a lease agreement with Darrin Weigle, authorizing the Town Manager to work with the attorney and Mr. Weigle to arrive at an

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agreement that is agreeable to all parties, with final approval by the Board of Selectmen. All in favor.

B. White Road School house (Morse's Corner). Mr. Simpson contacted Chairman Whitney regarding the old brick school building on White Road. He is interested in researching grants and other options to revitalize the building so the Town may keep its historic buildings in usable condition. He wishes to pursue this research in an advisory capacity only – he does not wish to be on a committee to oversee the project. However, he is willing to help “get the ball rolling.” Chairman Whitney made a motion and Selectman Emerson 2nd to authorize Everett Simpson to pursue grants and other research to revitalize the White Road brick school building. All in favor.

Item 7. OLD BUSINESS. None.

Item 8. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS.

A. Audit Report. Manager provided the completed audit reports to the Board of Selectmen.

B. 2023 Board of Selectmen Meeting schedule. Manager asked if the Board wanted to cut meetings to once a month for the summer, or keep it at twice a month. Board opted to keep it at twice a month – it is easier to cancel a meeting than to add a meeting.

Item 9. SELECTMEN CONCERNS.

A. Dennis- None.

B. Jim- None.

C. Tony- None.

D. Alden- inquired if the engineer had any more information on the fire station, when the borings would take place on lots 4 & 5. Also, now that we've sold the Fernald Market, should we notify the truck owners that have been parking in the parking lot that the Town has sold the building. Discussion pursued – the truck owners had not been given permission to park there, and it would be the responsibility of the new owners to tell the trucks to not park there anymore.

E. Roger- Had some questions about the Town Report that the Town Manager was able to answer. One question was if the Board of Selectmen were required to certifying the proposed ordinance. Manager will research.

Item 10. CORRESPONDENCE. None.

Item 11. ADJOURN MEETING. Selectman Emerson made a motion and Selectman Bolstridge 2nd to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jones
Town Manager