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I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at the Fremont Town Hall Basement Meeting Room. Present were Select Board members Gene Cordes, Roger Barham and Jon Benson; AA Jeanne Nygren and Gordon Muench. All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting is live broadcast by Bill Millios from FCTV and livestreamed on Vimeo.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Earth Day Cleanup begins April 22 and continues through Bulky Day. Blue bags will be available next week at the Town Hall, Library and Ellis School. Bags can go in your toter or be dropped off at Bulky Day on May 18th at the Highway Shed between 8 am and 12 noon.
2. Spring DRUG TAKEBACK will be held at the Fremont Safety Complex, 425 Main Street in Fremont on Saturday April 27 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Drop off unused and unwanted medications for safe disposal.
3. The Town-wide Yard Sale will be held on Saturday May 4. Registration forms are available on the Town website. Registration deadline is Friday April 26 at 12 noon to the Select Board's Office.
4. Bulky Day will be held on Saturday May 18 from 8 am to 12 noon at the Highway Shed. More information will be posted shortly. Danville Road is planned to be one way during the hours of the event.
5. The 3rd Annual Fishin' with the Fuzz Fishing Derby will be held on May 18th beginning at 9:15 am at the Iron Horse Industrial Park. Further information and registration/parental permission forms are posted on the Town website.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

04/17/2024 Planning Board: The Planning Board held its meeting at the Town Hall Basement Room at 7:00 pm. The following matters were discussed:

NEW BUSINESS

1. Site Plan Review Application Map 2 Lot 151.002.006 Ceiba Tree LLC
 - a. Applicant is proposing to build a 13,125 Square foot building.
 - b. The Board took jurisdiction of the application and approved waivers.
 - c. The Board approved the Conditional Use Permit and then continued the Site Plan Application Public Hearing until May 15 2024.
2. Lot Line Adjustment Map 2 Lots 151.002.002 and 151.002.003
 - a. Applicant is proposing to extend a subdivided parcel to create enough frontage and lot area to allow a 4-unit multi-family dwelling.
 - b. The Board took jurisdiction of the application.
 - c. The Board approved the application with conditions.
3. Site Plan Review Application Map 2 Lot 151.002.003 Halifax Woods
 - a. Applicant is proposing to build a 4-unit multi-family dwelling.
 - b. The Board rescheduled the Public Hearing until May 15, 2024.

The next Planning Board meeting is Wednesday May 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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04/18/2024 South Road culvert meeting: The meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm to view the failed drainage structure that is along the former rail line that runs under South Road. The weather was raining lightly. Present were Dan Tatem (Stantec Consultants); Mike Weeks from the NH Trails Bureau, Leon Holmes (Road Agent); Select Board members Jon Benson and Gene Cordes. At about 4:20 pm, Select Board Member Roger Barham joined the meeting; as well as a representative of Weaver Construction, a contractor from Bow, NH.

There was some discussion of the history of the old railroad crossing under South Road and the need and urgency to address the failed drainage. Ideally there is an interest in not only addressing the current drainage problem, but also to consider installing a box culvert to allow the rail trail off road traffic to travel under South Road. The scope of that would require significant permitting in terms of cost of design, approval processes and duration of time involved in the planning and approval process. There was consensus that the drainage failure is current and needs to be addressed.

Dan Tatem is going to look into approaching this as an urgent repair need and look for what is needed for approval to install a new culvert with the capacity that would be equal or greater than the granite culvert that has collapsed. It is hoped that it can be installed at some location that will allow for a box culvert to be installed for off road trail traffic use at some future point when State funding can be identified, and the design and approval process completed.

Leon Holmes expressed concern about the potential cost of the repair and the budgetary implications. The Select Board is concerned that repair is the highest priority and the potential installation of a box culvert for trail riders use is a “down the road” consideration when a plan can be made, approved and related funding identified.

Dan Tatem will get back to the Town after he has been able to look into the repair options, the approval process and estimated cost of the material and repair (culvert replacement) work. The meeting ended at approximately 4:35 pm. No decisions were made.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Benson moved to approve the minutes of 11 April 2024 as written. Barham seconded and the vote was unanimous 3-0.

Benson moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2024 as written. Barham seconded and the vote was unanimous 3-0.

A draft of the meeting minutes from 4:00 pm on April 18, 2024 was circulated for members to read. Barham moved to approve the minutes for this meeting as written. Benson seconded and the vote was unanimous 3-0.

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS - times scheduled to change based on the flow of the meeting.

6:35 pm Public Input - none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Cordes provided a recap of the Martin Road Bridge meeting held on Friday April 12, 2024 at 10:00 am. The meeting was held in the basement meeting room of the Town Hall and was video recorded and live broadcast. Present were Gerard Fortin and Alana Gerton for Stantec Consultants, a representative of

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Neil H. Daniels, Inc., a bridge construction contractor, and Select Board members Jon Benson and Gene Cordes.

The purpose of the meeting was to open bids for the Martin Road Bridge Construction. Two bids were received. The bids were opened by Gerard Fortin. The bidders were Cold Water Bridges LLC at \$1,305,460 and Neil H. Daniels, Inc at \$912,125. The estimated construction cost from the design engineer is \$925,400. Both bidders had provided all the bid documentation required.

Gerard Fortin will take the proposals, review and analyze them. He intends to provide an analysis summary and a recommendation to the Town prior to the Board's next meeting on April 18, 2024.

2. Barham had not yet contacted the Usource representative, and will do so tomorrow relative to the Town and School bulk electricity contract due for renewal.

3. The Board discussed the Martin Road Bridge Replacement Project in a summary form prepared by Jerry Fortin at Stantec. Both bids contained all of the necessary items. Following this review, Stantec's recommendation is Neil H. Daniels, Inc with a bid of \$912,125. This company is well known to Stantec and has been successful in the completion of their projects. Their recommendation is to accept this bid. The bid is within budget, and they are available. Barham made a motion to award the bid to Neil H Daniels, Inc. bid price of \$912,125 pending review and approval of the NH DOT Bridge Aid Program. Benson seconded and the vote was unanimous 3-0.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Cordes read aloud the items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. *Eligible Regular Veterans Credit* \$750
Denis & Beverly Proulx Parcel 03-002.002.48B
Christopher Hoffman Parcel 01-004
Carolyn Horiye Ballinger & Kenneth Ballinger Parcel 01-071
- b. *Eligible Service-Connected Total Disability* \$4,000
Carolyn Horiye Ballinger & Kenneth Ballinger Parcel 01-071
- c. *Not Eligible Service-Connected Total Disability* \$4,000 (Denied)
Christopher Hoffman Parcel 01-004
- d. *Eligible Elderly Exemption* \$80,000
Brian Daigle Parcel 02-064
- e. *Excavation Warrants Tax year 2023-2024.*
John Galloway Parcel 05-035 \$160.00
Fremont Park Associates / Gary Merrill Parcel 04-015 \$138.24
- f. *Notice of Intent to Excavate Tax Year 2024-2025*
John Galloway Parcel 05-035
Fremont Park Associates / Gary Merrill Parcel 04-015

Benson moved to approve and sign the above Consent Agenda items as read. Barham seconded. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

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2. The Board reviewed the folder of incoming correspondence to include: Fishin' with the Fuzz Fishing Derby brochure; Food Pantry recent post card mailing to Fremont residents; ZBA comment sheet for 59 Vetter Drive Parcel 06-011.001.002; Workers Compensation information.

3. The Board reviewed the May Newsletter with changes listed. Barham moved to approve as amended. Benson seconded and the vote was unanimous 3-0.

With no further business to come before this Board, Benson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 pm. Barham seconded. The vote was unanimous 3-0.

The next regular Board meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday April 25, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Nygren
Select Board Administrative Assistant